



January 8th, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear TSA Generals,

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement. Welcome Back. I pray each of you were able to get some well-deserved time together as a family. We are back in full force. We completed our in-class Virtual Days which were designed to ensure we covered everything “just-in-case.” It also gave us an opportunity to identify any weak spots within our IT world. The teachers and students did an awesome job, as did our IT Team!

“Absolute Value Corner” I read this story this week titled “NOT HOPELESS”: “Carla stirred Jell-O into boiling water, and added cold water, and put the bowl with the watery mixture in the refrigerator to set. “Didn’t Dana ask you to come over and play this afternoon?” asked her Mother after Carla had finished washing the dishes. Carla shrugged. “Yeah,” she said, “but I don’t feel like playing with her. I am beginning to think she is hopeless. She always wants her own way, and she says mean things about other kids – stuff like that.” “Hm-m-m-m. That is too bad,” said Mother. “well, maybe it is time to check the Jell-o. Carla went to the refrigerator. “It is getting there,” she said. “It’s ready for the fruit.” She then added apples and bananas to the Jell-O while she continued to complain about Dana. “Tell me something,” Said Mother. “Dana became a Christian just recently. Has she improved at all since then?” “Oh sure.” Carla nodded. “She used to be just awful – nobody liked her. Now she’s not as bad, but she still has a long way to go.” “Like the Jell-O,” said Mother. “The Jell-O?” repeated Carla. “What do you mean” “the Jell-O has improved since you started it, but it has a long way to go, too,” explained Mother. “It isn’t hopeless, though. In time it will set and be ready to eat. It reminds me that Christians don’t usually “set” all at once, either. It takes time. As Christians we grow in the Lord, they improve in outward behavior. We need to be patient with them.” Maybe we can add some ‘fruit’ to help them.” Carla was enjoying the comparison. “Like...we can pray for them, and we can be friendly.” “Good,” approved Mother, “and let’s remember that you and I aren’t finished yet, either. Let us grow together.” ~ Author Unknown.

January character trait for the month is COURTESY – showing others respect by using good manners. “If you cannot manage courtesy, try silence.” ~ Jim Butcher. [Colossians 4:6](#): “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

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

JANUARY 9TH

SPORTING CLAYS @ PSC - EDGEFIELD

JANUARY 12TH

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE (GRADES 3 - 8)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – GYM (8:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

B-TEAM BASKETBALL VS. TIMMERMAN (5:00)

VARSITY BASKETBALL @ PALMETTO CHR. (5:00)

JANUARY 15TH

SENIOR GENERAL SPEAKS

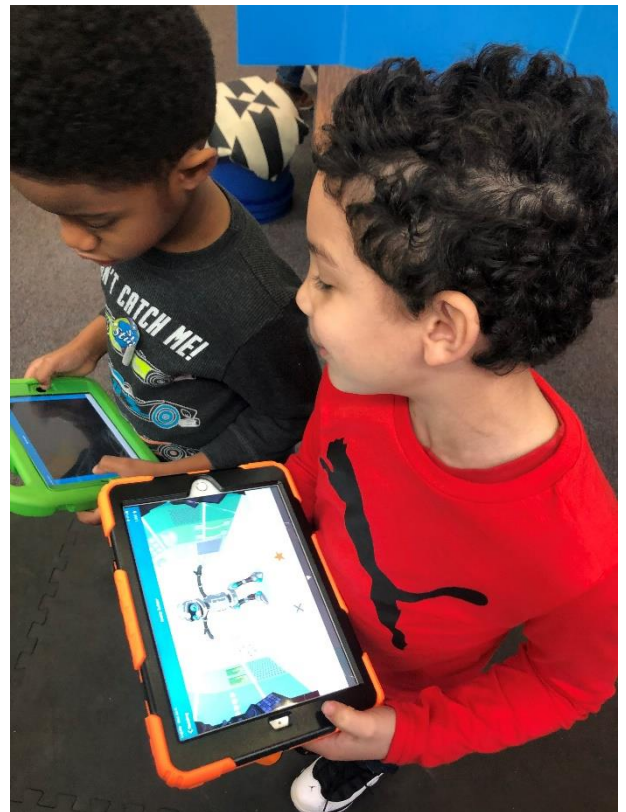
B-TEAM & VARSITY BASKETBALL @ CALHOUN (4:00)

JANUARY 18TH

MLK JR. DAY – NO SCHOOL

DENOTES SPORTING EVENT

Week 20



New Bus Drop-Off



68 Roseborough Road
Lugoff, SC 29078

Our Transportation team has added Spirit Athletics in Lugoff as a new location on the Camden bus route. Spirit Athletics will be **DROP-OFF ONLY** and will be after the stop at Hobby Lobby.

Welcome to the Family, Generals!

Hailey McHaney - Pre4

Ethan Rodriguez - Kindergarten

Jake Hafner - 1st Grade

Kevin Wells - 1st Grade

Jackson Barnes - 8th Grade

We've added some new Generals to our TSA Family! We're so excited to have them and their families as a part of our wonderful school!

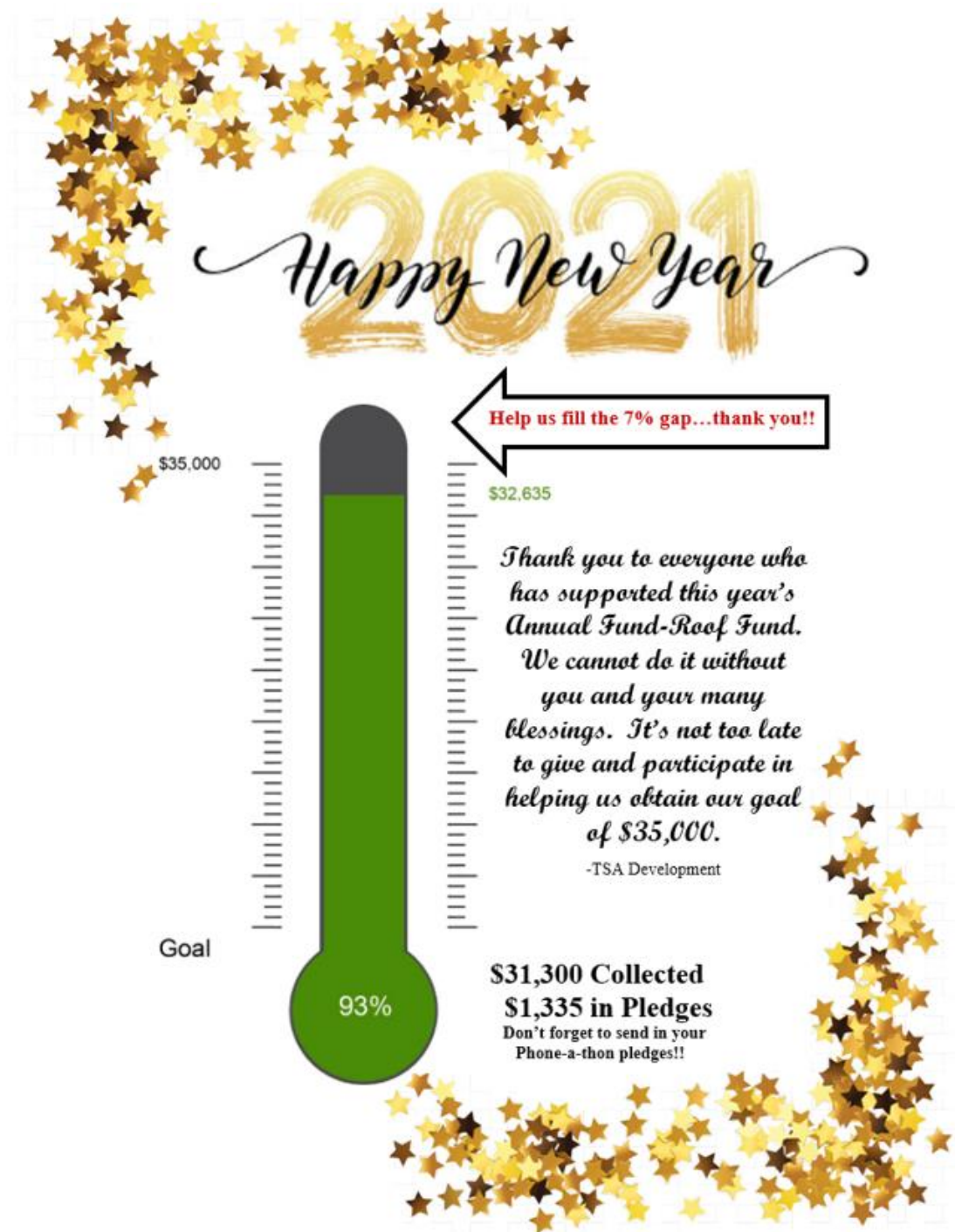
Congrats, Gracie!



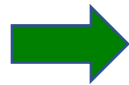
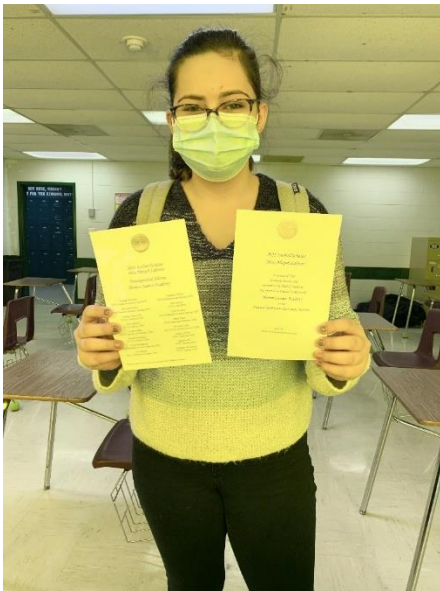
Junior Gracie McCaskill completed a virtual Business Education program at Wake Forest University: “Subscribe, Innovate, Disrupt: an Insider's Guide to Business” in July 2020. This program focuses on driven high-school students with an interest in Business. It made such an impact on her that she would like to apply to Wake Forest for college. Great work Gracie! TSA is so proud of you!



Thank You for Your Contribution!



Way to go, Abigail!



Freshman Abigail Lefevre received an invite to the national Young Scholar Program at George Mason University in the field of medicine. She will be attending this summer. What an amazing accomplishment! Great job, Abigail!

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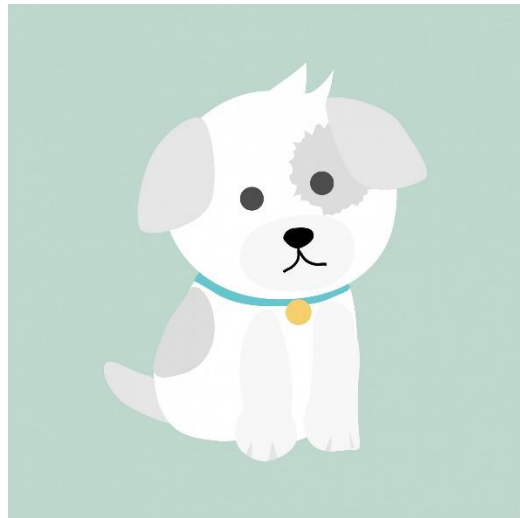
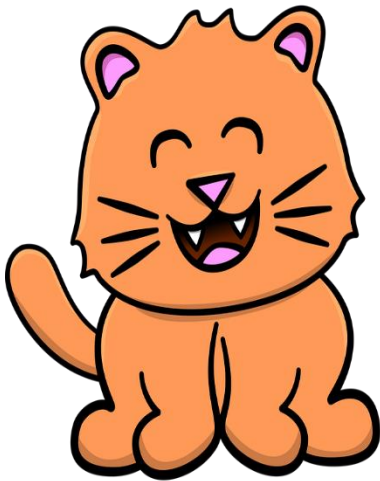
Follow the Link to Order your 2020-2021 TSA Yearbook!

SUMTER'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK!



On Wednesday, senior Preston Houser was named Hine's Furniture Athlete of the Week for his stellar football season. TSA is so proud of Preston and his accomplishments! Well-deserved!

PET CHOW



Thomas Sumter Academy's NJHS is hosting their annual pet food drive. We are trying to beat our goal from last year of 3,000 pounds. The pet food will be donated to the Sumter ASPCA to dogs in need. You can drop off the pet food in Mr. Miller or Mrs. Miller's classroom. If you have any questions contact Clara Ann McCaskill, Lucy Gore, Mikayla Razor, or Luke Richardson. Help us feed our pets during this hard time!!!

Save the Date



**Our first planning meeting will be held via ZOOM
Monday, January 25 at 6:00 pm**

ZOOM.us
Meeting ID: 856 3100 8371
Passcode: 5476

Check Out Our Sideline Store!

https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/south_carolina/rembert/thomas-sumter-academy

Everyone loves TSA Gear!



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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

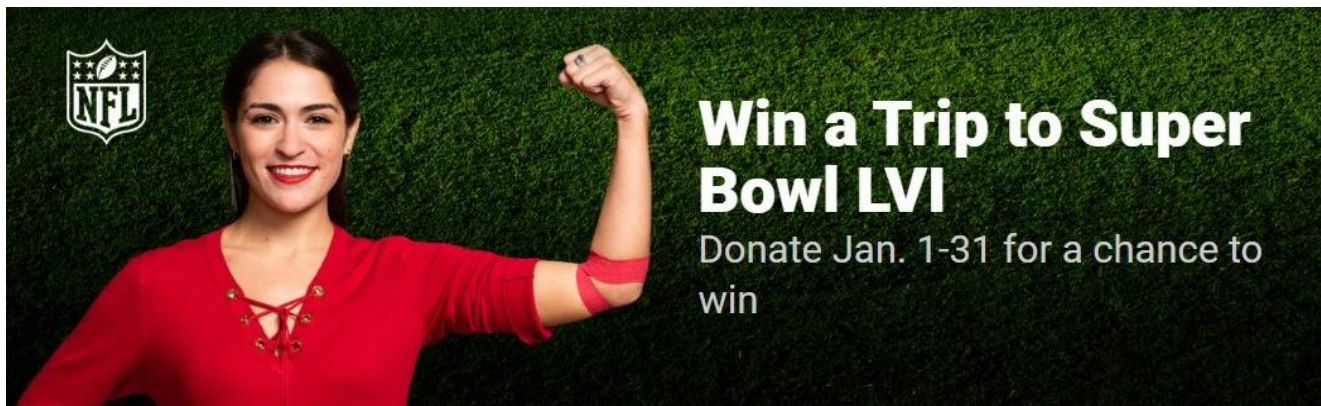
Logan Long: UNC-Pembroke (Honors College), Furman University, Gardner-Webb University, USC-Columbia

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, Penn State University, Presbyterian College, North Greenville University, USC-Columbia



Blood Drive

Thomas Sumter Academy

5265 Camden Highway Rembert Sc, 29128

Tuesday, January 12th

8:00am – 2:00pm- GYM

All donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients.

****There is no deferral time if you receive the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.****

Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org

Use Sponsor Code: **Thomassumter**

All donors are automatically entered to win the Big Game at Home package!

Enjoy an awesome viewing experience with a 65" TV and \$500 gift card for food and fun.

Donors are ALSO entered to win two tickets to the 2022 Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles!

Save time by starting your pre-donation reading and health history questions online at www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass on the day of your donation.

Blood types O, A- and B- ask about a **Power Red** donation!



American Red Cross

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 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
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:

"It's courtesy and kindness that define a human being..."

— Marcus Aurelius

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BIG SHOUT OUT:

All our TSA Students! Your efforts and love for TSA are allowing us to continue school in-person. Way to go!

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