



December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Thomas Sumter Academy

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*Dear Generals,*

One week left in the semester. I cannot believe how fast the first semester has flown by, and that Christmas is right around the corner. All winter sports are in full swing, and teams are doing well. The varsity basketball teams will be participating in the Baron Classic this weekend at Wilson Hall; Girls at 7:00 PM and Boys at 8:30 PM. Let's support our Generals! Next week is a special academic week as it is an exam week for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Let's keep all our students focused.

Our character trait for the month of December is **GENEROSITY**: A story about **GENEROSITY**: Today our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have had the good fortune to be able to purchase gifts for young people who are not quite as fortunate. They are able to do this because of everyone's generosity at last week's Christmas Shop. The 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders earned just over \$4,000 which will allow them to spend approximately \$100 per Angel Tree child. What a blessing this will be – and all because of your generosity. The TSA Family is a unique family. A round of applause for each of you and a huge thank you. Your generosity will allow many children to realize their Christmas wish list.

How can we be generous to each other? Our neighbors? Our friends? An act of kindness can go a long way! . Read the article at <https://www.sunnyskyz.com/good-news/4487/Ohio-Siblings-Donate-Thousands-Of-Toys-To-Children-039-s-Hospital-Every-Christmas> for another great story about **GENEROSITY**.

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 16



# Upcoming Events

<b>December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Varsity Basketball @ Baron Classic (7:00 PM)</b>
<b>December 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Varsity Basketball @ Baron Classic (2:00 PM)</b>
<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Faculty In-Service Day – Early Dismissal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 12:15 PM for LS; 12:30 PM for MS &amp; US</li></ul>
<b>December 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Upper School Exams – Early Dismissal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 12:15 PM for LS; 12:30 PM for MS &amp; US</li></ul>
<b>December 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Recognition Rally (8:15 AM)</b>
<b>December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day for Students – Early Dismissal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 12:15 PM for LS; 12:30 PM for MS &amp; US</li></ul>

**Denotes Sporting Event**



# Christmas Shop



**Our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders hosted TSA's annual Christmas Shop last Friday in the gym. The money made from the shop funds our annual "Stuff a Bus" campaign where our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders buy presents for their own Salvation Army angel. Great job, everyone!**



# “Stuff A Bus”



**With their proceeds from Christmas shop, each student was able to spend \$100 on their individual Salvation Army angel. This Friday, our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders went on a shopping spree for these special children. Needless to say, our students had an awesome time, and “Stuff a Bus” was a HUGE success!**





# Christmas Bingo



**A HUGE  
shoutout to our  
PTO for putting  
on a great  
Christmas Bingo  
last Friday!  
Everyone had a  
blast!**

# NORTH-SOUTH FOOTBALL ALL-STARS



LAST FRIDAY, SENIORS HAYDEN POSTON, MATTHEW HAWKINS AND JAMARI HARRIS COMPETED IN THIS YEAR'S SCISA NORTH-SOUTH ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME HOSTED AT HEATHWOOD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT CAME OUT AND SUPPORTED THESE GREAT YOUNG MEN. THEY HAVE HAD STELLAR SEASONS AND REPRESENTED TSA WELL IN THE CONTEST. CONGRATS, GUYS!





Basketball Season is officially underway! Congrats to our B-Team Girls, JV Girls, Varsity Girls, and Varsity Boys on their victories this week! Go Generals!





# Upper School Character Trait Winners

## Honesty – October

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Wade Johnson  
and Landon West

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Ethan Binkley and  
Henry Sturkey

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Savannah  
Creasman and Lillian Guinn

9<sup>th</sup> grade – Amber Martin and  
Trenton Spilker

10<sup>th</sup> grade – Tyler Bryson and  
Miriam Roberson

11<sup>th</sup> grade – Grace Beasley  
and Alex Cook

12<sup>th</sup> grade – Lindsay Daniel  
and Lily Matthews

## Gratitude -November

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Emily Arnold and  
Olivia Ziegler

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Ethan Binkley and  
Dapanga Furnish

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Sophia Fackelman  
and Megan Reber

9<sup>th</sup> grade – Jaylyn Cassell and  
Carlie Dippold

10<sup>th</sup> grade – Ava Teeters, Ava  
Brenneman, and Ella Bell

11<sup>th</sup> grade – Owen Reber and  
Lillian Lindler

12<sup>th</sup> grade – Jhyllil Bradford  
and Nathan Corns

## Generosity – December

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Riley Carnes and  
Fendley Kimbro

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Luke Cato and  
Paisley Hill

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Lucy Gore and  
Omnaa Patel

9<sup>th</sup> grade – Clara Ann  
McCaskill and Peter Carino

10<sup>th</sup> grade – Miriam  
Roberson and Karsen  
Krammer

11<sup>th</sup> grade – Mary Lenior  
Hoge and James Claffy

12<sup>th</sup> grade – Matthew  
Hawkins and Brandon Burns

## Congratulations to all our October, November, and December Character Trait Award Winners!

# Our Students Rock!



Some of our Middle and High School students helped decorate some delicious sugar cookies this week with Mrs. Lisa! What an awesome time; they look amazing!





# YEAR END GIVING

2021 TSA ANNUAL FUND

Postmark by 12/31/21

Goal: \$50000

100%  
90%  
80%  
70%  
60%  
50%  
40%  
30%  
20%  
10%

\$47000



*We are  
almost there!!*



**Help us fill the 6% Gap!!**

"It is not how much we give, but  
how much love is put in the  
giving." -Mother Theresa

**Giving Tuesday**

*Thank's  
You*



**Thank you to everyone who answered the call during our Phone-A-Thon and Giving Tuesday!!**

**Please remember to send in your pledges.**

You may pay online [www.thomassumteracademy.org](http://www.thomassumteracademy.org) or mail a check to

TSA Development  
5265 Camden Hwy  
Rembert, SC 29128

# Get to Know Your Faculty



My name is Sandi Dixon, and I was born in Columbia, SC. I studied at Coastal Carolina University. My family includes my son Ryan (TSA c/o 2017), son Cameron (TSA c/o 2020) and my fur baby Jimi. I enjoy shopping, going to the beach, and reading anything by Nicholas Sparks. I'm so glad to be a part of the TSA Family each and every day!

**Favorite Verse:** Romans 8:28 & Jeremiah 29:11

**Favorite Food:** Mexican & Japanese

## 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](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, 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

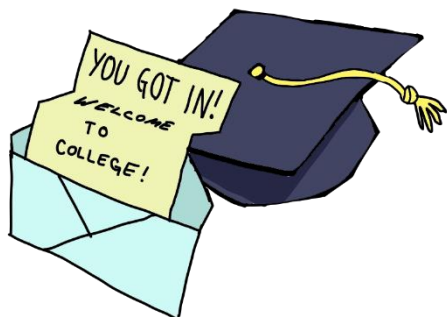
**Lillian Matthews:** Francis Marion University, Winthrop University

**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"> <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
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:

"Sometimes you don't realize your own strength until you come face to face with your greatest weakness."

-Susan Gale



## Big Shout Out:

To Ms. Nikki Ramsdell for her incredible work as our Administrative Assistant and Registrar this year. We are going to miss you, Geron, and the kids terribly. Your TSA family loves you, and we always will!