



January 8th, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear TSA Generals,

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement. This week has been very busy. Although we have seen a slight uptick in the high school regarding positive COVID cases, we are well within our safety margin. It is critical we all work together. We are very strict here at school. I would highly recommend after school activities while at home be restricted as well. The following is provided directly from DHEC:

During the period of Home Quarantine:

1. Your child must not leave the quarantine location at any time, unless there is a medical emergency.
2. If your child or anyone in the quarantine location requires emergency medical treatment for any conditions, you should call 911 for an ambulance. If you call 911, immediately tell the 911 operator that your child is in quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19.
3. Your child must avoid contact with anyone outside the home.
4. Your child must avoid contact with individuals in your home as much as possible and maintain good personal hygiene at all times. Follow all directions provided to you by DHEC to help prevent disease transmission.
5. Your child must not come into contact with anyone except the following persons:
 - a. Authorized healthcare providers;
 - b. Authorized DHEC staff or other persons acting on behalf of DHEC; and
 - c. Such other persons as determined necessary by your clinical treatment team.
6. You or your child's authorized representative must remain reachable by telephone at all times and answer and respond fully and truthfully to telephone calls and questions from DHEC staff and other persons acting on behalf of DHEC.
7. You should arrange by telephone for relatives, neighbors, or friends to assist with any needs you or your child may have during the period of quarantine. These persons should not have direct contact with your child.
8. DHEC now recommends that close contacts of COVID-19 cases be tested, even if they do not have symptoms. As a close contact of a COVID-19 case, your child

should be tested immediately. If your child tests negative for COVID-19, they could be tested again 5 to 7 days after their last exposure or immediately if your child develops symptoms. If your child tests negative for COVID-19 after 5 days from their last exposure, your child should complete their quarantine period through day 7 and continue to monitor for symptoms until 14 days have passed since their last exposure to the individual confirmed to have COVID-19.

9. It is also important to note that should you allow your child to violate quarantine and expose others to COVID-19, you may be subject to personal liability for harm to others.
10. Please understand that should you allow your child to violate quarantine, DHEC is authorized under S.C. Code of Laws Section 44-1-100 and 44-4-530(D)(4) to request the assistance of law enforcement to assist the Department in enforcing quarantine. You may also be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

“Absolute Value Corner” The following article is a great one...Especially if you like penguins: <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/satellites-find-20pt-more-emperor-penguin-colonies-in-antarctica/>.

January character trait for the month is COURTESY – showing others respect by using good manners. “Courtesy is the showing of politeness in one’s attitude and behavior toward others.”

I pray you know; my door is always open so please stop by. I appreciate your feedback. Stay safe and healthy. Enjoy the 3-day weekend.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 15TH

SENIOR GENERAL SPEAKS

JANUARY 18TH

MLK JR. DAY – NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 19TH

B-TEAM BASKETBALL @ NORTHSIDE CHR. (5:00)

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL VS. LEE (6:00)

JANUARY 20TH

CHAPEL (DRESS -UP DAY)

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL VS. WILSON HALL (6:00)

JANUARY 22ND

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

B-TEAM & VARSITY BASKETBALL @ ORANGEBURG PREP. (4:00)

DENOTES SPORTING EVENT



Week 21

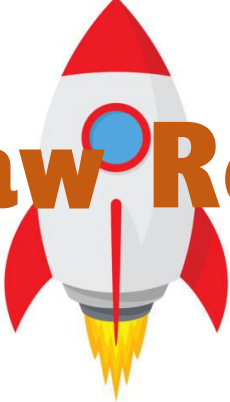
Welcome to the Family, Generals!

Brandon Holliday — 6th Grade

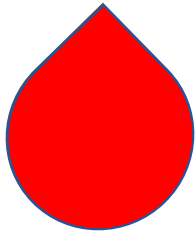
Logan Holliday — 8th Grade

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!

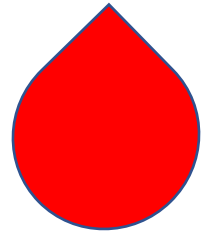
Straw Rockets



Our lower School students had the opportunity to make straw rockets with Mrs. Colegrove in S.T.E.A.M. Lab this week! They had an absolute blast!



Blood Drive



On Wednesday, we held our 2nd Blood Drive of the school year. Thank you to everyone that participated in this amazing day! We accumulated 30 pints, exceeding our original goal of 21. Our TSA family is making a phenomenal impact on the community, one donation at a time!



American Red Cross

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

EMERGING LEADERS



Emerging Leaders is designed for High School Juniors to introduce economic and community development concepts. Each year, approximately 25 High School Juniors from Lee and Sumter counties are selected for the Emerging Leaders program. This year Libby Gore, Lindsay Daniel, and Stephanie Carges were selected to participate!

During this program, students enhance their communication skills, team building ideas, self-awareness, and decision-making capabilities. They engage with local government, business, education, and health professionals. They even completed a service project for the community and Sumter's media relations. Great work, ladies! We are so proud of you!

Congratulations, Ava!



Freshman Ava Teeters received an invitation to the National Young Leadership Forum at George Mason University in the field of Engineering. What an incredible opportunity! Great job, Ava!

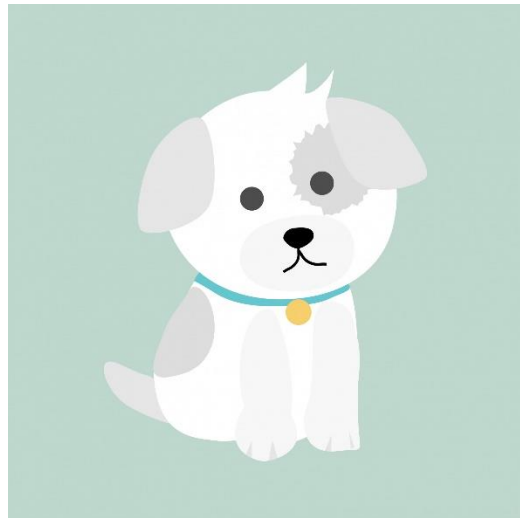
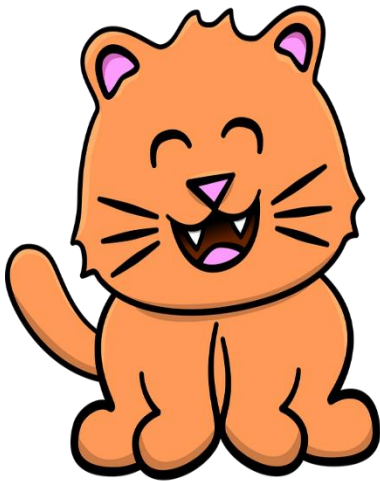
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Follow the Link to Order your 2020-2021 TSA Yearbook!

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

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Senior College Acceptances

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

Caleb Burns: Coastal Carolina University, Presbyterian College, Spartanburg Methodist

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, Presbyterian College, Winthrop University

Ethan Lisenby: The Citadel

Jade Leviner: USC-Columbia, 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, USC-Columbia

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

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:

"Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder."

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BIG SHOUT OUT:

All the TSA teachers providing synchronous and asynchronous learning for our students.

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