



December 3rd, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear Generals,

Welcome back to school. I pray everyone was able to have a fun and relaxing Thanksgiving break with your families and friends – making memories! For our 6th through 12th graders, exams are right around the corner as is the end of the semester. Let's keep all our students focused as we get ready for these last few weeks.

Winter sports are in full swing. We have three of our football players heading the SCISA North-South game to play – JaMari Harris, Matthew Hawkins, and Hayden Poston. Congratulations to these great servant student-athletes! Have fun and good luck.

Our character trait for the month of December is **GENEROSITY**: A story about **GENEROSITY**: *Good news travels fast*: “Greg Dailey was keeping up with his regular paper route in central New Jersey when an elderly customer stopped him. She’d been having some trouble getting to the bottom of her driveway each morning for the paper, and if he could, would Greg mind pulling up to her garage and throwing it a bit closer to her house? He obliged, of course. And if this customer was having trouble getting to the sidewalk for her paper, Greg realized, how was she getting her essentials under quarantine conditions? The next day, Greg included a note in each newspaper on his route: “My name is Greg Dailey and I deliver your newspaper every morning. I would like to offer my services—free of charge—to anyone who needs groceries.” Since, Greg has carefully placed groceries and the morning paper, on the doorsteps of over 100 elderly citizens on his route.” *Source: CBS News*

How can we be generous to each other? Our neighbors? Our friends? An act of kindness can go a long way! . 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

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Week 15



Upcoming Events

December 3rd

Christmas Shop

Middle School Dance (5:00 – 7:00 PM)

PTO's Christmas Bingo

December 4th

Winter Ball (9th – 12th Grades)

December 7th

JV & Varsity Basketball @ Williamsburg (4:00 PM)

December 8th

Chapel (Dress-Up Day)

B-Team Basketball @ Wilson Hall (5:30 PM)

December 10th

Varsity Basketball @ Baron Classic (7:00 PM)

December 11th

Varsity Basketball @ Baron Classic (2:00 PM)

December 15th

Faculty In-Service Day – Early Dismissal

- 12:15 PM for LS; 12:30 PM for MS & US

December 15th – 17th

Upper School Exams – Early Dismissal

- 12:15 PM for LS; 12:30 PM for MS & US

December 16th

Recognition Rally (8:15 AM)

December 17th

Last Day for Students – Early Dismissal

- 12:15 PM for LS; 12:30 PM for MS & US

Denotes Sporting Event

Welcome to the Family, Generals!

Alex Yousefi — PK2

Makailyn Wills — 3rd Grade

Hayden Hardy — 9th 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 to our LS and MS Spelling Bee Winners!



F - A - N - T - A - S - T - I - C

3rd Grade: William Shelton & CJ Kurzdorfer

4th Grade: Brice Reece & Ian Dara

5th Grade: Audrey Allen & Liam Smith

6th Grade: Eva Halloran & Joshua Kelly

7th Grade: Jack McGary & Elyas Chatriwala

8th Grade: Anna Bell & Kennedy Ryan

Alumni Spotlight



Congratulations to TSA Class of 2020 alumna Karleigh Young on signing to play collegiate volleyball at Montreat College on Monday! Karleigh will be joining the Cavaliers following her lone season as a member of USA-Sumter's inaugural team. A standout performer during her time at TSA, she is looking forward to her newest adventure and cannot wait to get started. Way to go, Karleigh!!

Popsicle Stick Bridges



Mr. Harrelson's STEAM class has been working on their popsicle stick bridges for the last few weeks. One of the bridges held a whopping 125 lbs! Congrats to Skylar Spilker, Riley Carnes, Omnaa Patel, and Isabella Boshers on a phenomenal job with this project!

North-South Football All-Stars



Congratulations to seniors Hayden Poston, Matthew Hawkins and JaMari Harris on their selections to compete in this year's SCISA North-South All-Star football game hosted at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School. These young men have had terrific seasons and have represented TSA well throughout the year. Kick-Off is tonight at 6:00 PM in Columbia. Well-deserved for sure!



General Store

POP UP SHOP

Friday, December 3
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Gym Courtyard - look for tent

5:30 - 7:00 pm
Gym before Bingo

T-shirts, Teddy Bears & Jackets

Need Some TSA Merchandise?



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

OUR PIGGY BANK IS GROWING BECAUSE OF YOU

Can you help us
break the bank with
a Annual Fund
donation today?

We are
95%
of the way to
\$50k



Get to Know Your Faculty



My name is Heather Gore, and I was born in Dover, Delaware. I studied at Penn State University. My family consists of my husband Jamie and my daughters Libby (TSA c/o 2022) and Lucy (TSA c/o 2026). I enjoy watching sports, spending time with family, going to the beach, and reading novels by Dorothea Benton Frank.

I'm so glad to be a part of the TSA Family!

Favorite Verse: Romans 8:28

Favorite Food: Italian Food & Deserts

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) 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, University of Alabama, Wingate University, West Virginia University, Winthrop University

Stephanie Carges: Hollins University

Nathan Corns: Francis Marion University

Lindsay Daniel: University of Alabama, University of Georgia, USC Sumter

Jack Dennis: Anderson University

Catelyn Dunavant: Danville Community College

Hailee-Rhodes Eargle: USC Upstate, Converse University, Charleston Southern University, USC Sumter, Presbyterian College, Coastal Carolina University, USC Aiken, Winthrop University

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

Matthew Hawkins: Limestone College, Erskine College, Coker University

Porter Laney: Anderson University, University of Alabama, Charleston Southern University, Lander University

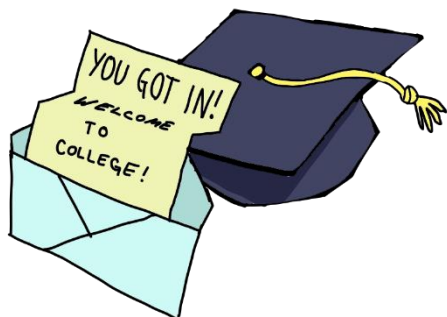
Lillian Matthews: Francis Marion University, Winthrop University

Gracie McCaskill: Charleston Southern University

Logan Scruggs: USC Upstate, USC Aiken

Leah Stokes: Coker University, North Greenville University, USC Sumter

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"> • 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
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:

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

-Charles Dickens



Big Shout Out:

To Ms. Suchomski and our Performing Arts Department on two incredible showings of their Fall play *Radium Girls*!