



February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Thomas Sumter Academy

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*Dear Generals,*

I pray you enjoy your 4-day Fabulous February weekend this weekend. The weather should be fantastic for this time of year. Just a reminder that our State of the Academy will be presented Wednesday, February 23, 2022. I look forward to sharing with you where we are and where we are going. For seniors, we are 63 school days (and a wake-up) from graduation.

Our character trait for the month of February is INDIVIDUALITY.

I read this story this week and thought I would share it:

#### EVERYDAY IS BEAUTIFUL FOR ME

“While recuperating from her second open-heart surgery at Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, my six-year-old daughter, Kelley, was moved from the intensive care unit to the floor with the other children. Because a section of the floor was closed, Kelley was put in the wing reserved for cancer patients. In the adjacent room, a six-year-old boy named Adam was fighting a battle with leukemia. Adam stayed at the hospital for a portion of each month while receiving chemotherapy treatments.

Every day Adam sauntered into Kelley's room to visit, pushing the pole that held his chemotherapy bag. Despite the discomfort of the treatments, Adam was always smiling and cheerful. He entertained us for hours with his many stories. Adam had a way of finding the positive and the humor in any situation, however, difficult. One particular day, I was feeling tired and anxious for Kelley's release from the hospital. The gray, gloomy day outside only fueled my poor mood. While I stood at the window looking at the rainy sky, Adam came in for his daily visit. I commented to him on what a depressing day it was. With his ever-present smile, Adam turned to me and cheerily replied, “Every day is beautiful for me.”

From that day on I have never had a gloomy day. Even the grayest days bring a feeling of joy as I remember with gratitude the words of wisdom spoken by a very brave six-year-old boy named Adam.” By Patti Merritt

We have some families like Adam and Kelley, struggling. Let's be thankful for everything we have. Blessings for a wonderful 4-day weekend. Safe travels for those traveling.

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

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement

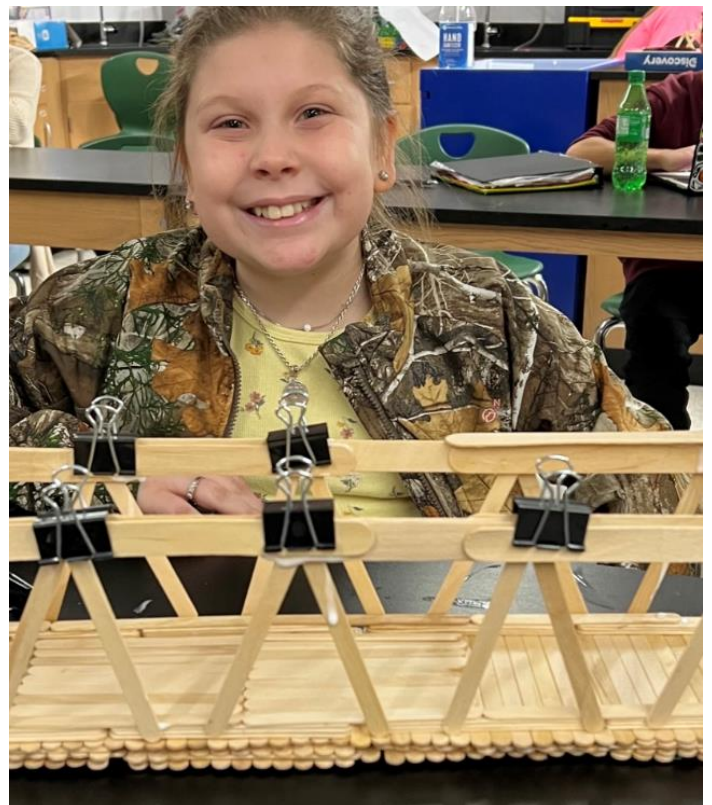
**PROUD TO BE A GENERAL**

*Dr. F.L. Martin III*

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# Week 23

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# Upcoming Events

**February 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Fabulous February Holiday – NO SCHOOL!!**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**SCISA State Dance Competition**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Senior Speaks**

**MS Semi-Formal Valentine's Dance (5:00 – 7:00 PM)**

**Denotes Sporting Event**

*Welcome to the Family, Generals!*

*Adam Noorali – PK2*

*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!*



## Upper School Character Trait Winners: Responsibility

**6th grade** – Alaina Anderson and Kenleigh Anderson

**7th grade** – Lila Kate Stines and Henry Sturkey

**8th grade** – Isabella Boshers and Jacen Krammer

**9th grade** - Amber Martin and Brynna Nedderman

**10th grade** - Augusta Bosone and Karsen Krammer

**11th grade** - Grace Beasley and Owen Reber

**12th grade** - Tiny Bradford and Libby Gore

## Congratulations to all our recipients!



# RING CEREMONY

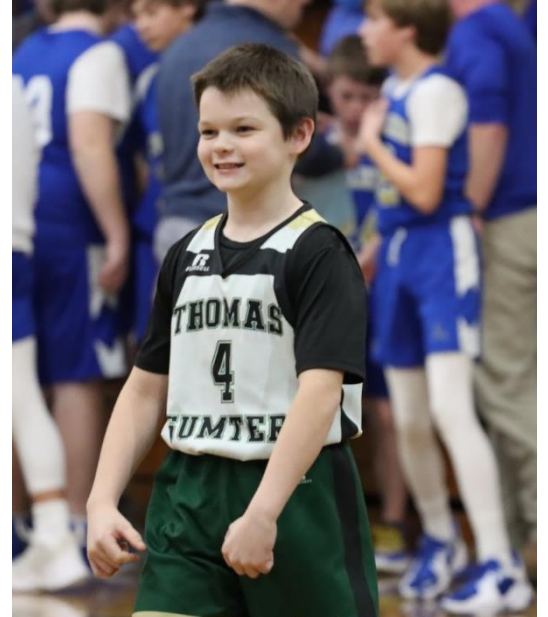


OUR 2021 STATE CHAMPION  
COMPETITIVE CHEER  
SQUAD RECEIVED THEIR  
OFFICIAL STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS  
THIS WEEK IN AN AWESOME  
CEREMONY PUT ON BY  
THEIR COACHES.  
CONGRATULATIONS TO  
COACH JENNIFER, COACH  
DESEREE, AND OUR GIRLS  
ON THIS PHENOMENAL  
ACCOMPLISHMENT!  
SECOND TO NONE FOR  
SURE!!



# B-Team Basketball

Our B-Team basketball teams officially concluded their seasons last night in two hard-fought games with the Calhoun Cavaliers. We are so proud of these student-athletes in their growth throughout the year. A HUGE “Thank You” to Coach Jamie, Coach Heather, Coach Scott, Coach Singleton, and Coach Kimbro for instilling incredible work ethic in these players! We cannot wait for next year!







## PEP-RALLY

Last Friday, TSA hosted an incredible pep-rally! It included many of our young ladies donating their hair to the “children With Hair-Loss” campaign, as well as a Dodgeball tournament to raise money for Crosswell children’s Home in Sumter. TSA’s motto “Acta Non Verba” was on full display. Thank you to everyone that participated!







*Middle School Dance*

*Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>*



**NOMINATIONS OPEN JANUARY 12**

NOMINATE AT [WWW.THEITEM.COM/BESTOF2022](http://WWW.THEITEM.COM/BESTOF2022)

**NOMINATE JAN. 12-31**



**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!**

# Shenanigans 2022

## 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.**

### Ticket Price

\$25 a person

\$40 a couple

\*cash bar

### Shenanigans 2022

April 9<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm

Sans Souci Farm

1935 Sans Souci Rd., Sumter

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) to Shenanigans 2022.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Thomas Sumter Academy

Purchase Online

#### Contact Information:

Thomas Sumter Academy

Development Office

5265 Camden Highway

Rembert, SC 29128

[www.thomassumteracademy.org](http://www.thomassumteracademy.org)

Development/Make a Gift

Make sure to note Shenanigans

Tickets



# Get to Know Your faculty



My name is Sammie Rodriguez, and I was born in Camden, SC. I studied at Grand Canyon University. My family consists of my son Ethan (TSA c/o 2033), my dad Allen, my mom Kathy, and my dog Wishbone. I enjoy traveling, visiting historical places, playing with my son and puppy, and reading dystopian fiction novels. I'm so glad to teach here!

**Favorite Verse:** 1 Corinthians 2:9

**Favorite Food:** Anything Fried & Coca-Cola

## Go Generals!

Students & Parents,



**CROSSWELL**  
Home for Children

Student Council is excited to announce our annual community project and partnership with Crosswell Home for Children in Sumter. Crosswell Home for Children, established in 1935, has served as a home for more than 1,000 local children. Children may stay only a few days; others may live at Crosswell Home for a few years. However long children are at Crosswell, their goal is to be a Home where children learn, play, and develop to their fullest potential. Our campaign will run from Friday, February 4 to Friday, February 25. Our goal this year is to raise \$5,000.

**After raising funds for Crosswell Home our students will also purchase, organize, and deliver Easter Baskets for children at Crosswell Home as well as host an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children. "Actions not Words"**



To reach our goal of **\$5,000**, we are asking all students and families to help with your spare dollars and change. We know that our outstanding students will exceed this goal with no problem. They have always amazed us! We do this primarily by asking for help from friends, family, and neighbors.

## **2022 Crosswell Home for Children Campaign**

### **Purchase a Pass good Feb. 4 – Feb. 25 to support Crosswell**

Dress Down Pass	\$20 good until Feb. 25 (excludes Feb. 9 -Chapel)
Hat Pass	\$20 good until Feb. 25 (excludes Feb. 9-Chapel)
Teacher Jeans Pass	\$20 to wear jeans until Feb. 25
Pajama Pass (lower school)	\$20 to wear pajamas every day until Feb. 25
Change Challenge US	2/9/22 Chapel Change Challenge for Upper School
Change Challenge LS	2/10/22 Chapel Change Challenge for Lower School
Twos Day – 2/22/22	\$2 Tutu Twos Palooza – 2/22/22 only
Teacher Fun	TBD by individual teachers if they choose to participate

**Upper School students MUST have pass to show at ALL times or will be written up if unable to present pass. Lower School may give pass to homeroom teacher. We will not be able to reissue passes!!**

### **How Can I Give?**

- Mail to TSA: 5265 Camden Highway, Rembert, SC 29128
- Send Cash or Check in with student
- Online [www.thomassumteracademy.org](http://www.thomassumteracademy.org) Development/Make a Gift  
(note as Crosswell donation when choosing category-Development)

**Change Challenge**-Containers for each grade will be on stage for students to drop spare change prior to Chapel (K2-KG will have containers in room). The grade with the most will receive a Donut Day. One winner for upper school (6-12) and one winner for lower school (K2-5).

**Twos Day** – Spirit Day that must include a Tutu. \$2 donation to participate and will be taken up by an Executive Officer at the door on Tuesday morning (2/22/22). Winners to be announced!!

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**MON** café JAPAN

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

***Monday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>***

***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. 24<sup>th</sup>~~

Thursday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

# 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 <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
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:

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

— Theodore Roosevelt



## Big Shout Out:

To Ms. Carrie McGary for her outstanding work as our Registrar and as our Administrative Assistant! Thanks for all you do, Ms. McGary!