

January 28th, 2022

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear Generals,

I cannot believe our spring sports are already practicing. We are already into the month of February. Fabulous February is right around the corner. We are five weeks into the third quarter. Help us keep our students focused as we head into the final stretch. We have had some great basketball games this week – some great

wins, and a couple of heartbreakers. For seniors, we are 67 school days (and a wake-up) from graduation.

Our character trait for the month of February is <u>INDIVIDUALITY</u>. On the next page is a poem by Traci Neal about individuality:

Generals – Are you Ready? – YES, WE ARE! <u>T</u>enacity. <u>Supports</u>. <u>A</u>chievement PROUD TO BE A GENERAL Dr. F.L. Martin JJJ



Field of Grass

How beautiful is my very own field of grass! I wouldn't like it to be the same as anyone else's!

I own a field of grass. What a beauty it is! There is lots of black soil to settle hands in. When I water my field of grass, it grows. I love laying on it. I hare in the sunlight. I glow. My field of grass makes me feel free. I am a friend to my field of grass, until I forget its beauty.

I look around at the other fields. Their grass goes straight up. My field's grass moves with the wind. It collects lots of dirt. (The dirt helps it grow.)

I change the texture of my field. I want it to look like all the rest.

I take a tractor to try to train my field of grass. It changes for a little, then it goes backto its original form.

I try trimming my field of grass. It only brings out the texture of it even more.

What am I to do? My field of grass is not working with me.

The battle between me and my field of grass goes on for years. Finally, one day, I give up. I no longer try to change my field of grass. I look after it instead.

I put water on my field of grass. I trim it. I clean it. I love it.

You have a field of grass that is one of a kind, too. I am talking about the field of grass in your head.

Dear child, the field in your head is a crown shining bright. Do not believe what you are told. Be bold. Believe in yourself. My field of grass makes waves. What does your field of grass do? Whatever it is, own every part of it.

Shine on with the heart you possess. Your field of grass is what makes you special.

Smile and do your best. Never settle for anything less.











Upcoming Events

February 8 th	JV & Varsity Basketball @ Palmetto Chr. (4:00 PM)	
February 9 th	NHS Inductions – Chapel (Dress-Up Day)	
	JV Girls Basketball vs. Lee (3:30 PM)	
February 10 th	JV & Varsity Basketball @ Calhoun (4:00 PM)	
February 11 th – 14 th	Fabulous February Holiday – NO SCHOOL!!	
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Denotes Sporting Event

Welcome to the Family, Generals!

Emma Taylor – 3rd Haydyn Crout – 9th Grade

We've added some new Generals to our 75A Family! We're so excited to have them and their families as a part of our wonderful school!

100th Day of School









B-Team Basketball vs Lee

Congratulations to our B-Team Boys basketball team on their 38-36 victory over Lee Academy last night! Our boys fought back from 13 points down to beat the Cavs on a Weston Shaffer layup with 3 seconds remaining. Kameron Bowser led the Generals in scoring with 25 points. Way to go, boys!









Míddle School Dance Fríday, February 18th

4th Grade Spanish



Our 4th graders started Spanish with Mrs. Colegrove in the computer this week! Muy bien!!

Winter Sports Senior Night





On Tuesday, TSA honored 20 amazing seniors from our Bowling, Girls Basketball, Basketball Cheer, and Boys Basketball teams. We are so proud of their accomplishments and will never forget their impact on our Winter Sports programs, Thank you, Seniors!



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 (<u>sandi.dixon@thomassumter.org</u>) or Amanda Arnold (<u>amanda.arnold@thomassumter.org</u>) for more information.

All Grades Available!

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Tickets on Sale Now!! Your ticket will include: food, *beverage, silent and live auction, and a night of fun. Tickets and Catalogs will be delivered together the week of auction.				
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Get to Know Your Faculty





My name is Bryan Newhouse, and I was born in Kansas City, Missouri. I studied at Fort Hays State University and the Florida Coastal School of Law. I enjoy coaching and books made into movies. I'm so glad to be here at TSA!

Favorite Verse:

"Wise is not knowing everything but knowing I know nothing." - Socrates

Favorite Food: BBQ

Go Generals!



Thomas Sumter Academy Mon Café (Sumter) Spirit Night Sponsored by TSA PTO

Monday, Jan. 24th 3pm – 9pm 50% of sales to TSA

You can order in person, online or by phone but you **MUST** mention or note Thomas Sumter Academy for us to receive 50% of the sale. We will have this opportunity on

> Monday, Jan. 24th Thursday, Feb. 24th Monday, March 28th Thursday, April 28th

Senior College Acceptances

Ayden Allen: USC Columbia

Brandon Bailey: Charleston Southern University

Jhylil Bradford: Limestone University

Carter Brazell: Montana State University, Trinity Valley College

Madeleine Britton: College of Charleston, Tri-County Technical College

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, Barton College, Mary Baldwin University, Presbyterian College, College of Charleston, Furman University, Wofford College

Nathan Corns: Francis Marion University, Miami University of Ohio, Furman University, Wofford College

Jacob Crowe: Presbyterian College

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

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

Cason Holman: Coastal Carolina 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, Anderson University

Senior College Acceptances... cont'd

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

Ally Moses: USC Columbia, Wofford College, Clemson

Logan Scruggs: USC Upstate, USC Aiken

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

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

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:

""There is no path to happiness; happiness is the path." — Buddha



Big Shout Out:

To our awesome bus drívers for their efforts to keep our students safe to and from TSA! Thanks for all you do!