

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Thomas Sumter Academy

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#### Dear Generals,

Another awesome week this week. We are already into the month of April. Can you believe it? As we begin this month there are only 36 more school days and it will fly right by. April and May are full of activities and sports competitions – it will be even busier than we have been since the beginning

of the semester. Our spring athletic teams continue to do well. Our archers did a fantastic job at State competitions this past Wednesday, and our Sporting Clay's team compete tomorrow at the State competition. Our High School Battle of the Books team came in as SCISA State Runner-ups this week and both our Middle and Lower school teams did well in their competitions putting their best "foot forward" as all Generals do. PROUD TO BE A GENERAL!

**The Two Wolves:** An old Cherokee chief sat down to teach his grandson about life. "There's a fight going on inside me," he tells the young boy, "a fight between two wolves." "One wolf is evil. It's full of malice, anger, greed, self-pity, and false pride. The other is good. It's full of peace, love, joy, kindness, and humility."

"This same fight is going on inside you and everyone else on the face of the earth." The grandson was quiet, pondering this revelation for a moment before asking, "Grandfather, which wolf will win?" The old man smiled and replied, "The one you feed."

**Moral of the story:** Good and evil exist within each of us. It's our responsibility to own that reality and do whatever we can to nurture the good. <u>https://www.whatsdannydoing.com/blog/short-inspirational-stories-with-a-moral</u>

For seniors, we are 31 school days (and a wake-up) from graduation. Stay focused on graduation! Finish the year strong. Take a look at: <u>https://johnmaxwellteam.com/2022-future/?c=jmax-em-np-bo&jmtc=mwm-word&jmta=mwm-word-cta</u> as you look to the future.

Our character trait for the month of April is <u>COURAGE</u>. The Bible verse is: Deuteronomy 31: 6: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

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.T. Martin JIJ* 













# **Upcoming Events**

- April 1<sup>st</sup> JV & Varsity Baseball @ Orangeburg Prep. (4:00 PM)
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Track @ CIU Select Meet
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Golf @ Santee National (3:30 PM)
- April 6<sup>th</sup> Varsity Track @ Orangeburg Prep.
  - B-Team Softball vs. Timmerman (4:00 PM)
- April 7<sup>th</sup> MS State Track Championships @ Orangeburg Prep.

B-Team Softball vs. Calhoun (4:00 PM)

- April 8<sup>th</sup> JV & Varsity Baseball @ Lee (4:00 PM)
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Shenanigans

Welcome to the Family, Generals!

Kayla Brown – 11th 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!





# Battle of the Books







This week, our Lower School, Middle School, and High School Battle of the **Books teams competed against other** SCISA schools in a top-notch reading competition. For the Regional Competition, the game-show style meet hosted 12 rounds, with each school competing in four of those rounds against a different school. Teams do not know in advance what questions will be asked about the books. EVERYBODY DID AN **AMAZING JOB!** Congratulations to our High School squad on placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in SCISA! A Huge thank you to our BOB sponsors and their students for all their hard work!

## **Archery State Championships**

Our Thomas Sumter Academy archery team took aim at the Sumter County Civic Center Wednesday in the state archery meet! We saw some terrific scores and finished as SCSIA's State Runners-Up!

Freshman Reese Distelzweig finished her bullseye round as the 3rd overall girl out of 161 shooters. Congratulations Reese!









#### **Special Guest ... Mookie Wilson**





Our baseball teams had a super special guest this week before their gamesd against Heathwood Hall. 1986 World Series Champion Mookie Wilson visitied the "Hill" and gave an awesoeme pre-game speech to our boys. Wilson is most remebred as the Met who hit the ground ball that rolled through Bill Buckner's legs in the bottom of the 10th inning of game six of the 1956 World Series! What a cool experience; thanks Mr. Wilson!

## If you haven't already, ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TO GUARANTEE YOUR COPY!

We're counting down the days until Yearbook Distribution Day, and we want YOU to join us! Order your yearbook while supplies last!

**Online: Go to:** www.jostensyearbooks.com

In person: Make out a check to Thomas Sumter Academy for\$85\*, write your name and "yearbook" in the memo line, and take your check to Ms. Salas.

\* The price will go up to \$95 after April 14, so order yours before spring break.

Thank you for supporting our program and we hope you have a wonderful school year!

2021-2022 Yearbook Staff Leah Kiernan, Yearbook Advisor Shelley Salas, Yearbook Financial Advisor

#### 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!**

Sherargars 2022			
<b>Tickets on Sale Now!!</b> 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.			
<b>Ticket Price</b> \$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		
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City			
Make checks payable to: Thomas Sumter Acaden Contact Information: Thomas Sumter Academy Development Office 5265 Camden Highway Rembert, SC 29128	ny Purchase Online www.thomassumteracademy.org Development/Make a Gift Make sure to note Shenanigans Tickets		

### **Get to Know Your Faculty**



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My name is Rene Holladay, and I was born in Sumter, SC. I studied at Francis marion University! My family consists of my husband Jamie, my daughter Emily (TSA c/o 2023), and my son Trey (TSA c/o 2018). I enjoy spending time with family, going to the beach and reading Robert Munsch books to my class.

#### **Favorite Verse:**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

Favorite Food: Steak & Italian Food

## **Go Generals!**



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, UNC Asheville, Auburn University, UNC Wilmington, UNC Charlotte

Brandon Bailey: Charleston Southern University, Clemson University, USC Columbia

Randall Bock: Horry Georgetown Technical College

Jhylil Bradford: Limestone University

**Carter Brazell:** Montana State University, Trinity Valley College, Clemson University, Auburn University, Texas A&M

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

**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, USC Columbia

**Stephanie Carges**: Hollins University, Barton College, Mary Baldwin University, Presbyterian College, College of Charleston, Furman University, Wofford College, USC Columbia

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

Jacob Crowe: Presbyterian College, Furman University, College of Charleston

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

Jack Dennis: Anderson University, Clemson University. The Citadel

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, Clemson University

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

Matthew Hawkins: Limestone College, Erskine College, Coker University, USC Beaufort

Cason Holman: Coastal Carolina University, USC Columbia

Jaime Huntley: Central Carolina Technical College

Ben June: USC Columbia, College of Charleston

### Senior College Acceptances... cont'd

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

#### Clay Marshall: Full Sail University

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

**Gracie McCaskill**: Charleston Southern University, USC Beaufort, University of Tennessee, Clemson University, Virginia Tech, USC Columbia, USC Beaufort Honors College

Ally Moses: USC Columbia, Wofford College, Clemson University

Dev Patel: College of Charleston

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, Clemson University

# SAT / ACT DATES

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
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
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:

"Never give up. There are always tough times, regardless of what you do in anything in life. Be able to push through those times and maintain your ultimate goal."

- Nathan Chen



Bíg Shout Out:

To all our Battle of the Books participants for their stellar performances this week! Awesome job, Generals!