



November 12th, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear Generals,

We are one week out from Thanksgiving break; let's work together and keep our students focused through next week! Today you should have access to second quarter progress reports. As we wind down our second quarter, keep the lines of communication open with your student's teachers. TSA put on a superb, very moving Veteran's Day celebration for all our Veterans. A huge shout out to our General Sound singers who sang our National Anthem and our Executive Student Council for their work on the entire program. Thank you to Major Pascal Reber for his rendition of "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

I also want to "shout out" to all our parent, alumni, students, and faculty/staff for their help at our annual service Saturday last Saturday. We had over 25 people here to help with everything from cleaning out the PTO room to laying mulch and cleaning up our back-40 area. Thank you to all our volunteers!

Tonight, we head to Thomas Heyward Academy for the football state championship semi-finals. Our cheerleaders head to Charleston tomorrow to compete for the state competition cheer championship. Let's **GO GENERALS!**

Our character trait for the month of November is **GRATITUDE**: Being thankful and gracious. Bible verse for **GRATITUDE** is 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." — 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Power of being Positive: Look at this article as we all strive to be gracious in all that we say and do. It is a great story for those dog lovers out there: <https://www.today.com/parents/aspca-kid-year-works-help-shelter-dogs-get-adopted-t234800>.

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 13



Upcoming Events

November 12th	Advisors (6th – 12th) Varsity Football @ Thomas Heyward (7:30 PM)
November 13th	State Cheer Competition - North Charleston, SC (1:50 PM)
November 16th	Junior Ring Ceremony (6:30 PM)
November 17th	Grateful Gritsy Gathering on “the Hill” Fall Play – Opening Night! (7:30 PM) - Doors open at 7:00 PM.
November 18th	SCISA Drama Festival @ TSA
November 19th	Senior Speaks Fall Play – 2nd Showing (7:30 PM) - Doors open at 7:00 PM.
November 20th	State Football Championships
November 22nd – 28th	Thanksgiving Holidays
November 30th	TSA Spelling Bee (3rd – 8th Grade)

Denotes Sporting Event

PLAYOFF VICTORY!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM AND THEIR COACHES ON A 28-21 VICTORY OVER COLLETON PREP IN THE FIRST-ROUND OF THE SCISA STATE PLAYOFFS LAST WEEK. OUR BOYS TRAVEL TO THOMAS HEYWARD ACADEMY (RIDGELAND, SC) TODAY FOR A SECOND-ROUND MATCHUP WITH THE REBELS. KICKOFF IS AT 7:30 PM. GO GENERALS!

Senior Night



At halftime of Friday's game, we celebrated 15 incredible seniors that have impacted our Football, Tennis, & Cheer programs. What a phenomenal group of young people!

Seniors, always remember that your TSA Family has your back, no matter what!

Trunk-or-Treat



Thank You PTO for throwing a world-class Trunk-or-Treat for our students! The kids loved it!!!



University of Tennessee



Freshman John Morgan and his family were invited to the University of Tennessee's Institute of Agriculture to celebrate the Centennial anniversary of the opening of Morgan Hall. Established in 1921, Morgan Hall, an agriculture building on Tennessee's campus, was named for John's great-grandfather. Congratulations to both the Morgan family and UT on this outstanding feat! Go Vols!

State Bound!!



Our Varsity Competition Cheer Squad competed at the Skyhawk Invitational at Hammond School over the weekend in their final tune-up before the State Finals on Saturday! The State Championships will be hosted at the North Charleston Athletic Center in Charleston.

Best of luck, ladies! Bring home the gold!

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RADICAL



GIRLS

D.W. GREGORY

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

General
Players

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.

TICKETS: \$5

LS CHARACTER TRAIT WINNERS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRATITUDE CHARACTER TRAIT WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER!

PK2/PK3 – Phebe Hawse

PK4 – Zuri Garvin

KG – Nicholas Smotts, Annabelle Wathen, & Pressley Barrineau

1st Grade – Lila Black & Landon Greenwood

2nd Grade – Peyton Maloney & Gabe Beaty

3rd Grade – Dani Hiatt & Tripp Carnes

4th Grade – Anna Reese Altman & Hudson Laney

5th Grade – Landon McClellan

PINK OUT!



“In this family, we fight together!”

Librarian for the Day



Last week, 3rd grader Jenna Ray was our Lower School Librarian for the day! Jenna shadowed Mrs. Dixon all day, and got to see and do all of the jobs that Mrs. Dixon does for our school! Some of her jobs included helping with the book fair, assisting in carpool, and reading to the kindergarten class.



TSA PTO CHRISTMAS BINGO

Friday December 3, 2021 (6pm-8pm)
Doors will open at 5:30
TSA Gymnasium

Bring your family out for a night of fun with other TSA families. We will play 8 BINGO games and have a 50/50 raffle. There will be some awesome prizes to be won!!

TICKETS: \$10 PER PERSON (THIS INCLUDES PIZZA, DESSERT, DRINK, AND ONE BINGO CARD.)
ADDITIONAL BINGO CARDS CAN BE PURCHASED THE NIGHT OF FOR \$2 PER CARD!!!

Please sign up by December 1st!
Limited tickets will be sold at the door!!

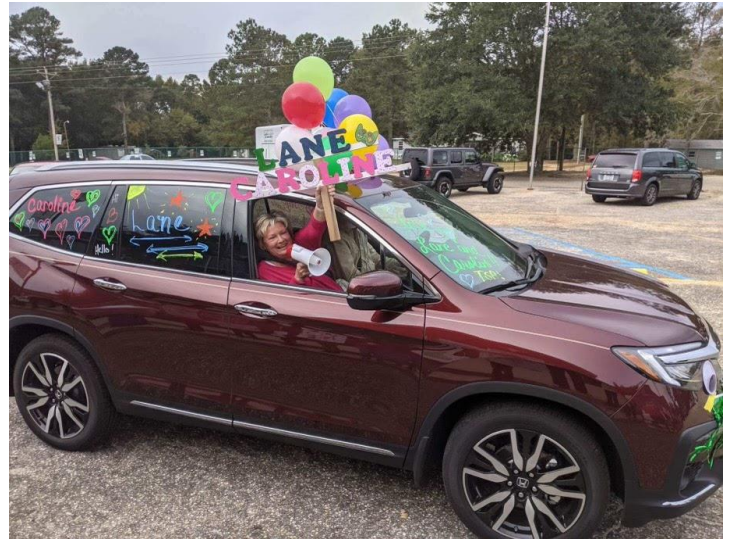
NAME: _____

Child's Name and Teacher: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ X \$10= _____

Please make all checks out to TSA PTO

Grandfriend's Day Parade



Grandfriends Day was a HUGE success! Thank you to our TSA Family for joining in our parade!

Veteran's Day



This Thursday, we honored those that have served with our annual Veteran's Day program. A HUGE thanks to COL Christopher Hyman from the Army National Guard for his transcendent speech about being a selfless servant!

In our Lower School chapel, Pastor Wes Conner shared with our 1st – 5th graders about his experiences in the military. Fifth grader Audrey Allen then read a wonderful speech about how she loves her older brother Ayden (12th grade) and will miss him when he goes to college.

Thank you to all who have served. We love you and thank you!



Let's Gather &

Wednesday, Nov. 17

TSA Gymnasium

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 Annual Fund

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

Our Annual Fund Goal is

\$50,000

Check out Our
AF Thermometer

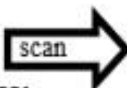
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Goal: \$50000

Small Actions
X Lots of People
= BIG CHANGE

Give Now



Mailing Address:

TSA

Attn: Development

5265 Camden Hwy

Rembert, SC 29128



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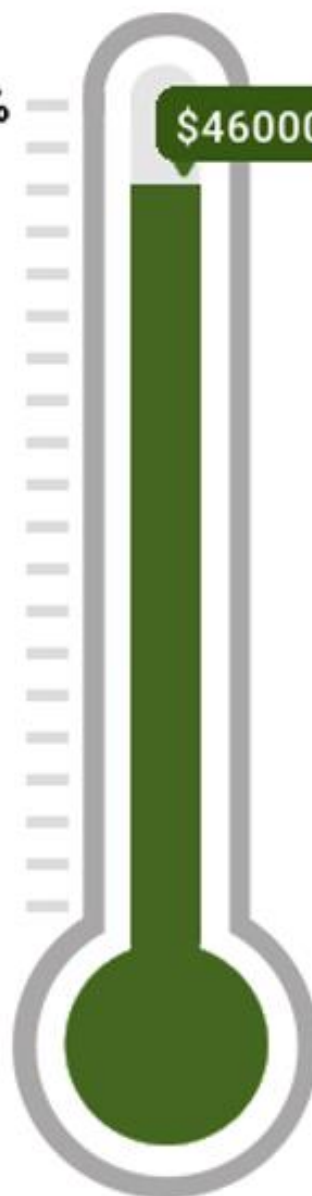
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Get to Know Your Faculty



My name is Yaier Perez, and I was born in Venezuela. I studied at the University of Carabobo. My family consists of my husband Carlos and my son David. I enjoy traveling, Zumba, and reading *The Little Prince* and *Don Quixote*. I'm so glad to be a Spanish teacher at TSA!

Favorite Quote:

"To have another language is to possess a second sail." - Charlemagne

Favorite Food: Seafood (Paella)

Go Generals!

Frog Dissections



This week, Mrs. Matos' 7th grade students dissected frogs as an end to their human body systems unit. Students compared the internal and external anatomy of the frog to our human anatomy and systems.



Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Thomas Sumter Academy Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Boxes are located in the lower school hallway by the business office

Boxes are due by November 18th.

Items that can be gifted:

Toothbrush

Socks/Shoes/Clothes/Washcloths

Games/Toys/Stuffed Animals/Batteries/Puzzles/Dolls/Balls

School Supplies (Pens/Pencils/Sharpener/Notebooks/Paper/solar Calculators)

Coloring Books/Crayons

Hygiene Essentials/Wet Wipes

NO LIQUIDS, CANDY AND WAR REPRESENTED TOYS/ITEMS

Bring your completed boxes to the admissions office by November 18th.



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



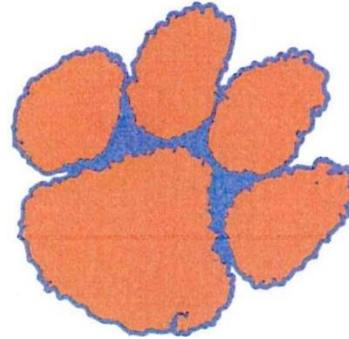
**If you or someone you know is interested in
being added to the TSA Substitute Teacher List,
contact either Sandi Dixon
(sandi.dixon@thomassumter.org) or Amanda
Arnold (amanda.arnold@thomassumter.org) for
more information.**

All Grades Available!

Please join NHS for our Annual



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Canned Food Drive

November 11 — November 19

**Support your favorite team by donating
canned foods and nonperishable items for our
community, Items may be placed in the front
of the school by the front office or in the
upper school by Mrs. Maloney's classroom**

The team that collects the most items WINS!

Senior College Acceptances

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

"Concentration and mental toughness are the margins of victory." - Bill Russell



Big Shout Out:

To all our volunteers at Parent, Alumni, & Student Service Saturday. Thank you for donating your time and energy to help take care of our wonderful school!