



December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Thomas Sumter Academy

(803) 499-3378



Dear TSA Generals,

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement. We have done it! Thomas Sumter Academy has successfully completed our First Semester. Exams are complete and our students, faculty, and staff have done exceptionally well. Our effective partnership has enabled us to sustain our in-person safely and without any major issues or concerns. Please have a safe Christmas break and we will see you January 4, 2021!

“Absolute Value Corner” I read this article and it really showed off our monthly Character trait for the month of December – compassion. The hospital and medical personnel really went all out for Samantha Preston: <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/cancer-ward-sets-up-dream-wedding-for-samantha-preston/>.

January character trait for the month will be COURTESY – showing others respect by using good manners.

Again, please enjoy your Christmas break, be safe and cautious.

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.

*PROUD TO BE A GENERAL*  
*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*  
*Dr. F.L. Martin III*



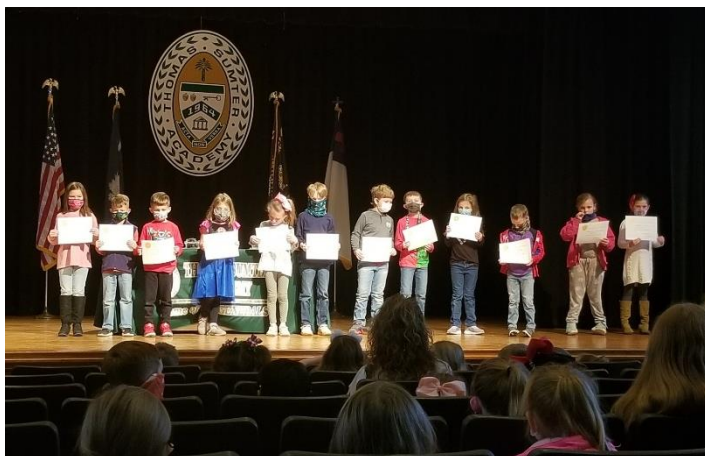
# UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 18 <sup>TH</sup>	UPPER SCHOOL EXAMS (HALF DAY) LOWER SCHOOL EXCUSED AT 12:10 PM UPPER SCHOOL EXCUSED AT 12:30 PM
DECEMBER 24 <sup>TH</sup>	CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 25 <sup>TH</sup>	CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 31 <sup>ST</sup>	NEW YEAR'S EVE
JANUARY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	NEW YEAR'S DAY
JANUARY 4 <sup>TH</sup>	FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL B-TEAM BASKETBALL VS. NORTHSIDE CHR. (5:00)

DENOTES SPORTING EVENT



## Week 19





# *Congrats, Matthew!*



*This week, Junior Matthew Hawkins was awarded the Sumter Item's Athlete of the Week, presented by Hines Furniture. Matthew totaled 73 points, 28 rebounds, and 12 blocks in the Varsity Boys' 3 contests last week. The Boys went 2-1 on the week with wins over King's Academy and Williamsburg.*

*Way to go, Matt! Your TSA family is so proud of you!*

# GINGERBREAD HOUSES



**Mrs. Hazen's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class worked to plan and build gingerbread houses over the last few days. They were required to work within a budget and had to "purchase" each element of their house. Our students, faculty, and staff were asked to vote on their favorite.**

**Our winners... Alaina Anderson and Kason Carter! Great job, ladies!**

## On the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas, TSA Gave to Me...



One of the greatest traditions we have at TSA is our annual singing of “The 12 Days of Christmas.” Everyone did such an amazing job! Be sure to check the video on the official Thomas Sumter Academy Facebook page!



# SPREAD THE WORD!



**Thomas Sumter Academy**  
*Home of the Generals*  
**Face to Face Learning!**

**Thomas Sumter Academy continues to offer  
Face to Face Learning for students K3-12**

**Enroll today for in person learning  
Christmas Break starts December 18, 2020  
Return to Learn January 4, 2021**

**Call (803) 499-3378  
Main Campus – Dalzell – K3-12  
Columbia Campus – K3-5**



# BUY YOUR *Yearbook*

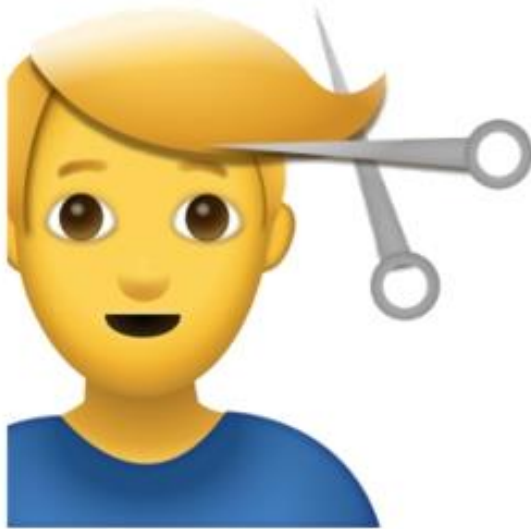
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## When We Return to School – Don't Forget



### Guys **NEED** to have hair Dress Code Ready

- NOT touching eyebrows-this means not just brushed to the side but off eyebrows
- NOT touching ears-this means not tucked behind ears
- NOT touching collar

### Back in Dress Code for Back to School

While we enjoyed Dress Down (Upper School) and Pajama Days (Lower School) before Christmas Break, we will be back to school Dress Code starting back Jan. 4



### Temp Checks start 7:40 am

The buildings will not open for temp checks until 7:40am. Bundle up if you are early...no Frozen Generals!!

# *Fun at the Museum!*



*The Sumter County Museum held its annual Christmas celebration last weekend. Their Carolina Backcountry Christmas shows attendees what it was like living in the area during the early 1800s. From watching blacksmiths and other tradespeople to roasting chestnuts over an actual open fire, we spent some time at the museum over the weekend to learn more.*

*Our kids had so much fun!*

# Football Banquet



**Our Varsity Football team celebrated their season this past Wednesday with an awesome banquet! What a great time giving out awards and sharing memories that will surely last a lifetime! We cannot wait for next year!**



# Thank You for Your Contribution!





# Ugly Sweater Contest!



# Character Trait Winners!



**Pre-3 :** Brooklyn Greenwood

**Pre-4 :** Rachel Blackwood & Cori Rourk

**Kindergarten:** Emily Bradham & Isaac Brooks

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Alaina Dixon & Peyton Maloney

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Alex Smotts & Daniellia Barnes

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Hudson Laney & Mason Hill

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Grayson Sosbee & Bella Stephenson

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Emmy Hurley & Peyton Triplett

**Our Character Trait for the month of December is Compassion!  
Congrats to all our Lower School Winners!**



# Check Out Our Sideline Store!

[https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/south\\_carolina/rembert/thomas-sumter-academy](https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/south_carolina/rembert/thomas-sumter-academy)

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# 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, College of Charleston

**Preston Houser:** Coastal Carolina University, USC-Columbia

**Aidan Hilditch:** USC-Sumter

**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, USC-Columbia

**Jada Mark:** University of Georgia

**Logan Oxendine:** Anderson University, University of Alabama

**Abby Rourk:** Coastal Carolina University, USC-Sumter

**Lizzie Silvester:** Anderson University, University of Alabama, Brevard College, Presbyterian College, North Greenville University, USC-Columbia





American  
Red Cross

ANNA  
blood donor



HOPE begins with you.

### Blood Drive

Thomas Sumter Academy

Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

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](http://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](http://www.redcrossblood.com/rapidpass) **save the QR on phone or print the day  
of!**

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | Download the Blood Donor App

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 20, 2021.  
Upper School students will have their assembly at 9:50 A.M. January 20, 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
March 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	February 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2021
May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	April 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

ACT Date	Registration Deadline
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	January 8 <sup>th</sup>
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	March 12 <sup>th</sup>
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup>
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	June 18 <sup>th</sup>

## Quote of the Week:

"Be the change that you wish to see  
in the world."

— Mahatma Gandhi

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## BIG SHOUT OUT:

All the TSA Faculty and Staff for a  
very successful semester at the  
Columbia Campus and Main Campus!

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