



January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear TSA Generals,

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement. Can you believe we are heading into February? I see our track, baseball, and softball players practicing for their seasons which will begin right around the corner. We continue to see the huge benefits with our children and in-person learning. Our teachers and students continue to amaze me with their focus and resilience as we all manage the COVID19 virus. Thank you for your continued support and love of TSA. Together we will achieve more than we ever dreamed! Keep the faith! Thank you so much for all you do.

“Absolute Value Corner” We should never allow our circumstances to keep us from blossoming right where we are. Many times, we believe the lie that our sense of happiness, joy and fulfillment is waiting for us in some future event that hasn't yet taken place. We are to always keep in mind that tomorrow is promised to no man and that today should be relished and enjoyed to its fullest. The Bible declares in Nehemiah 8:10 Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” (Hebrews 13:5-6) (Psalm 28:6-8).

I hope you are encouraged and challenged by today's message to try your best to enjoy each and every today to its fullest and receive the blessings that come with having the attitude of peace and joy.

### **A PLACE TO STAND**

“If you have ever gone through a toll booth, you know that your relationship to the person in the booth is not the most intimate you'll ever have. It is one of life's frequent non-encounters: You hand over some money; you might get change; you drive off. Late one morning in 1984, headed for lunch in San Francisco, I drove toward a booth. I heard loud music. It sounded like a party. I looked around. No other cars with their windows open. No sound trucks. I looked at the toll booth. Inside it, the man was dancing. “What are you doing?” I asked. “I'm having a party,” he said. “What about the rest of the people?” I looked at the other toll booths. He said, “What do those look like to you?” He pointed down the row of toll booths. “They look like...toll booths. What do they look like to you?” He said, “Vertical coffins. At 8:30 every morning, live people get in. Then they die for eight hours. At 4:30, like Lazarus from the dead, they

reemerge and go home. For eight hours, brain is on hold, dead on the job.  
Just going through the motions.”

I was amazed. This guy had developed a philosophy, a mythology about his job. Sixteen people dead on the job, and the seventeenth, in precisely the same situation, figures out a way to live. I could not help asking the next question: “Why is it different for you? You're having a good time.” He looked at me. “I knew you were going to ask that. I don't understand why anybody would think my job is boring. I have a corner office, glass on all sides. I can see the Golden Gate, San Francisco, and the Berkeley hills. Half the Western world vacations here...and I just stroll in every day and practice dancing.” ~ By Dr. Charles Garfield

We are to make the best of our situation no matter what it may be and use to the fullest every asset that we possess. Encourage yourself to both revel and excel right where you are, and by your positive actions your attitude and outlook will reflect the steadfastness of your heart.

**Our character trait for the month of February will be FRIENDSHIP – [John 15:13](#): Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”** Friendships and relationships are part of everyone’s DNA. We all have best friends and good friends. Everyone should work to be friends with each other --- no one should be immune to building friendships and establishing relationships.

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

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**  
*Dr. F.L. Martin III*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 29TH**

**VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL @ PALMETTO CHR. (5:00)**

**FEBRUARY 1ST**

**VARSITY BASKETBALL VS. WILLIAMSBURG (SENIOR NIGHT – 6:00)**

**FEBRUARY 2ND**

**B-TEAM & VARSITY BASKETBALL VS. CALHOUN (4:00)**

**FEBRUARY 4TH**

**B-TEAM & VARSITY BASKETBALL @ LEE ACADEMY (4:00)**

**DENOTES SPORTING EVENT**





# Week 23





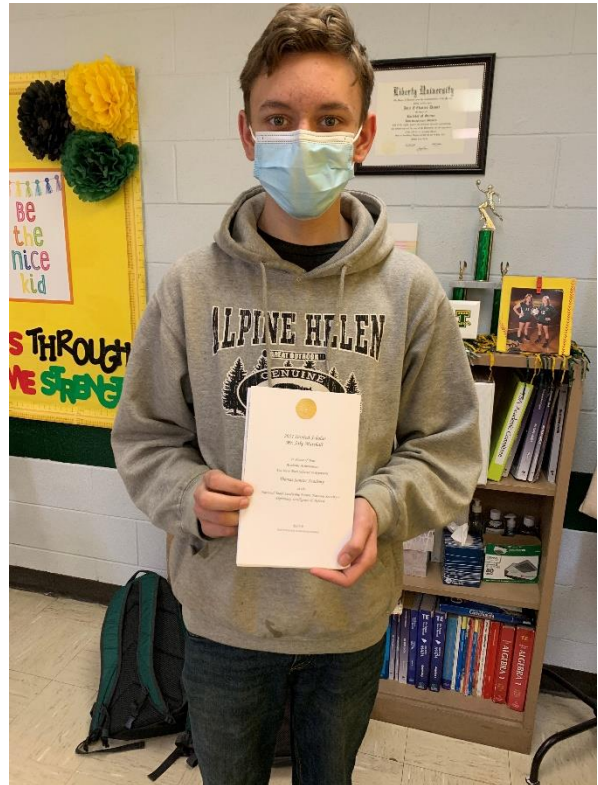
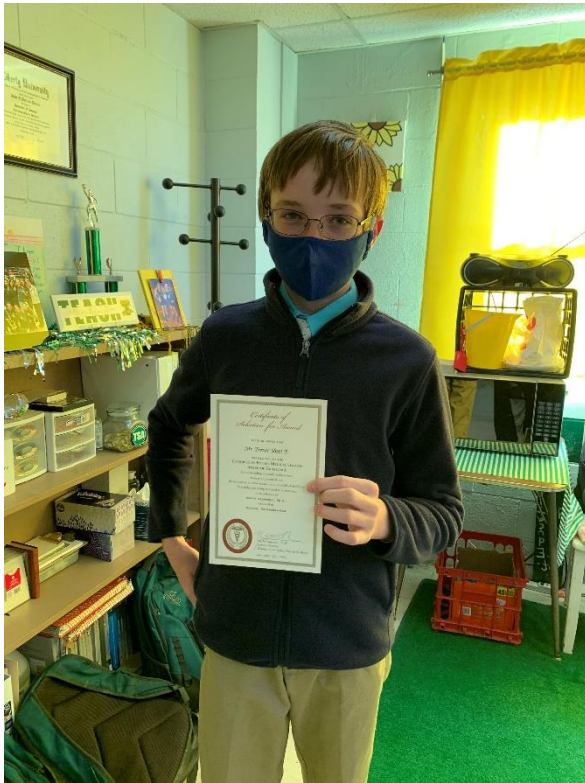
# Cemetery Clean-Up



Last weekend, eighth grader Tanner Stiles helped clean a forgotten cemetery known as the WEBB Cemetery. WEBB Cemetery is located on West Calhoun Street in Sumter. What a neat way to serve the community! Way to go, Tanner!



# Congrats, Guys!



Freshmen Trevor Sheely and Jake Marshall both received some awesome letters in the mail last week! Trevor received an invitation to the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists, while Jake received an invite to National Security Diplomacy Intelligence and Defense at George Mason University. Great work, guys!

# LS Head of School Honor Roll

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Gabe Beaty  
Fiona Butler  
Peyton Maloney  
Sadie Colegrove  
Ari Henry  
Maria Petrullo  
Carter Tidwell

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Daniellia Barnes  
Mollie Bradham  
Cali Lawson  
Wesley Varner  
Kaylen Kistler  
William Shelton  
CJ Kurzdorfer

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Noah Cato  
Addison Conyers  
Teddy Fortin  
Nicholas Myers

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Stella Lindler  
Liam Smith

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Eva Halloran  
Skylar Spilker  
Peyton Triplett  
Riya Patel  
Emily Arnold  
Kason Carter  
Sadie Long  
Jaydon Ray

These Lower School students were named to our Headmaeter's Honor Roll for First Semester. Each student received ALL A'S on their report card!

# LS Faculty Honor Roll

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Alaina Dixon  
Hailey Finan  
Kassidy Greenwood  
Rory Miller  
Avrum Wildrick  
Ali Amick  
Keegan Burke  
Nathan Dukette  
Baylee Gallucci  
Belle Lesley  
Reed Miller  
Lane Russell

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Olivia Cobbs  
Charlotte Dorman  
Lawton Hill  
Finley Monahan  
Jenna Ray  
John Smotherman  
Izzy Rich  
Jaiden Mizzell  
Dani Hiatt  
Bailey Talbert  
Bella Jayroe

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Vani Patel  
John Amick  
Ian Dara  
Jones Bagwell  
Logan Finan  
Cody Hancock  
Mason Hill  
Wyatt Monroe  
Leia Branham

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sophia Wildrick  
Landon McClellan  
Bella Stephenson  
Autumn Crockett

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tyler Hazen  
Sara Claire Reid  
Kasen Ross  
Juli Tupper  
Riley Carnes  
Alaina Anderson  
Jackson Boykin

These Lower School students were named to our Faculty Honor Roll for First Semester. Each student received ALL A'S AND B'S on their report card!



# Lower School Character Trait Winners



**Pre-3:** Mary Kate Richardson

**Pre-4:** Ryleigh Bagwell & Connor Horal

**Kindergarten:** Thadeus Owens & Ethan Rodriguez

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** John Stephenson & Jake Hafner

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Izzy Rich & Charlotte Dorman

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** John Amick & Nicolas Myers

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Audrey Allen & Noah Patterson

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** David Perez & Jaydon Ray

Our Character Trait for the month of January was **Courtesy**. These students were recognized for showing respect to everyone and using manners in everything that they do! Congratulations to all of our winners!

A decorative border of red hearts of various sizes surrounds the central text.

# ***ANCHOR CLUB***

*Valentine Candy Sale*

**FEBRUARY 1ST – 10TH**

**DELIVERED ON FEBRUARY 11TH**

*Your Choice of  
Hershey Bar or  
Tootsie Pop Bouquet*

**\$1.00**

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

# 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](https://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**



# Columbia Campus





**MON** café JAPAN

**Thomas Sumter Academy  
Mon Café (Sumter) Spirit Night  
Sponsored by TSA PTO**

***Monday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>***

***3pm – Close***

**50% of sales to TSA**

**You can order in person, online or by phone but you  
MUST mention or note Thomas Sumter Academy for us to  
receive 50% of the sale. We will have this opportunity**

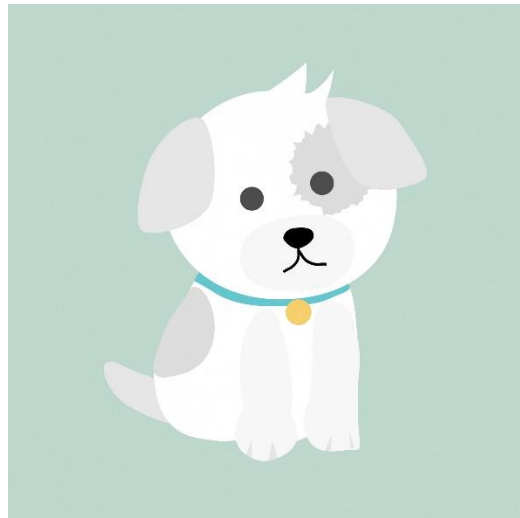
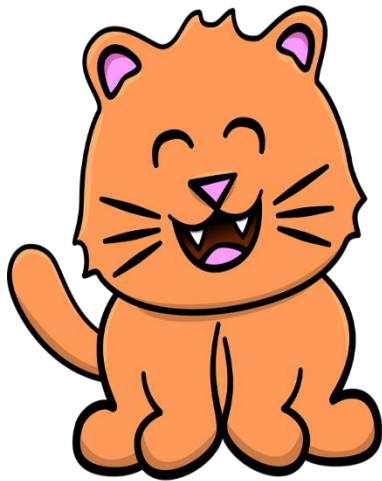
**Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

# 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

# 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)

## Everyone loves TSA Gear!



**BSN SPORTS™**



# Senior College Acceptances

**Riley Brazell:** University of Alabama, Auburn University, College of Charleston, 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:** Anderson University, Charleston Southern University, Covenant College, Lees-McRae College, North Greenville University, Newberry College, Presbyterian College, USC-Beaufort, 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 <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:

"The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is just doing it."

~ General Norman Schwarzkopf

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## BIG SHOUT OUT:

Ms. Danielle Colegrove for making  
STEAM fun for our students. THANK  
YOU!

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