



January 22nd, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear TSA Generals,

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement. Today marks a very special milestone this year – the 100th day of school. Wow, can you believe it? Even through our COVID19 upticks, we have pushed through and have partnered together to make in-person learning a reality. The positive social and emotional impacts of in-person learning is documented throughout research. Keep the faith, and we will finish the year strong. Friday, January 29, 2021 is also the mid-point of the third quarter. Let's finish strong! Thank you so much for all you do.

I once again want to share the guidelines provided directly from DHEC. These guidelines apply even if you have received a negative test but are still on quarantine:

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...

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/science-on-new-years-resolutions-2021> . If you commit to prayer every day and embody those things in the article...2021 will be your best year ever!

January character trait for the month is COURTESY – **“A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.” - Saint Basil**

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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Dr. F.L. Martin III



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 22ND

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL @ ORANGEBURG PREP. (4:00)

JANUARY 26TH

STATE SPELLING BEE

VARSITY BASKETBALL @ NORTHSIDE CHR. (6:00)

JANUARY 27TH

VARSITY BASKETBALL VS. PALMETTO CHR. (5:00)

JANUARY 29TH

VARSITY BASKETBALL @ PALMETTO CHR. (5:00)

DENOTES SPORTING EVENT

Week 22



Happy 100th Day of School!



Friday, January 22nd marked our official 100th Day of School! A huge “Thank You” to everyone for making this milestone possible. What a fun day on “the Hill!”

Welcome to the Family, Generals!

Ty Fisher – 5th Grade

Meg Reber- 7th Grade

Abbie Fisher – 8th Grade

Owen Reber- 10th 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!

Way to go, B-Team Basketball!



Our B-Team basketball teams have had a terrific start to their seasons! B-team Girls currently sit at 2-0 with wins over Timmerman School and Northside Christian. Our B-Team Boys defeated Timmerman School last week and have a record of 1-1. Congrats to Coach Jaime, Coach Gore, Coach Yoder, and all our B-Teamers! Keep up the great work!



CHILDREN WITH HAIR LOSS CAMPAIGN



On Wednesday, some of our Generals made an incredible donation to our “Children with Hair Loss” campaign. Each donor gave at least 8 inches of hair to this worthy cause. Dr. Martin’s daughter Tiffany Shackleton also donated her hair in honor of TSA’s campaign. What an incredible act of kindness from this phenomenal group of young ladies!

1st Place Finishers



Sophomore Grace Beasley and Junior Porter Laney participated at the SCISA Horse Show at Topsail Equestrian in Ravenel, SC this past weekend. Porter competed in the 2 ft. Division, winning her overall fence class and placing 3rd in her flat class. Grace rode in the Cross-Rails Division. She was 4th in her flat class and placed 1st in her Over-Fences class. Great job, ladies!

Lower School Chapel



Jason Capell from the Sumter Fire Department was our guest speaker at Lower School Chapel this week. He spoke to our Lower School students about how God protects us every day. Just as his fireman's equipment is his armour against fires, God is our armour against sin. What a great message!

Upper School Character Trait Winners

6th Grade: Madi Nichols & Scott David Williams

7th Grade: Abigail Rocheleau & Maximus Moreno

8th Grade: Elise Smotherman & Clara Ann McCaskill

9th Grade: Jake Marshall & William Wright

10th Grade: Emily Holladay & Nina Williamson

11th Grade; Lilly Matthews & Jacob Crowe

12th Grade: Jade Leviner & Logan Oxendine

Our Character Trait for the Month of December is Compassion. The students above care for other and a love for everything they do! Congrats to all our December winners!



Best of Sumter



TSA has been nominated for multiple "2021 Best of Sumter" Awards. Be sure to follow the link below and place your votes!

Voting Link: theitem.com/bestof

Nominations

- **Best Preschool**
- **Best Elementary School**
- **Best Middle School**
- **Best High School**
- **Best Private School**
- **Best Teacher- Julie Daniel**
- **Best Administrator – Dr. Martin**

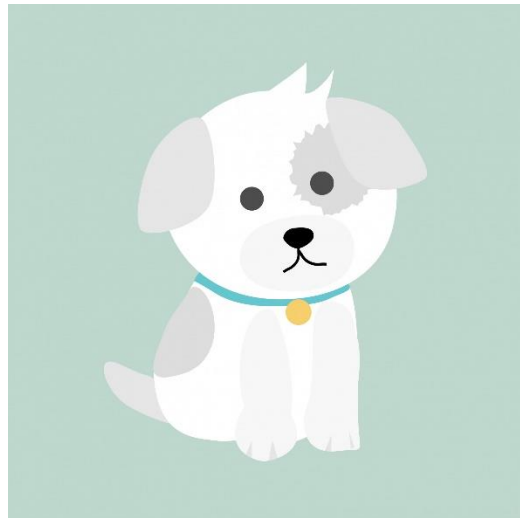
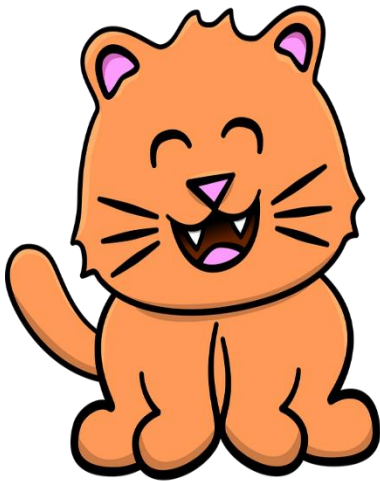
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PET CHOW



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!!!

We currently have... 1300 lbs!

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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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

Clara Burnette: Auburn University

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, Coastal Carolina University, Wofford College

Jade Leviner: USC-Columbia, USC-Sumter

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

Jada Mark: University of Georgia

Logan Oxendine: Anderson University, University of Alabama, USC-Columbia, Wofford College

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

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:

"Life is a struggle and the potential for failure is ever present, but those who live in fear of failure, or hardship, or embarrassment will never achieve their potential. Without pushing your limits, without occasionally sliding down the rope headfirst, without daring greatly, you will never know what is truly possible in your life." ~ Admiral William McRaven

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BIG SHOUT OUT:

Ms. Donna Motes, Ms. Tisha Harrelson, Ms. Shelley Salas, and Ms. Sarah Maloney for being selected TSA SCISA Teacher of the Year nominees.

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