



March 19th, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear TSA Generals,

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement. Wow. Prom is less than two weeks away and then Spring Break. We have done so very well with our COVID19 protocols and procedures. Thank you very much. As a reminder, let us be safe during Spring Break – the rest of the year's events could be impacted if there is any significant spike in cases. For the Class of 2021 – May 2nd is our Baccalaureate Service at First Presbyterian Church downtown. There will be some strict guidelines as prescribed by the church. More details from Ms. Twitty are forthcoming. 34 more school days (and a wake-up) until graduation!

A friendly reminder that the re-enrollment fee will be going up as of April 1st. If you have not yet re-enrolled, please take advantage of the lower re-enrollment fee. Think about the Early Bird Discount as well...Speak with Ms. Brinson or Coach Brunson with any questions.

Thank you for your understanding when we went to a half day yesterday, although we did not receive the rain, winds, or tornadoes that were expected.

“Absolute Value Corner.” Always treat others better than you would treat yourself and for the right reasons. It is in loving others that our light shines brightly and in turn draws people to the everlasting love of the Lord. Be a blessing everywhere.

March character trait is consistency: [Hebrews 10:23](#): “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”

Enjoy your weekend. Stay safe and healthy. 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

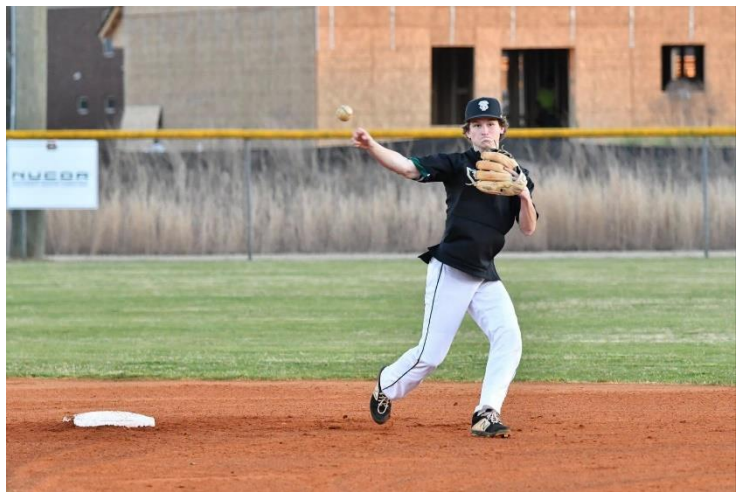
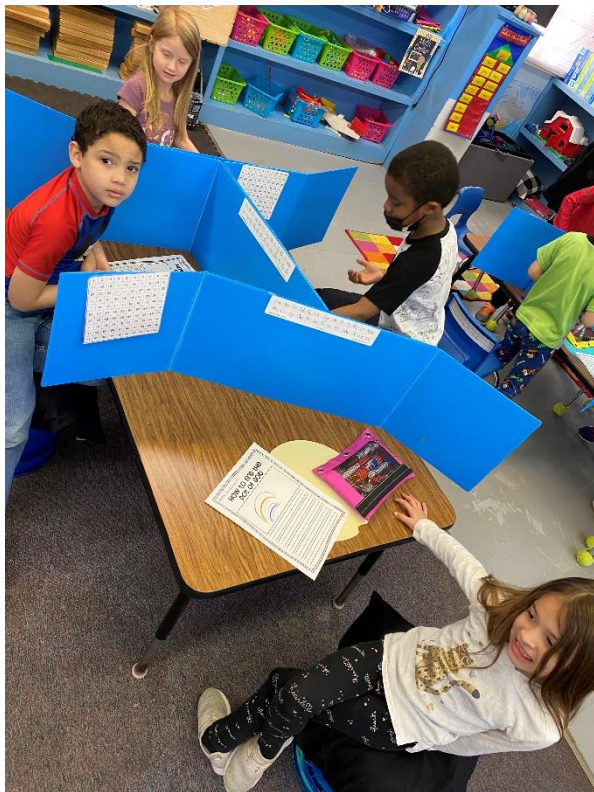


UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 19 TH	VARSITY BASEBALL VS. PALMETTO CHR. (6:00 PM)
MARCH 22 ND	VARSITY BASEBALL VS. KING'S ACADEMY (6:00 PM)
MARCH 23 RD	VARSITY BASEBALL VS. NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN (4:00 PM)
MARCH 24 TH	TRACK MEET @ ORANGEBURG PREP. (TBD)

DENOTES SPORTING EVENT

Week 30



Youth Basketball



Last week, our annual Youth Basketball League tipped-off for what is going to be an awesome season. Our Basketball Generals are looking sharp and could not be more excited for their first games this Saturday! A HUGE Thank You to our athletes, student-coaches, and parent-coaches on all their hard work so far! It is going to be a great season!

Mega Pep-Rally!



Last Friday's pep-rally was a big-time success! Our students had a blast watching their friends compete in our obstacle courses, powderpuff football, and the always great Chicken Nugget Eating Contest! Congratulations to Senior Logan Long on being crowned Chicken Nugget Champion! What a fun day!

National Winners!



Thomas Sumter Academy and the Daughters of the American Revolution recently announced that twelve TSA students won both at the state level and national level in the Junior American Citizens "400th Anniversary of the Mayflower: Rise and Shine for New Opportunities in a New World" writing and art contest. TSA High School students entered the contest celebrating the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower. Local contest coordinator Linda Hawkins said, "TSA has very strong English and art programs, and so I am not surprised that success followed such a nice number of entries." The contestants competed against thousands of other students across the state and nation in the following categories: poetry, creative expression, art, photography, banner and creating a postal stamp.

National-Level Winners

Catelyn Dunavant, 2nd Place National Winner - Poster 11th-grade Honors
Nancy Moses, 1st Place National Winner - Stamp 11th-grade Honors
Lillian Lindler, 1st Place National Winner - Poetry 10th-grade Honors
Logan Scruggs, 1st Place National Winner - Poetry 11th-grade Honors
Abby Cox, 1st Place National Winner - Short Story 10th-grade Honors
Libby Gore, 1st Place National Winner - Short Story 11th-grade Honors

State-Level Winners

Emily Porter, Poetry 10th-grade Honors
Lillian Lindler, Poetry 10th-grade Honors
Abby Cox, Poetry 10th-grade Honors
Nancy Moses, Stamp 10th-grade Honors
Victoria Mann, Stamp 11th-grade Honors
Catelyn Dunavant, Stamp 11th-grade Honors
Ben June, Poem 11th-grade Honors
Logan Scruggs, Poem 11th-grade Honors
Matthew Hawkins, Short Story 11th-grade Honors
Libby Gore, Short Story 11th-grade Honors

B-Team Softball



Our B-Team Softball team kicked-off their season with two hard-fought matchups against Calhoun Academy and Laurence Manning Academy. It has been amazing watching Coach Margo, Coach Jennifer, and this team come together as a group. They are growing as players and as people every day! Way to go, ladies!



Thank You for Your Contribution!

Capital Campaign Phase II

Goal
\$160,000

\$134,300

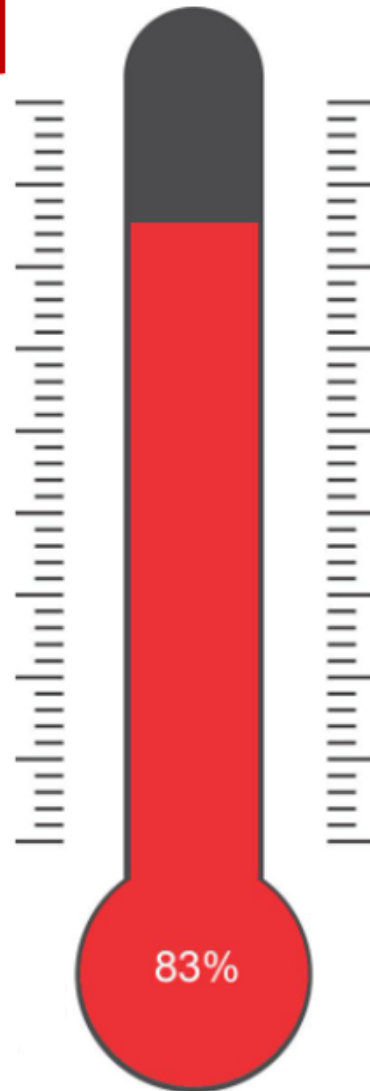
Phase II Gym Lobby & Bathroom Upgrade

Our gym lobby roof will soon be complete because of our amazing Generals who contributed to our Annual Fund. This will allow us to begin Phase II of our Capital Campaign this summer with your continued help and support.

Please contact

Eddy.Hyder@thomassumter.org or
(803) 983-1871

To pledge and support Phase II



Upper School Character Trait Winners

January - Courtesy



6th Grade - Irelyn Baumgartner & Blakely Bradshaw

7th Grade - Kenji Stanton & Tyler Walton

8th Grade - Alex Phillips & Christian Razor

9th Grade - Savannah Byrd & Tyler Bryson

10th Grade - Lily Naylor & Jensen Jennings

11th Grade - Victoria Mann & Jamie Huntley

12th Grade- Abby Rourk & Caleb Burns

February – Friendship

6th Grade - Emily Lindler & Luke Bagwell

7th Grade - Andrew Conyers & Omnaa Patel

8th Grade - Abbie Fisher & Mary Grace Hilditch

9th Grade - Ja'Vion Lammie & William Wright

10th Grade - Mary Lenior Hoge & James Claffy

11th Grade - Matthew Hawkins & Louis Wright

12th Grade - Preston Houser & Zach Brenneman



Congratulations to all our January and February winners!

Upcoming Sports Interest Meetings

Girls' Basketball



Where: Auditorium

Date: Tuesday, March 30th

When: Upper School Lunch (12:04 PM – 12:30 PM)

For: All Current 5th - 11th Grade Girls Interested in Playing Basketball Next Year (2021-2022)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Coach Brunson at tanner.brunson@thomassumter.org.



Volleyball

Where: Auditorium

Date: Tuesday, March 23rd

When: Upper School Lunch (12:04 PM – 12:30 PM)

For: All Current 5th - 11th Grade Girls Interested in Playing VB Next Year (2021-2022)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Coach Crystee at crystee.hoagland@thomassumter.org.

Shenanigans 2021



Save the Date

Saturday, May 8th

6:00 pm

Sans Souci Farm

1935 Sans Souci Rd, Sumter

What is Shenanigans?

- Silent and Live auction
- Fun extras at this event: Lottery Board, Duck Pond, and MORE
- All items are donated so 100% goes back to TSA

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Do you know someone who could donate or sponsor this event? See attached for details!

Please contact Eddy Hyder to volunteer to help with setup, décor, donations, and promoting!!

Eddy.Hyder@thomassumter.org

(803) 983-1871 text or call

Students & Parents,



Student Council is excited to announce our annual community project and partnership with **Feed My Starving Children**. FMSC is a global nonprofit dedicated to nourishing under-served children in both body and spirit. Our campaign will run from this Monday, **February 22 to Friday, March 12**. Our goal this year is to raise \$5,000.

Not only do our students and families raise money for FMSC but also volunteer during the summer FMSC mobile packing session. We know that COVID may play a roll in there being a packing session but we will be prepared to help. Our students will raise the money for the meals, pack the meals, and send these meals to families in need with their blessings.



In order to reach our goal of **\$5,000**, we are asking all students and families to help with your spare dollars and change. We know that our outstanding students will exceed this goal with no problem. They have always amazed us! We do this primarily by asking for donations from friends, family, and neighbors.

2021 FMSC Campaign

Purchase a Pass good Feb. 22 – March 31 to support FMSC



Dress Down Pass	\$25 good until March 31
No Shave Pass	\$25 guys no shaving until March 31
Teacher Jeans Pass	\$25 to wear jeans until March 31
Pajama Pass (lower school)	\$25 to wear pajamas every day until March 31

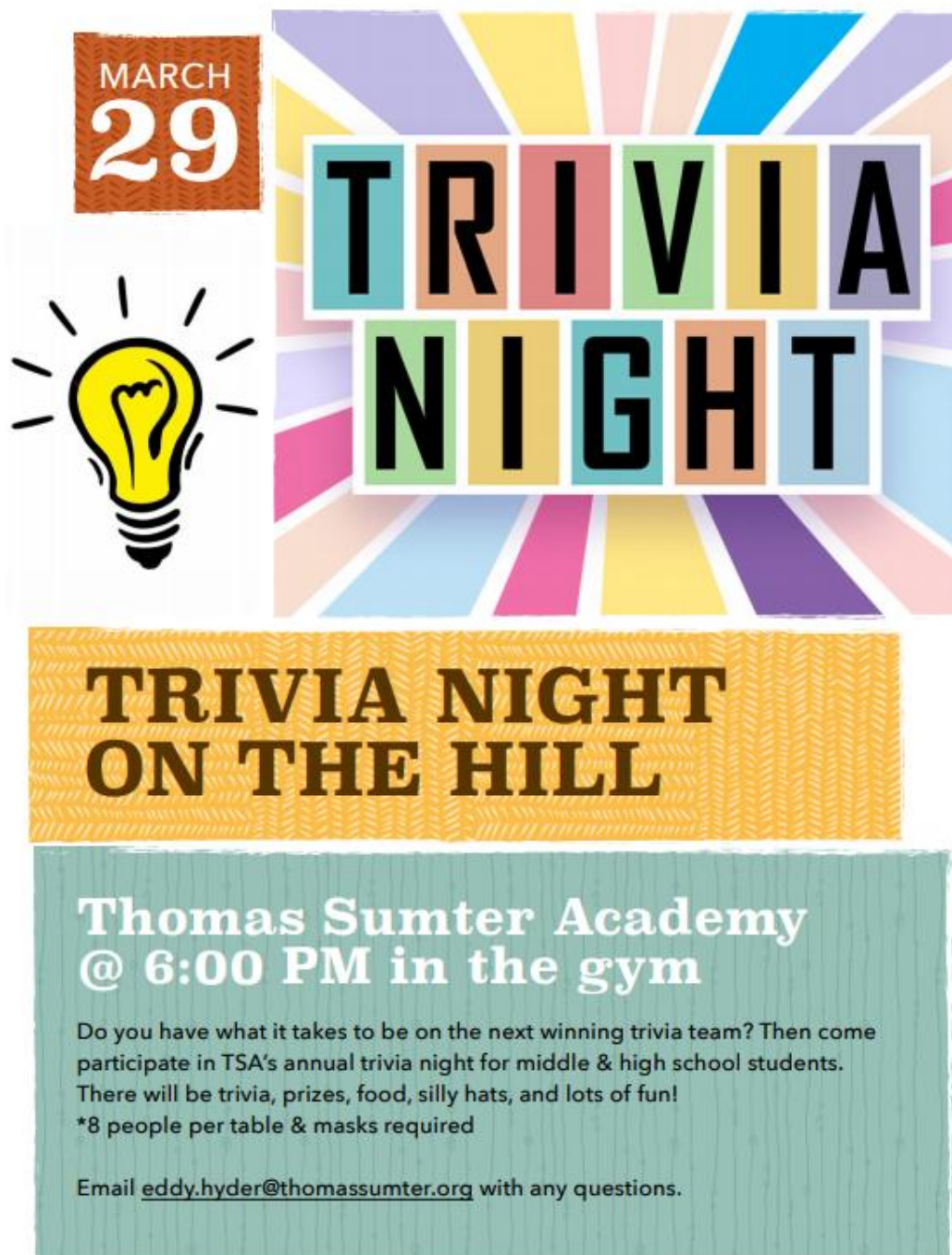
Upper School students MUST have pass to show at ALL times or will be written up if unable to present pass. Lower School may give pass to homeroom teacher. We will not be able to reissue passes!!



How Can I Give?



- Mail to TSA: 5265 Camden Highway, Rembert, SC 29128
 - Send Cash or Check in with student
- Online www.thomassumteracademy.org Development/Make a Gift (note as FMSC donation when choosing category-Development)



Parents and Staff are welcome to attend! We do have limited seating so this event is for TSA Middle & High School students and parents that would like to join us.

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, USC-Columbia

Zachary Brenneman: Central Carolina Technical College

Clara Burnette: Auburn University, Clemson University

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

Philip Carino: Central Carolina Technical College

Chase Cato: Charleston Southern University, Central Carolina Technical College

Zachary Evans: USC-Sumter

Aliyah Gibson: Charleston Southern University, College of Charleston, UNC-Asheville, USC-Columbia

Aidan Hilditch: USC-Sumter

Preston Houser: Alvernia University, Appalachian State University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, Gardner Webb University, Hampden-Sydney College, , Presbyterian College, USC-Columbia

Sam Lawing: Anderson University, Charleston Southern University, Covenant College, Clemson University, Lees-McRae College, North Greenville University, Newberry College, Presbyterian College, USC-Beaufort, Winthrop University

Jade Leviner: Coastal Carolina University, USC-Columbia, USC-Sumter

Ethan Lisenby: Baylor University, The Citadel, Clemson University, USC-Columbia, Coastal Carolina University, Wofford College, Furman University

Emily Lorincz: Central Carolina Technical College

Logan Long: Clemson University, 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, USC-Columbia

Lizzie Silvester: Anderson University, University of Alabama, Auburn University, Brevard College, Clemson University, College of Charleston, Furman University, Penn State University, Presbyterian College, North Greenville University, USC-Columbia, Wofford College

SAT / ACT Dates

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
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
April 17 th	March 12 th
June 12 th	May 7 th
July 17 th	June 18 th

Quote of the Week:

"Without courage we will simply accumulate a collection of good ideas and regrets." ~ Pastor Andy Stanley

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BIG SHOUT OUT:

Ms. Sandi Dixon, Ms. Amanda Arnold, and Ms. Terri Brinson for their support of our Virtual Battle of the Books this week.

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