



December 4th, 2020

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear TSA Generals,

Tenacity. **S**upports. **A**chievement. Wow, we are already into December and we will be heading out for Christmas Break in 2 weeks! As we prepare for the end of the quarter and semester exams, please reaffirm with your students the importance to focus “on the prize,” doing their best!

As we have partnered together to minimize and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, a sincere shoutout to everyone for their efforts. Before November 30th, positive cases and required quarantine cases had been reported to each individual class and each sport. As of this past Monday, we will be reporting based on three criteria: Main campus pK3 – 5th; TSA - Columbia Campus pK3-5th; and 6th – 12th. As previously done, ur sports team situation will be reported to participants only. This applies to whether a student, faculty, or staff member tests positive as well as if a family member tests positive and their individual student remains in quarantine. Names of students and families will NOT be given to ensure compliance with HIPPA and DHEC regulations. Additionally, even though the CDC has reduced the quarantine day requirements TSA will remain with our current protocols until further notice.

Our Character Trait for December is COMPASSION: “Compassion alludes to kindness and sympathy, but there is something deeper, something even more profoundly powerful, in its meaning. “Compassion is the basis of morality.” — **Arthur Schopenhauer**

Bible Verse for COMPASSION: [Ephesians 4:32](#) “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

“Absolute Value Corner.” Please take a moment and read this story. Just a great example of COMPASSION: <https://www.today.com/food/donations-pour-dc-restaurant-feeds-homeless-people-t200389>.

Again, please enjoy your **weekend!** Be safe...As I pray you know; my door is always open so please stop by. I appreciate your feedback. You may write a review on Google as well as upload pictures. You may also go to “Niche.com,” Yelp, or “Greatschools.org” to write other reviews about TSA. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, and Instagram. You can follow me on Twitter at @TSA_DrM. #Generalpride.

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Dr. F.L. Martin III

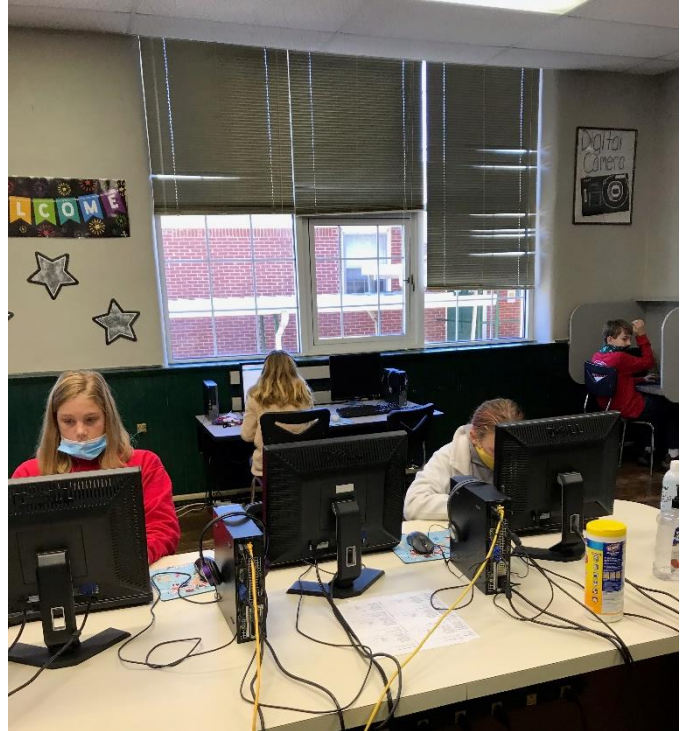


UPCOMING EVENTS

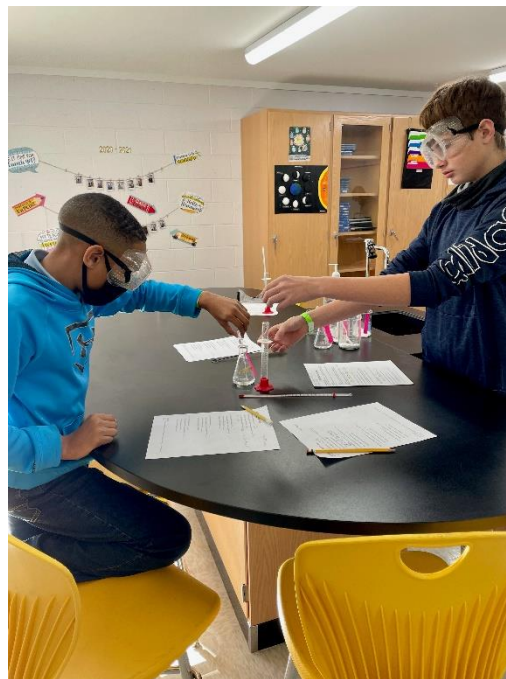
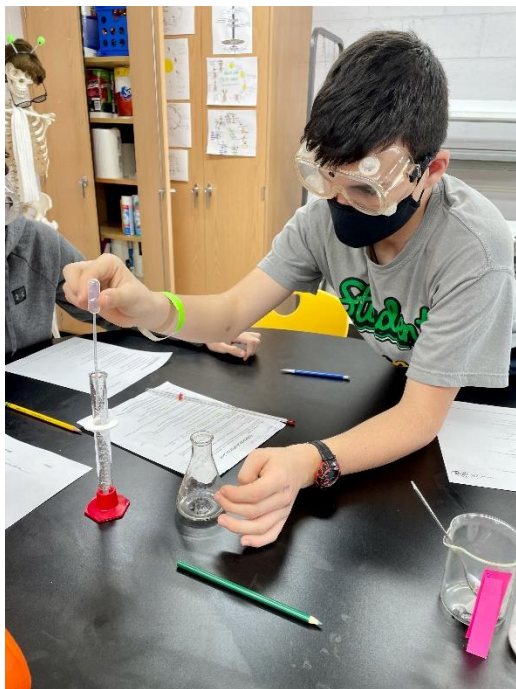
DECEMBER 4 TH	CHRISTMAS SHOP (4 TH & 5 TH GRADE) VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL @ BARON CLASSIC – WILSON HALL
DECEMBER 5 TH	VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL @ BARON CLASSIC – WILSON HALL
	SAT
DECEMBER 7 TH	VARSITY BASKETBALL VS. KINGS (6:00)
DECEMBER 9 TH	CHAPEL (DRESS-UP DAY)
DECEMBER 10 TH	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - MAIN CAMPUS VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL VS. LMA (6:00)

DENOTES SPORTING EVENT

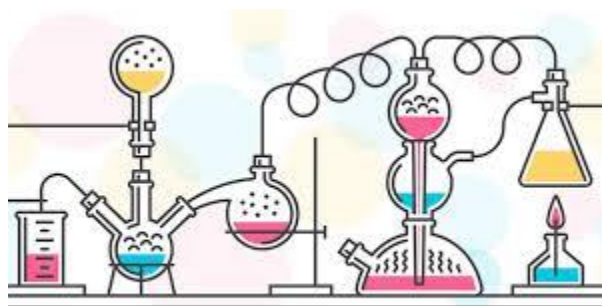
Week 17



Chemical Reactions



**Mrs. Matos' 8th graders had the chance to see a bunch of cool chemical reactions in class this week!
It was an absolute blast!**



O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree!



Everyone be sure to stop by the front entrance and see our Christmas Tree!
No surprise: all our Generals made Santa's Nice List!

S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E

*We are so proud of everyone that competed in this week's Lower School and Middle School Spelling Bees!
Congratulations to all our winners!*

Lower School Winners

5th Grade

1st Place- Eva Halloran
2nd Place- Kasen Ross
Alternate- Juli Tupper

4th Grade

1st Place- Emma Hazen
2nd Place- Liam Smith
Alternate- Sophia Wildrick

3rd Grade

1st Place- Noah Cato
2nd Place- Teddy Fortin
Alternate- Ian Dara

Middle School Winners

8th Grade

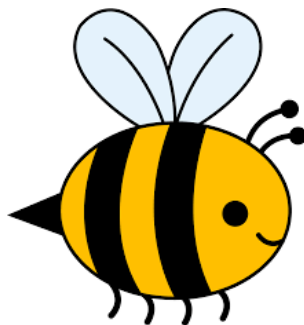
1st Place- Trenton Spilker
2nd Place- Alex Phillips
Alternate- Reese Distelzweig

7th Grade

1st Place- Anna Bell
2nd Place- Corvin Hamlin
Alternate- Maximus Moreno

6th Grade

1st Place- Justin Brown
2nd Place- Scott David Williams
Alternate- Paisley Hill



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Thank You for Your Contribution!



Senior College Acceptances

Riley Brazell: University of Alabama, Auburn University, Savannah College of Art and Design

Zachary Evans: USC-Sumter

Aliyah Gibson: Charleston Southern University

Preston Houser: Coastal Carolina University

Sam Lawing: Charleston Southern University, Covenant College, Lees-McRae College, North Greenville University, Newberry College, Winthrop University

Ethan Lisenby: The Citadel

Jade Leviner: USC-Sumter

Logan Long: UNC-Pembroke (Honors College), Furman University, Gardner-Webb University

Jada Mark: University of Georgia

Logan Oxendine: Anderson University, University of Alabama

Abby Rourk: USC-Sumter





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HOPE begins with you.

Blood Drive

Thomas Sumter Academy

Tuesday, January 12th

8:00-2:00 in the GYM

5265 Camden Highway Rembert, SC 29128

We are doing COVID Antibody testing on all blood donations.

To sign up for an appointment please log onto www.redcrossblood.org
and enter sponsor code: **ThomasSumterAcad**

**ID is require, drink plenty of water, eat well before donating, Do rapid
pass day of donation.**

16-year old's need Consent form signed!

www.redcrossblood.com/rapidpass **save the QR on phone or print the day
of!**

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2020-2021, Children with Hair Loss Campaign

Student Name: _____

Student signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Grade: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Email address: _____

Friend cutting your hair: _____

OPTIONAL: Will you have a hairdresser attending? If so,

Name of Hairdresser: _____

Name of Hair Salon: _____

*Participants will be limited 2-3 guests this year due to COVID-19. *
Morganne Anderson (PK4 Teacher) is also available to cut hair if anyone is in need of a hair dresser.

Parents.....please sign below to let us know that you are aware that your
daughter is participating in the Children with Hair Loss Campaign.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Lower School students will have their assembly at 9 A.M. January 13, 2021.
Upper School students will have their assembly at 9:50 A.M. January 13, 2021.

***All participants must donate a minimum of 8 inches of hair to participate.
Please turn all forms into Eddy Hyder, Coach Brunson, or Lindsay Daniel.***

SAT / ACT Dates

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
December 5 th , 2020	November 5 th , 2020	November 24 th , 2020
March 13 th , 2021	February 12 th , 2021	March 2 nd , 2021
May 8 th , 2021	April 8 th , 2021	April 27 th , 2021
June 5 th , 2021	May 6 th , 2021	May 26 th , 2021

ACT Date	Registration Deadline
December 12 th	November 6 th
February 6 th	January 8 th
April 17 th	March 12 th
June 12 th	May 7 th
July 17 th	June 18 th

Quote of the Week:

The best answer to anger is
silence."

~ Marcus Aurelius

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BIG SHOUT OUT:

Eddy Hyder for her beautiful Christmas
Tree decorations! Did you see if your name
is on the Nice list?

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