



January 14th, 2022

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear Generals,

It has been a busy week here on “the Hill.” Our teachers continue to do great things with our students, whether they are here in-person or having to be conducting virtual e-learning due to close contact or testing positive. We are praying that we are back to our “pre-spike normal” next week. Our numbers of active COVID have consistently gone down this week, with us reaching the apex Tuesday. There will be a separate email later today discussing a few more details for next week. Additionally, those notes will have a one question survey for you to complete.

Our character trait for the month of January is RESPONSIBILITY. As parents we have a responsibility, as students, we have responsibility, as a school, we have responsibility, as teachers we have responsibility. Everyone has responsibility. Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Stay safe and healthy. According to reported data from Prisma Health Toumey (Sumter and Richland), as of January 13th, the following information is provided: Out of 587 COVID hospitalizations, 122 are vaccinated and 465 are unvaccinated. Of those 61 on vents, 8 have been vaccinated and 53 are unvaccinated.

Enjoy your 3-day weekend.

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! 2022 here we come!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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

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Week 19



Upcoming Events

January 17th

MLK Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL!

Bowling @ Gamecock Lanes (5:00 PM)

January 18th

LS & MS Battle of the Books – Regional

January 19th

HS Battle of the Books – State

JV & Varsity Basketball vs. Lee Academy (5:00 PM)

- No JV Boys; JV Girls at 5:00 PM.

January 21st

100th Day of School!

Senior General Speaks

Bowling @ Gamecock Lanes (3:30 PM)

JV & Varsity Basketball @ Orangeburg Prep. (4:00 PM)

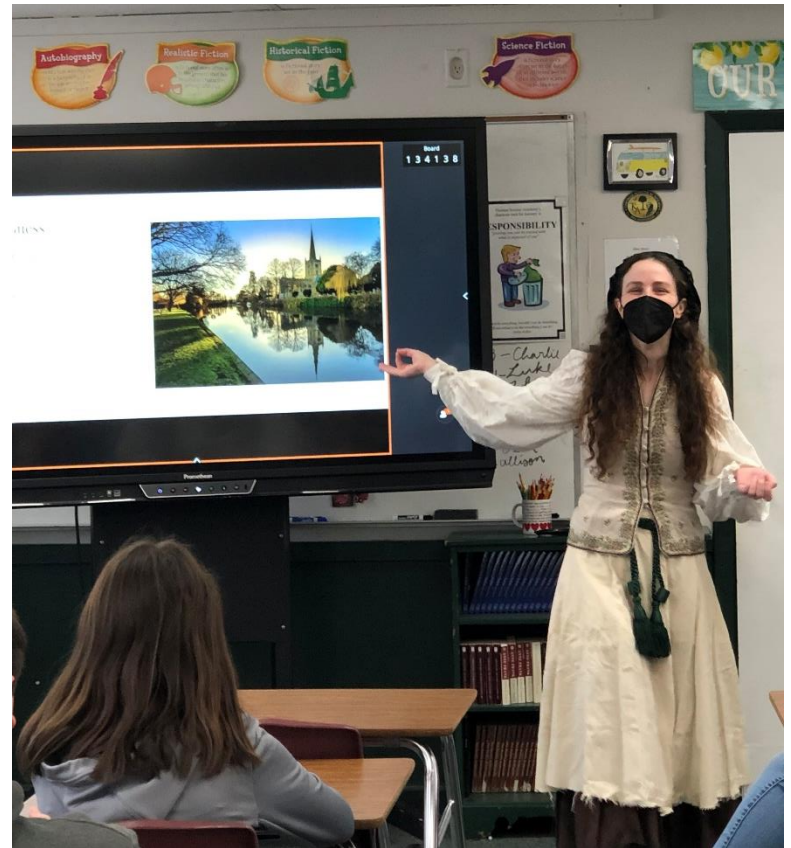
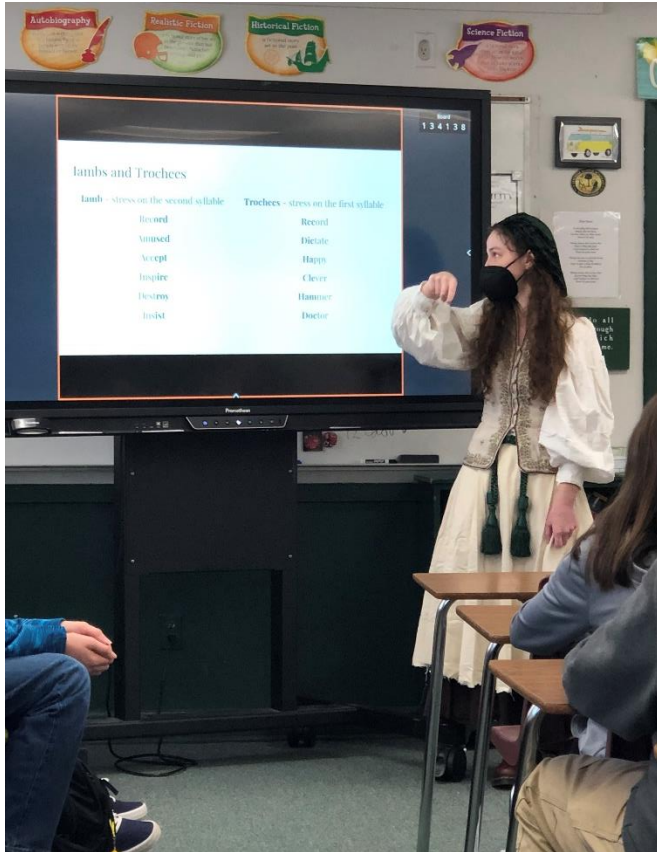
Denotes Sporting Event

Welcome to the Family, Generals!

Mattie Moore — 7th 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!*

“To Be or Not to Be, that is the Question”



Our English I students had a very special guest in their class this week! Mrs. Kiernan's daughter, PhD. Student, Julia Smith, dressed as a Shakespearean actress and introduced "all about Shakespeare" to her English I students. Thank you, Mrs. Smith!

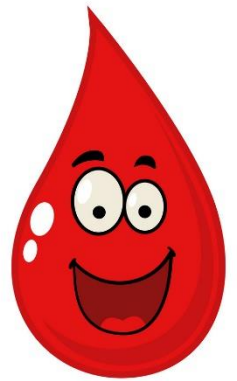
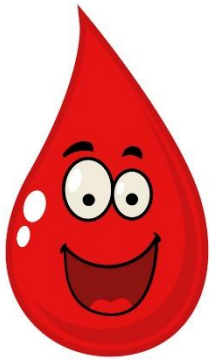
Lower School S. T. E. A. M.



Our Lower School S. T. E. A. M classes, led by Mrs. Hale, learned about the different types of precipitation and what causes them! They conducted experiments with food coloring and shaving cream to see just how water weighs down clouds causing precipitation. What an awesome time!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

On Tuesday, T&A hosted its Winter Blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross. Thank you to everyone that donated! Your generosity is unmatched!



Congratulations JAC Contest Winners!

John Stephenson	Poster	1 st in School & 1 st in State
Teddy Fortin	Photo Essay	1 st in School & 1 st in State
Leia Branham	Poster	1 st in School
Ian Dara	Poster	2 nd in School
Anna Reese Altman	Stamp	1 st in School
Zoey Rivers	Stamp	2 nd in School
Keira Anderson	Stamp	3 rd in School
Isabella Stephenson	Poster	1 st in School & 1 st in State

Every year, the JAC hosts a promotional contest where lower school students are asked to design a poster, stamp, or photo essay and compete against other students in the area. Our students did an amazing job! Congratulations to all our winners!

Get to Know Your Faculty



My name is Tae Laney, and I was born in South Carolina. I studied at Columbia College and Francis Marion University. My family consists of my husband Michael and daughters Porter (TSA c/o 2022) and Hudson (TSA c/o 2030). I enjoy spending time with friends and family, anything outdoors, going to the movies, and reading motivational and nonfiction books. I'm so glad to be a part of the TSA family!

Favorite Verse: Philippians 4:13

Favorite Food: Chocolate-Covered Almonds & Salt 'N Vinegar Chips

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

Ayden Allen: USC Columbia

Carter Brazell: Montana State University, Trinity Valley College

Madeleine Britton: College of Charleston

Brandon Burns: Francis Marion University, Charleston Southern University, Spartanburg Methodist College, University of Alabama, Wingate University, West Virginia University, Winthrop University, Lander University, Gardner Webb University, Coastal Carolina University, Newberry College, Presbyterian College

Stephanie Carges: Hollins University

Nathan Corns: Francis Marion University, Miami University of Ohio

Jacob Crowe: Presbyterian College

Lindsay Daniel: University of Alabama, University of Georgia, USC Sumter, Furman University, USC Columbia, College of Charleston

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, College of Charleston

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

Matthew Hawkins: Limestone College, Erskine College, Coker University

Jaime Huntley: Central Carolina Technical College

Porter Laney: Anderson University, University of Alabama, Charleston Southern University, Lander University, Presbyterian College, USC Columbia, College of Charleston

Clay Marshall: Full Sail University

Lillian Matthews: Francis Marion University, Winthrop University, Warren Wilson College, College of Charleston

Gracie McCaskill: Charleston Southern University, USC Beaufort, University of Tennessee

Logan Scruggs: USC Upstate, USC Aiken

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

Cameron Eron: USC Beaufort, Coastal Carolina University

Jacob Walters: Charleston Southern University

Louis Wright: University of Oregon, West Virginia University, University of Alabama, Charleston Southern 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
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
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:

"Let all your moments of self-doubt, fear, or disappointment fuel your drive to be great."

- Devin McCourty



Big Shout Out:

To our incredible substitute teachers for always being there for our faculty members and our students! We cannot thank you enough for all your help!