



November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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*Dear Generals,*

I pray you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Please be careful if you are traveling. Congratulations to our Lady Generals cheerleading squad on winning the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP last week; truly an incredible accomplishment! I want to thank all the volunteers we had for our first General Gritsy Gathering; we could not have pulled it off without you!

Our character trait for the month of November is GRATITUDE: A story about gratitude: [Living In Gratitude:](#)

"A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read, 'I am blind, please help.' There were only a few coins in the hat, some spare change from folks as they hurried past. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. Then he put the sign back in the boy's hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon, the man who had changed the sign returned to see how things were. The blind boy recognized his footsteps and asked, 'Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?' The man said, 'I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way.' I wrote, 'Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.' Both signs spoke the truth. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind, while the second sign conveyed to everyone walking by how grateful they should be to see. When your life seems full of troubles, it seems difficult to maintain an attitude of gratitude, doesn't it? All we see are our problems, like a blackened storm cloud casting a dark shadow over our lives. And the times when everything just seems to be going smoothly? We often take these precious moments for granted too, don't we? Caught up in the bliss, comfort, and familiarity of it all, we can simply forget to be thankful. So, what then, is gratitude?

Simply put, gratitude is a habit. It's a way of looking at the world and all the good things in it with a feeling of appreciation, regardless of whether or not your current situation is to your liking. Gratitude is a heart-centered approach to being at peace with yourself and with all you have. When you practice this feeling of gratitude, it attracts even more things into your life for which to be grateful. Go ahead, try it out right now. What or who do you have in your life to be thankful for?" ~ Nick Ortner

**On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, we want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. Make some great memories. If you are traveling, safe travels. Stay safe and enjoy Thanksgiving week and see you November 29<sup>th</sup>!**

**Generals – Are you Ready? – YES, WE ARE!**

**Tenacity. Supports. Achievement**

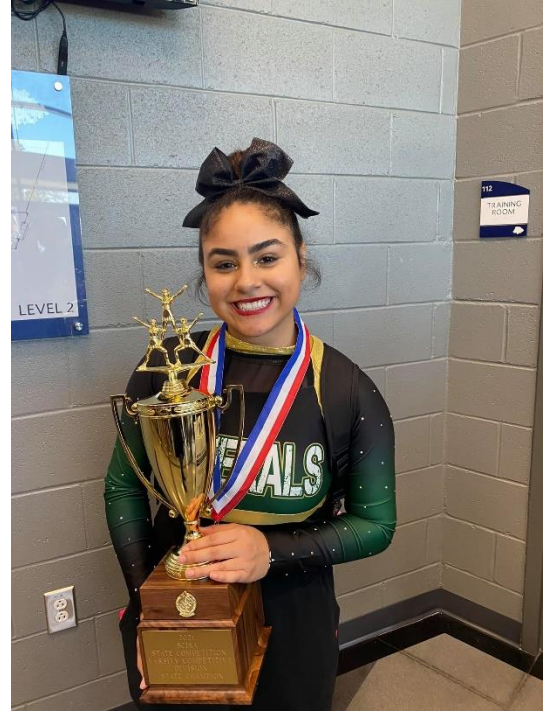
**PROUD TO BE A GENERAL**

*Dr. F.L. Martin III*

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# Week 14



# Upcoming Events

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Senior Speaks**

**Fall Play – 2<sup>nd</sup> Showing (7:30 PM)**

**- Doors open at 7:00 PM.**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thanksgiving Holidays**

**November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**TSA Spelling Bee (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Christmas Shop**

**Middle School Dance (5:00 – 7:00 PM)**

**PTO's Christmas Bingo**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Winter Ball (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

**Denotes Sporting Event**

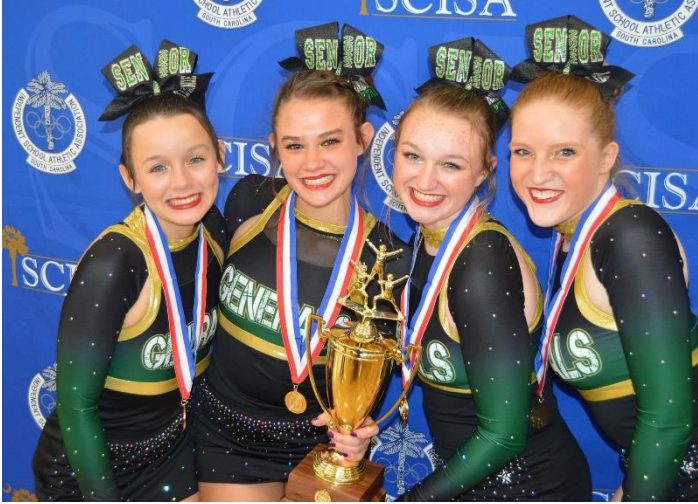


*Welcome to the Family, Generals!*

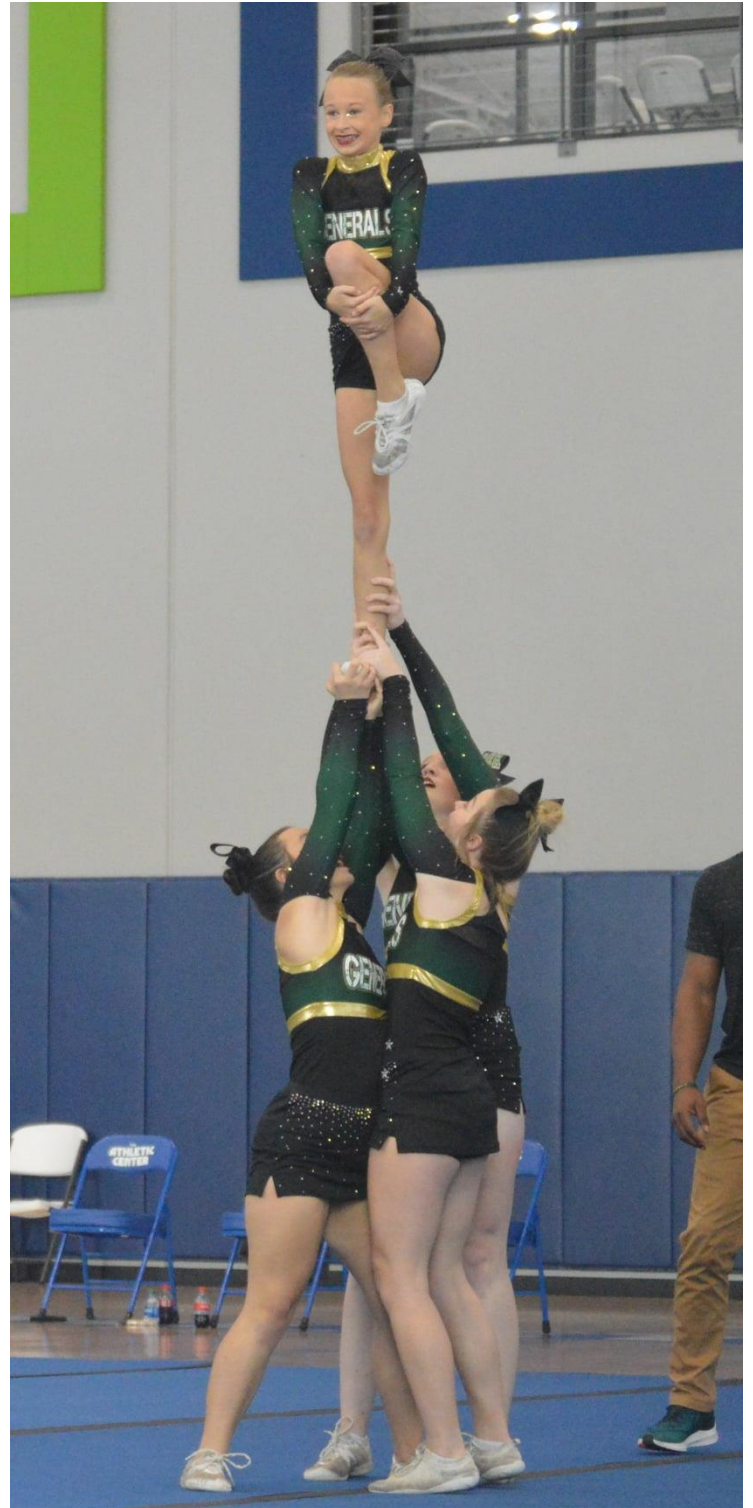
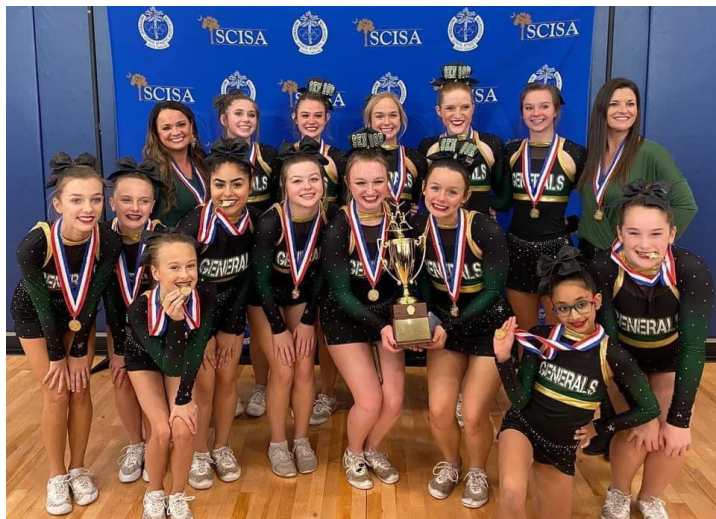
*Ryder Smith – PK4*

*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!*

# SECOND TO NONE!



**LAST SATURDAY, OUR COMPETITION CHEER SQUAD TOOK HOME THE FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE HISTORY OF THE TSA CHEER PROGRAM! THESE LADIES AND THEIR COACHES HAVE AN AMAZING SEASON, PUTTING THEIR TALENTS ON FULL DISPLAY IN THE BIGGEST OF MOMENTS. CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH JENNIFER BRAZELL, COACH DESEREE ALLEN, AND OUR GIRLS ON AN UNMATCHED ACCOMPLISHMENT. WAY TO GO, LADY GENERALS!**





# Radium Girls



**Our Drama Department put on an incredible first showing of their Fall play *Radium Girls*, as well as their outstanding performance in the SCISA Drama Festival on Thursday! Our high-school stars received an Honorable Mention for their scene! Thank you to Mrs. Suchomski and her drama crew for all their hard work. Be sure to come out tonight to watch! Doors open at 7:00 PM; showtime is at 7:30 PM.**







# Congrats Varsity Football!

**Congratulations to our Varsity Football team on a truly phenomenal season! With seven wins, including a first-round playoff victory, our boys had the program's winningest season since 2011. A HUGE shoutout to Coach Tidwell and his staff for guiding these young men throughout the season; next season will be here before we know it! Go Generals!**





# Grateful Gritsy Gathering



**“Triple G” was a HUGE success on Wednesday!**

**Thank you to all our volunteers and our families for making our annual Thanksgiving meal so much fun! Everyone enjoy the holiday!**



# Junior Ring Ceremony



**On Tuesday, the TSA Class of 2023 received their class rings at our annual Junior Ring Ceremony. Each junior selects a senior to present them with their ring. What an awesome night and a great tradition!**

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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.

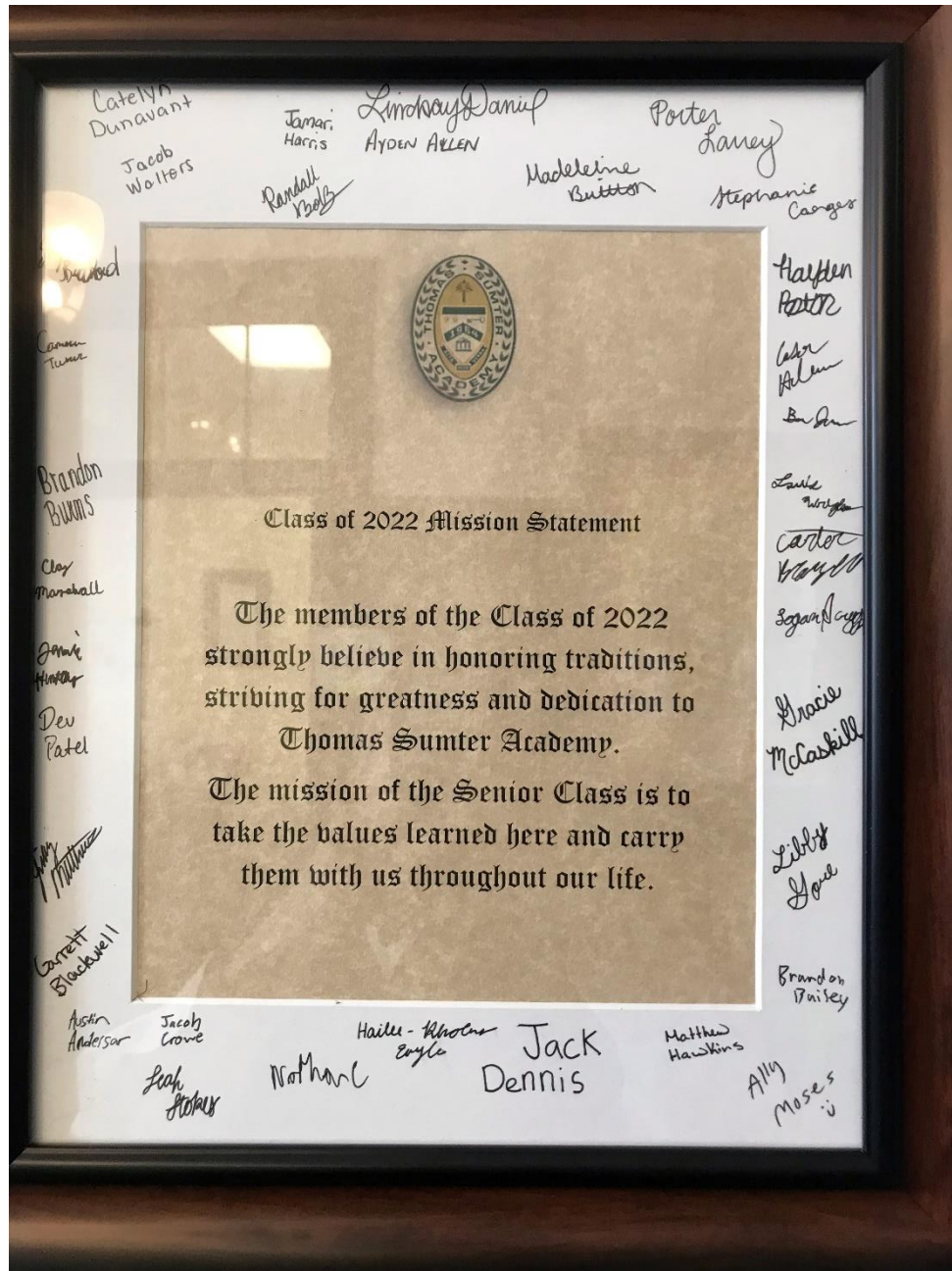
## TICKETS: \$5



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



**Thank You to everyone that submitted a shoe box for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child! We've had over 150 boxes turned in since we started our campaign!**



**Mission Statement for the TSA Class of 2022**



# 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**

# 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

**\$46,000**



Goal: \$50000

**Small Actions**  
**X Lots of People**  
**= BIG CHANGE**

**Give Now**

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TSA

Attn: Development

5265 Camden Hwy

Rembert, SC 29128



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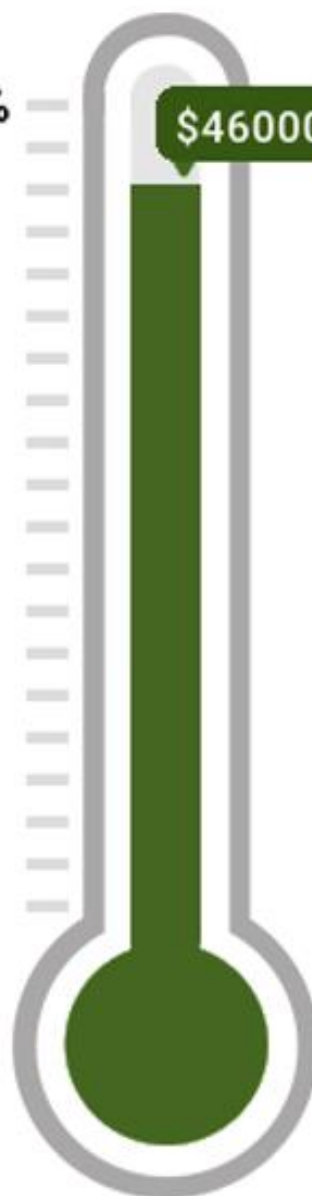
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# Get to Know Your Faculty



My name is Crystee Hoagland, and I was born in California. I studied at California State University at Fullerton. My family includes my husband Cody, son Cooper, and my daughter Carlee. I enjoy riding my motorcycle, hanging out at the lake, and reading the Harry Potter novels. I'm so glad to be teaching at TSA!

## **Favorite Quote:**

"Keep your eyes on the narrow path."

**Favorite Food:** Hot Tamales

## **Go Generals!**

*Donations can be placed in  
the box in the front office.*

NJHS IS PARTNERING WITH SUMTER UNITED MINISTRIES  
TO COLLECT GENTLY USED COATS, HATS, SCARVES, AND  
GLOVES.

# *NJHS Coats for Christ*



*November 29 - December 10*

*Thank you for helping us  
be the hands and feet of  
Jesus this holiday season!*



**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](mailto:sandi.dixon@thomassumter.org)) or Amanda  
Arnold ([amanda.arnold@thomassumter.org](mailto: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, West Virginia University

**Nathan Corns:** Francis Marion University

**Catelyn Dunavant:** Danville Community College

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

**Libby Gore:** Charleston Southern University, Wingate University, University of Alabama, USC Aiken

**Matthew Hawkins:** Limestone College, Erskine College, Coker University

**Porter Laney:** Charleston Southern University, Lander University

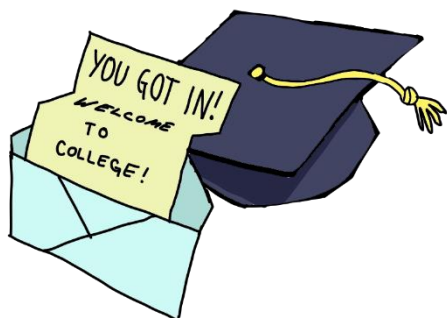
**Lillian Matthews:** Francis Marion University, Winthrop University

**Gracie McCaskill:** Charleston Southern University

**Logan Scruggs:** USC Upstate

**Leah Stokes:** Coker University

**Louis Wright:** University of Oregon, West Virginia University







**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"> <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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Passes to all home athletic events</li> <li>• Booster Club Parking</li> </ul>	\$500
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Pass – 6 tickets to all home athletic events</li> <li>• Banner – all 3 seasons; inside and outside available</li> <li>• 1 B/W Page in the Student Athletic Program – 3 seasons</li> </ul>	\$2,500		Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Passes to all home athletic events</li> <li>• Booster Club Parking</li> </ul>	\$300
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Passes to all home athletic events</li> <li>• Banner – 1 season; inside and outside available</li> <li>• ½ B/W Page in the Student Athletic Program – 3 seasons</li> </ul>	\$1,000		Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Passes to all home athletic events</li> <li>• Booster Club Parking</li> </ul>	\$200-299
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Passes to all home athletic events</li> <li>• ¼ B/W Page in the Student Athletic Program</li> </ul>	\$500		Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Passes to all home athletic events</li> </ul>	\$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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check the box for the TSA Booster Membership option you would like to purchase.

☐ Business    ☐ Family

☐ Platinum    ☐ Silver    ☐ Bronze    ☐ Gold

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**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

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All artwork for the program should be emailed to [brannon.tidwell@thomassumter.org](mailto: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
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:

"Discipline to me is sacrifice; it's a willingness to give up something you want to do so that you can better yourself."

- Bobby Bowden



## Big Shout Out:

To our Competition Cheer Squad on winning the 2A State Championship last Saturday! Congrats, ladies!