



November 5th, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear Generals,

We are a full week into the month of November. Our Trunk-or-Treat last Friday night was fantastic, and an exciting time for our families. A huge shout out to the PTO! We had an awesome Golf Tournament on Monday; thank you goes to all our sponsors! This past Tuesday, our 6th – 12th graders heard from Evangelist, Tyler Blue from the “Follow Me Crusade”. There was an opportunity for students to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and many of our students took advantage of the opportunity. What an awesome Grand-friends Day today. I am glad so many of you were able to join us for our parade. The students loved it, and I hope you did as well!

Can you believe that basketball, bowling, archery and sporting clays have begun –another great week here on “The Hill.”

Tonight, we host Colleton Prep in the first round of the IA football state championships. Come join us – it is Pink Out and Senior Night. Tomorrow is our Service Saturday, and we have 3-4 projects we want to accomplish. Come out for the fellowship and fun. We will meet in the auditorium at 9 AM.

Our character trait for the month of November is **GRATITUDE**: Being thankful and gracious. Bible verse for **GRATITUDE** is Philippians 4:6-7: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by [prayer](#) and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Power of being Positive: Take a look at this article as we all strive to consistently exhibit kindness towards others: <https://www.positive.news/society/meet-the-educators-using-science-to-teach-kindness/>

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!

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement
PROUD TO BE A GENERAL
Dr. F.L. Martin III





Week 12



Upcoming Events

November 5th	Grand-friends Day Parade Varsity Football vs. Colleton Prep. (7:30 PM)
November 6th	Parent, Student, and Alumni Service Saturday Competition Cheer @ Hamond School (4:30 PM)
November 11th	Veterans Day Chapel (Dress-Up Day)
November 12th	Advisors (6th – 12th) State Football Playoffs – Round 2 (TBD)
November 13th	State Cheer Competition
November 16th	Junior Ring Ceremony (6:30 PM)
November 17th	Thanksgiving Dinners Fall Play – Opening Night! (7:30 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Doors open at 7:00 PM.
November 19th	Senior Speaks Fall Play – 2nd Showing (7:30 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Doors open at 7:00 PM.
November 20th	State Football Championships

Denotes Sporting Event

Welcome to the Family, Generals!

Seamus Connors - KG

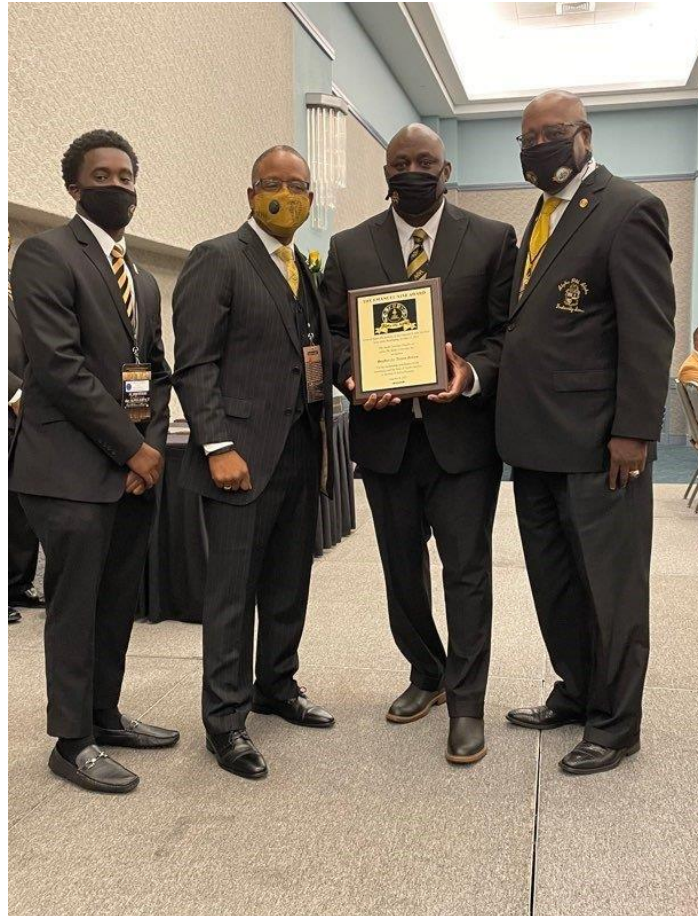
Lollie Hawkins — 4th Grade

Keira Anderson — 4th Grade

Kenleigh Anderson — 6th 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!

Congratulations, Coach Brown!



Coach Brown, a Sumter County Sheriff's Office lieutenant and our B-Team Football/Baseball Head Coach, was awarded the Emanuel Nine Award by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Coach Brown is the first man from Sumter to win the award!

The award was established in 2017 after a gunman entered Mother Emanuel AME in Charleston, the oldest AME church in the South, killing nine parishioners during a Bible study.

Congratulations, Coach. You're an awesome inspiration and mentor to our young people. Very well-deserved!

Trick-or-Treat!



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RADICAL



GIRLS

D.W. GREGORY

General
Players

TSA
Auditorium
Nov. 17 & 19
7:30 p.m.

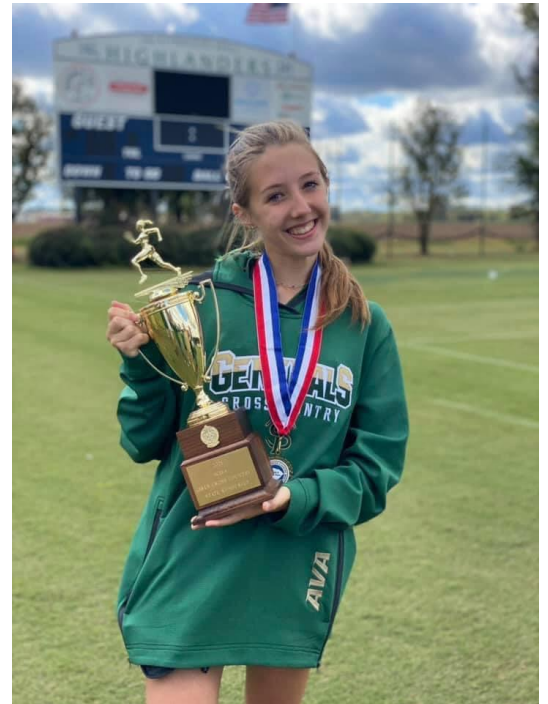
Originally produced by Playwrights Theatre
of New Jersey and developed with a
commissioning grant from The Ensemble
Studio Theatre/Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
Science and Technology Project.



WHAT AN AWESOME SEASON!

OUR XC TEAM FINISHED THEIR SEASON LAST SATURDAY AT THE SCISA STATE XC FINALS IN COLUMBIA. CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH ROB, HIS STAFF AND OUR GIRLS TEAM ON WINNING STATE RUNNERS-UP! FRESHMAN AVA BRENNMENA WAS NAMED ALL-STATE AFTER HER 10TH OVERALL FINISH ON SATURDAY.

OUR BOYS TEAM ALSO RAN A TERRIFIC RACE ON SATURDAY, FINISHING 5TH OUT OF 18 2A SCHOOLS. WE CANNOT WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR! CONGRATULATIONS, GENERALS!



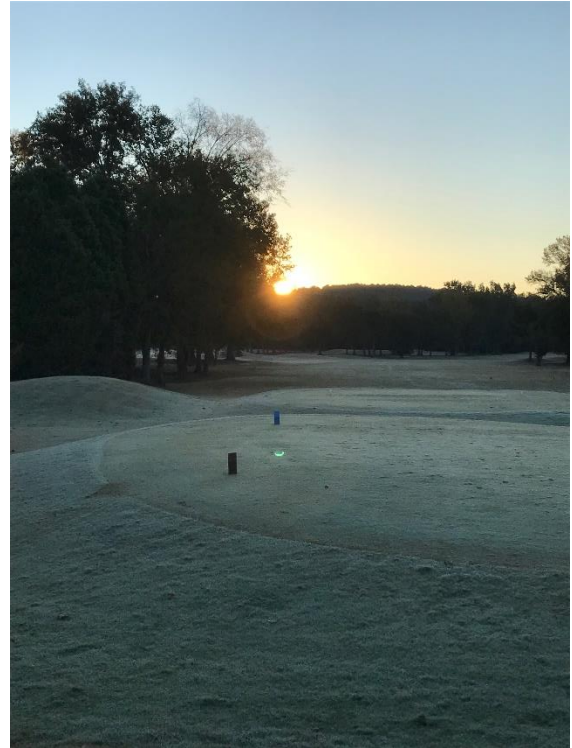
Anchor Club Inductions



This week, we hosted our annual Anchor Club Induction ceremony in the Upper School Library.

Congratulations to all our new members!

4th Annual Golf Tournament



**What a great day for
golf! Thanks to
everyone that helped
make our 4th annual
golf tournament such a
huge success!**



PROTECT THIS HOUSE!



COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM IN THEIR HOME PLAYOFF GAME TONIGHT AGAINST COLLETON PREP! IT'S THE FIRST HOME PLAYOFF GAME AT TSA IN THE LAST 10 YEARS! **KICK-OFF IS AT 7:30 PM.** GO GENERALS!

Join us as we honor our Veterans

Veterans Day Program
Thursday, November 11
10:30 am
TSA Gymnasium

Our program is open to the public and we welcome all who are currently serving and who have served to be part of our patriotic tribute to our brave warriors. Family, Friends and Alumni welcome.

This year our Executive Student Council will be decorating our gym with an **"In Honor Of" Chain**. They will be handing out chain links to our lower, middle and high school teachers for students to decorate. Students may decorate as many links as they would like to honor our military and their families.

Wear your **Red**, **White** and **Blue** in honor of our Veterans!

LS Character Trait Winners



Congrats to our Honesty Character Trait winners for the month of October!

PK2/PK3 – Tyvon Johnson

PK4 – Remi Moore & Huck Fisher

KG – Delilah Myers, Asher Hale, & Ares Moore

1st Grade - Ann Frances Tidwell & Paisley Dorman

2nd Grade - Ali Amick & Carter Tidwell

3rd Grade – Lily Marie Font & Andrew Altman

4th Grade - Emery O'Neal & Noah Cato

5th Grade - Autumn Crockett & Bella Stephenson

JOIN US FOR A

CAMPUS WORK DAY

Saturday, November 6th
9:00 am – 12:00 pm



@ TSA

Let's Gather &

Wednesday, Nov. 17

TSA Courtyard

RSVP by Nov. 12

*Give
thanks*

A Grateful Gritsy Gathering on The Hill

We are excited to invite TSA families to our first annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. To show how very thankful we are for each of you and your loved ones, there will be no charge for this meal. Please join your student for breakfast during his or her designated time.

Gathering Times

8:00 am	K2-1st
9:00 am	2nd-5th
10:00 am	6th-8th
11:00 am	9th-12th

Please use the QR Code RSVP by Nov. 12th!
Name: Student Name/Homeroom/# attending



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-thon a great success. Way to go Generals!!

Our Annual Fund Goal is

\$50,000

**Check out Our
AF Thermometer**

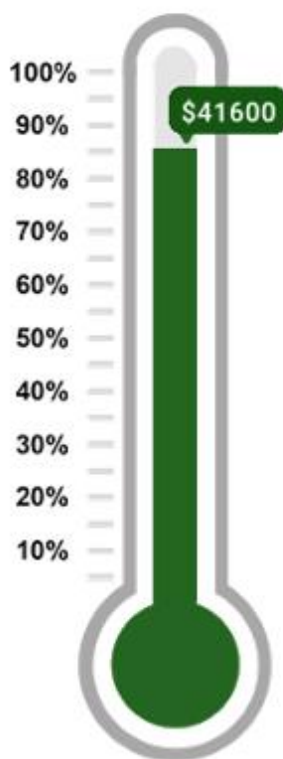
\$41,600

Has been raised for TSA



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

Goal: \$50000



Our Plans for 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 Jennifer Carruth, and I was born in Columbus, GA. I studied at the University of South Carolina. My family includes my husband Clay, my son Clay, and our dog Frankie. I enjoy hanging out with my family, running, playing rugby, being outdoors, and reading Harry Potter books. I'm so glad to be at TSA!

Favorite Quote:

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Favorite Food: Pizza, Steak, Salad... Pretty Much Anything!

GO 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
(sandi.dixon@thomassumter.org) or Amanda
Arnold (amanda.arnold@thomassumter.org) for
more information.**

All Grades Available!

Senior College Acceptances

Brandon Burns: Francis Marion University, Charleston Southern University, Spartanburg Methodist College, Wingate University

Nathan Corns: Francis Marion University

Hailee-Rhodes Eargle: USC Upstate, Converse University, Charleston Southern University, USC Sumter

Libby Gore: Charleston Southern University, Wingate University, University of Alabama

Porter Laney: Charleston Southern University, Lander University

Lillian Matthews: Francis Marion University, Winthrop University

Logan Scruggs: USC Upstate

Leah Stokes: Coker University

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 style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Pass – 8 tickets to all home athletic events • 2 Banners – all 3 seasons; inside and outside available • 1 Color Page in the Student Athletic Program – 3 seasons 	\$5,000		Platinum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Passes to all home athletic events • Booster Club Parking 	\$500
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Passes to all home athletic events • Booster Club Parking 	\$300
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Passes to all home athletic events • Booster Club Parking 	\$200-299
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Passes to all home athletic events • ¼ B/W Page in the Student Athletic Program 	\$500		Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

☐ Business ☐ 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 brannon.tidwell@thomassumter.org 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.

SAT / ACT DATES

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

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

Quote of the Week:

"In the playoffs, will beats skill."

-Kevin Constantine



Big Shout Out:

To Coach Rob, Coach Brunson, Hype Mom Annie, and our Running Generals on a terrific showing at the SCISA State Finals! Our Girls team finished as State Runners-Up! Way to go, Cross Country!