

October 29th, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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#### Dear Generals,

Wow, what an end to the week and the month of October. The "Little Generals" had a chance to Trick-or-Treat through the halls this year. Our volleyball team competed in the State Tournament last weekend, we had two All-region Tennis players, and our football team had a winning season (first time in about 10 years) AND TSA is hosting the first round of the State play-offs next Friday, November 5th. Game time is 7:30. Our Golf tournament is on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. November

2<sup>nd</sup> we have a special guest coming in from the "Follow Me Crusade", Mr. Tyler Blue. This event is sponsored by our FCA.

Our character trait for the month of October is **HONESTY**: "adherence to the facts: SINCERITY; fairness and straightforwardness of conduct." Some synonyms are:

• integrity,

• truthfulness,

<u>verity</u>

• probity,

• <u>veracity</u>,

Our character trait for the month of November is **GRATITUDE**: Being thankful and gracious. Bible verse for **GRATITUDE** is 1 Thessalonians 5:16: "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

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.

My door is always open. Feel free to come in to talk with me at any time.

#### Generals - Are you Ready? - YES WE ARE!

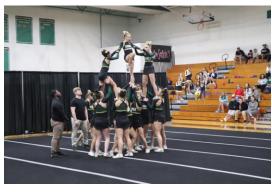
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# Week I I







# **Upcoming Events**

October 29th Pep Rally Schedule

Trunk or Treat (6:00 PM)

October 30<sup>th</sup> Cross Country State Championships @ HHES

November 1<sup>st</sup> TSA Golf Tournament – Beech Creek Golf Club (9:30 AM)

1st Day of Basketball Try-Outs

November 5<sup>th</sup> Grand-friends Day Parade

**State Football Playoffs – Round 1 (TBD)** 

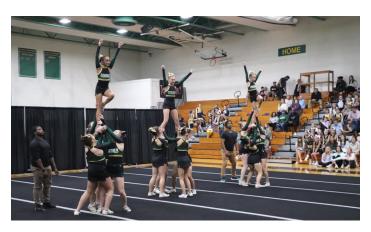
November 6th Parent, Student, and Alumni Service Saturday

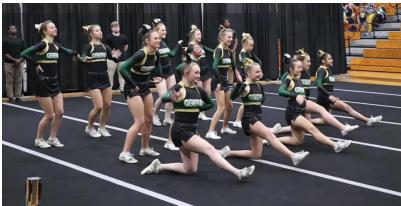
November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Chapel (Dress-Up Day)

November 12<sup>th</sup> Advisors (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

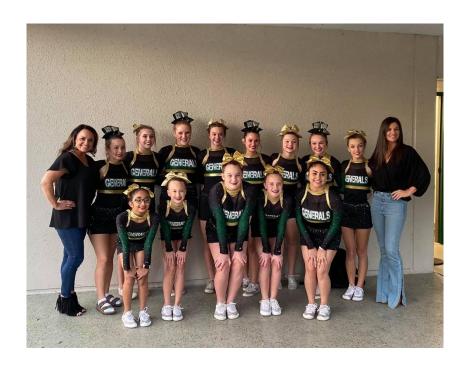
**State Football Playoffs – Round 2 (TBD)** 

November 13th State Cheer Competition





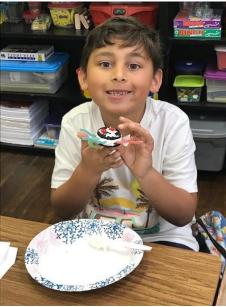
# Competition Cheer



Our Varsity Competition Cheer squad competed in their first competition of the season at Ben Lippen School this Wednesday. Our girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and displayed a terrific routine! Great work, Cheer! This is going to be an awesome season!

## Fun Fridays with Mrs. Bradley











Mrs. Bradley's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class recently had an insect and spider study while reading their nonfiction books. Her students made spiders out of Oreos and other sweet treats to wrap up their lesson. They look delicious!

## NJHS Inductions



Last Thursday, TSA hosted inductions for our newest members of the National Junior Honor Society. These students have excelled in both the classroom and in their extra-curricular activities. This is a tremendous honor for these Generals! Way to go, everyone!

# SURPRISE!



OUR PTO GIFTED MRS. TISHA
HARRELSON (1ST GRADE)
WITH A BRAND-NEW WHITE
BOARD FOR HER
DEDICATION TO OUR
STUDENTS AND HER YEARS
OF SERVICE.

WHAT AN AWESOME SURPRISE!

## CONGRATS, LINDSAY!



CONGRATS TO SENIOR LINDSAY DANIEL ON BEING NAMED THIS WEEK'S "ATHLETE OF THE WEEK," PRESENTED BY HINES FURNITURE. LINDSAY AND HER VOLLEYBALL TEAMMATES COMPETED IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT LAST WEEK, WHERE SHE HAD A 100% SERVE RATE AND HELPED HER TEAM WIN A MASSIVE UPSET VICTORY IN THE FIRST ROUND.

**CONGRATS, LINDSAY!** 







Mr. Harrelson's 10th and 12th graders in Physics wanted to see if they could compete with the Middle Schoolers' STEAM popsicle stick bridges, Over the last two weeks while studying kinematics, forces, and Hooke's Law, these students built "force bridges" as part of their assessments.

Sophomores Jake Marshall, Keegan Distelzweig, Trey Tisdale, Miriam Roberson, and Jackson Blackwood's bridge held 162 lbs. before giving way to the force of gravity!

## Volleyball State Journament





Our Varsity Volleyball team competed in the 2021 SCISA State tournament last Friday in Myrtle Beach. We are so proud of this team and their coaches for their improvement throughout the season and this amazing accomplishment. Congratulations, ladies!



# Catelyn to the Rescue!



Senior Catelyn Dunavant had a rather interesting day at school when she was asked to rescue this poor chicken from our front parking lot this morning. We can report that the chicken is happy, healthy, and is in a good home.

Thanks, Catelyn!

# College Fair



This Wednesday, our Upper School students had the opportunity to attend an on-campus College Fair. Many college representatives, from in-state and out-of-sate, were in attendance and shared valuable application information with our students about his or her individual school.

Thank you to Mrs. Twitty for arranging the event!



## State Finals Bound!



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Good luck to our Cross Country Generals and their coaches as they compete in the SCISA State Finals this Saturday at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in Columbia! These athletes have had a terrific season, and we cannot wait to watch them race! Go Generals!

## Middle School Quiz Bowl







This Wednesday, our Middle School Quiz Bowl team advanced to the SCISA State Quiz Bowl semi-finals before falling to the overall top seed in a hard-fought battle. Congratulations on an incredible showing to these amazing students and our Quiz Bowl Coach Mr. Harrelson!





## SCISA ALL-REGION MEMBERS



TSA was well-represented on SCISA's All-Region teams for Volleyball, Cross Country, and Tennis! Congratulations to all our recipients!



#### Thomas Sumter Academy Annual Fund Phone-A-Thon

You answered our call!! This year's Phone-A-Thon received \$15,000 in pledges. Beyond AMAZING and our students went above and beyond to make this year's phone-a-than a great success. Way to go Generals!!

Our Annual Fund Goal is

\$50,000

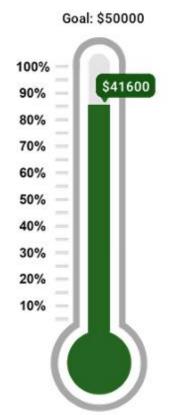
Check out Our AF Thermometer

\$41,600

Has been raised for TSA



"Let's see what we can get done in '21"



# Owr Plansfor the Gym Removal of pegboard from Home & Visitor sides Replace pegboard with sheetrock Paint entire gym Complete wall padding on the entrance wall Complete new score table padding and seating area Integrate new score table with sound system Upgrade our mic(s) to wireless Complete banner upgrades

Give Now scan

Mailing Address:
TSA
Attn: Development
5265 Camden Hwy

Rembert, SC 29128



# Get to Know Your Faculty







My name is Gigi Houser, and I was born in Sumter, SC. I studied at Francis Marion University. My family consists of my husband Ray, daughter Payton (c/o 2018), my son Preston (c/o 2020). I enjoy being with my family, attending TSA events, going to the beach, and reading the Bible. I'm so glad to be a General!

Favorite Quote: Psalm 46:10

**Favorite Food**: Anything Chocolate

So Generals!



# Interested in substitute teaching? Know of someone that is?



If you or someone you know is interested in being added to the TSA Substitute Teacher List, contact either Sandi Dixon (<a href="mailto:sandi.dixon@thomassumter.org">sandi.dixon@thomassumter.org</a> or Amanda Arnold (<a href="mailto:sanda.arnold@thomassumter.org">sandi.dixon@thomassumter.org</a>) for more information.

All Grades Available!

## **Senior College Acceptances**

**Brandon Burns:** Francis Marion University, Charleston Southern University

Hailee-Rhodes Eargle: USC Upstate, Converse University

**Libby Gore**: Charleston Southern University, Wingate University

**Porter Laney:** Charleston Southern University

**Lillian Matthews**: Francis Marion University, Winthrop University

**Logan Scruggs**: USC Upstate

Louis Wright: University of Oregon







## 2021-2022 THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY BOOSTER CLUB

#### **Working Together to Strengthen Our Community**

The Generals Booster Club's goal is to increase participation and strengthen all student athletics at Thomas Sumter Academy. Booster memberships help fund our athletic programs; along with making needed upgrades to our athletic facilities. Since 2013, we have improved almost every athletic venue and have supplied additional equipment, transportation, and uniforms for all teams. Your generous donations are an integral part of the 2021-2022 TSA Booster Club campaign and school spirit.

#### **Business Booster Membership Options**

#### **Family Booster Membership Options**

Membership Level	Membership Benefits	Cost	Membership Level	Membership Benefits	Cost
Platinum	<ul> <li>Family Pass – 8 tickets to all home athletic events</li> <li>2 Banners – all 3 seasons; inside and outside available</li> <li>1 Color Page in the Student Athletic Program – 3 seasons</li> </ul>	\$5,000	Platinum	4 Passes to all home athletic events     Booster Club Parking	\$500
Silver	Family Pass – 6 tickets to all home athletic events     Banner – all 3 seasons; inside and outside available     1 B/W Page in the Student Athletic Program – 3 seasons	\$2,500	Silver	• 3 Passes to all home athletic events •Booster Club Parking	\$300
Bronze	4 Passes to all home athletic events     Banner – 1 season; inside and outside available     ½ B/W Page in the Student Athletic Program – 3 seasons	\$1,000	Bronze	• 2 Passes to all home athletic events • Booster Club Parking	\$200-299
Gold	<ul> <li>4 Passes to all home athletic events</li> <li>¼ B/W Page in the Student Athletic Program</li> </ul>	\$500	Gold	• 2 Passes to all home athletic events	\$150-199

\*Business & Families interested in combining their Booster Memberships may contact Brannon Tidwell.

#### Please fill out the following information and return to TSA Athletics.

Donor Name:					
Business Name:					
Student Name:					
Home Address:					
Business Address:					
Donor Phone Number: Donor Email:					
Please check the box for the TSA Booster Membership option you would like to purchase. $\Box$ Business $\Box$ Family					
□ Platinum □ Silver □ Bronze □ Gold					
Circle the TSA sport you desire your donation to fund.					
FALL SPORTS: Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Girls Tennis, Swimming, Volleyball, Equestrian					
WINTER SPORTS: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Archery, Bowling					
SPRING SPORTS: Baseball, Softball, Sporting Clays, Track, Soccer, Golf					

All artwork for the program should be emailed to <u>brannon.tidwell@thomassumter.org</u> in the form of a Microsoft Word document or jpeg image. Banners will be hung in the football stadium.

Please return this form and payment to:

Thomas Sumter Academy Attn: Booster 5265 Camden Hwy Rembert, SC 29128

Checks should be payable to TSA Boosters.



Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Beech Creek Golf Club 8:30 am Registration 9:30 am Shotgun Start



#### •\$260 per team

Each player will receive:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Sleeve of TSA ProV1 golf balls
- Goody Pack

- Shotgun Start at 9:30 am
- 4 Man Captain's Choice
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be awarded

#### **Event Opportunities:**

- 2 Mulligan Package \$10
- Red Tee Buster \$5
- Golf Games

### Sponsorship Opportunities

Title Sponsor \$5000		See Title Sponsor Information Sheet	
Platinum Sponsor	\$2500	See Platinum Sponsor Information Shee	
Gold Sponsorship	\$500	Signage at check-in, Social Media recognition, (4) golfers to participate , hole sponsor, & cart sponsor	
Silver Sponsorship	\$400	(4) golfers to participate, hole sponsor, & cart sponsor	
Just Want to Play	\$260	(4) golfers to participate	
Hole Sponsorship	\$100	Sign denoting sponsorship on the course	
Cart Sponsorship	\$50	Sign denoting sponsorship at the golf c	

Please make checks payable to Thomas Sumter Academy 5265 Camden Hwy, Rembert, SC 29128

When paying online please select type as Development and note as golf tournament <a href="https://www.thomassumteracademy.org">www.thomassumteracademy.org</a> select Development and Make a Gift (note Golf)



Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Beech Creek Golf Club 8:30 am Registration 9:30 am Shotgun Start



#### Deadline to Enter is October 19, 2021

Registration must be submitted to Thomas Sumter Academy. We have 27 team slots available with teams filling up fast!

Questions? Call Dr. Martin or Eddy Hyder at (803) 499-3378

## Please Complete & Return

layer Info:	Sponsorship Info:
Captain (player 1)	 Name:
Email	
Player 2	Address:
Email	 City/State/Zip:
Player 3	
Email	Contact Person:
Player 4	Phone:
Email	
Please include all names & emails for	notification Amount Enclosed:

## SAT / ACT DATES

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	October 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
December 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	November 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021
March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021
May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

ACT Date	Registration Deadline
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	January 7 <sup>th</sup>
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	May 6 <sup>th</sup>
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	June 17 <sup>th</sup>

## Quote of the Week:

Excellence is not an exception; it is a prevailing attitude."

-Colin Powell











## Big Shout Out:

To Mr. Harrelson and our Middle School Quiz Bowl team on advancing to the State Semi-Finals! Awesome job, Generals!