



April 8th, 2022

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear Generals,

We have had some rain this week – over 4 inches. It has hurt our ability to conduct our games and matches for the week; however, Coach Tidwell is working on scheduling make-up games. And our grounds and fields look fantastic. We are excited about Shenanigans tomorrow night at San Souci Farms – we are in for a real treat! I look forward to seeing you there. The COGNIA/SCISA accreditation team will be on campus Monday and Tuesday, and we are excited to show them how great our school is!

The Starfish Story: Once upon a time, there was an old man who used to go to the seaside every morning to do his writing. He had a habit of walking along the beautiful beach before starting his work. One beautiful Sunday as per his morning ritual, he went to sea shore and started walking along the shore. As he moved ahead, he came along a stretch on which thousands of starfish had washed up. He found beach littered with starfish as far as the eye could see, stretching in both directions. Off in the distance, the old man noticed a little girl approaching. As the girl walked, she paused every so often. When she came closer, the old man could see that she was occasionally bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea.

The little girl came a bit closer and the old man called out, “Good morning little princess!!! May I ask what it is that you are doing?” The pretty little girl paused, looked up and replied, “Throwing starfish into the sea.” The little girl continued her job of picking and throwing back the starfishes into the sea. “I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the sea?”, asked the old man. To this, the little girl replied, “The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can’t return back to the sea by themselves. When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water.”

Upon hearing this, the old man commented, ‘But, little girl, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? There must be tens of thousands of starfish on this beach. I’m afraid you won’t really be able to make much of a difference!’ The girl bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she turned towards old man, gave a sweet smile and said, ***“I made a difference to that one!”*** <https://www.invajy.com/motivational-and-inspirational-short-stories-about-life-the-starfish-story-story-4/>

For seniors, we are 26 school days (and a wake-up) from graduation.

Our character trait for the month of April is COURAGE.

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

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement

PROUD TO BE A GENERAL

Dr. F.L. Martin III

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Upcoming Events

April 9th

Shenanigans

April 11th

SCISA/COGNIA Accreditation

JV & Varsity Baseball @ PAC (4:00 PM)

April 12th

SCISA/COGNIA Accreditation

JV & Varsity Baseball vs. Orangeburg Prep. (4:00 PM)

April 13th

Spring Portraits

Varsity Track @ Orangeburg Prep.

April 14th

Prom Promise

JV & Varsity Baseball @ Florence Chr. (4:00 PM)

April 15th

Good Friday! – NO SCHOOL

Prom

April 15th – April 22nd

Spring Break Holiday

April 18th

JV & Varsity Baseball vs. Northside Chr. (4:00 PM)

Denotes Sporting Event

Welcome to the Family, Generals!

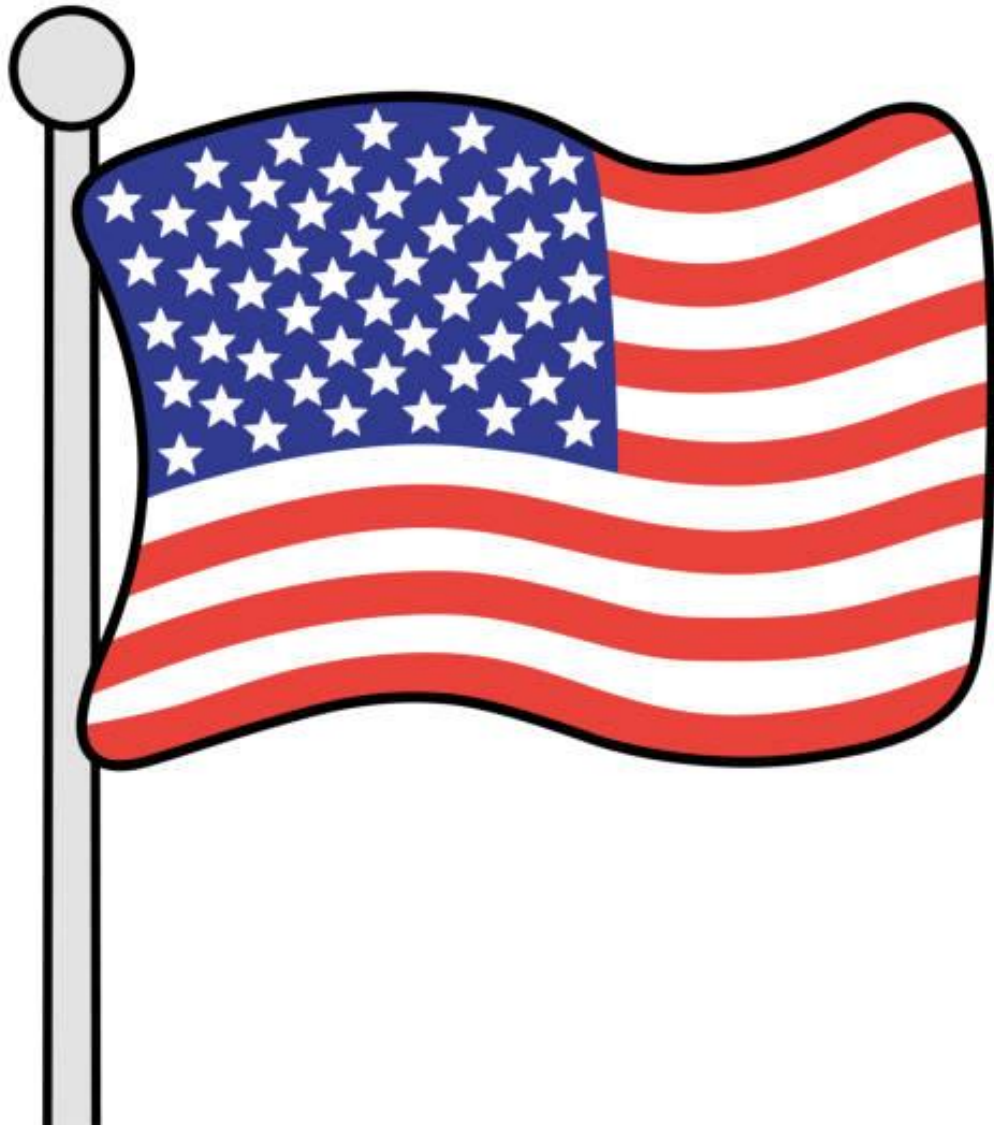
Fabian Gomez — 5th Grade

Sebastian Gomez — 7th Grade

Gilberth Gomez — 10th 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!*

April is Military Child Appreciation Month!



We love our military families and appreciate
the endless sacrifices they make for us!

Middle School Track State Championships



On Thursday, our Middle School Track student-athletes participated in the SCISA Middle School State Championships. Our kids had a fantastic day, gaining experience in new events and going against some of SCISA's finest.

Sixth Grader Fendley Kimbro concluded her afternoon with 1st place finishes in both Discus and Shot Put, as well as a 2nd place ribbon in Javelin. Congrats, Fendley!

Awesome job, Generals!!

We Love You, Hannah!



On Thursday, our B-Team Softball Team showered their teammate 7th grader Hannah Giddings with love, laughs, and a delicious cake! Hannah has been battling a severe skin condition and has been away from her teammates and coaches. We are so excited to know that Hannah is doing well and will be back on the field very soon!

Camp Thunderbird



On Wednesday, our 5th graders headed out on their annual field trip to Camp Thunderbird at Lake Wylie. Check-out next week's E-News for pics from this awesome trip!



**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
(sandi.dixon@thomassumter.org) or Amanda
Arnold (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 9th

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:

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Make sure to note Shenanigans

Tickets

MON café JAPAN

**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, 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, Auburn 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

Jamie 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 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
June 11 th	May 6 th
July 16 th	June 17 th

Quote of the Week:

"Leading with integrity and empathy requires vision and a connection to your deepest self."

– Karla McLaren



Big Shout Out:

To our InnerLink guys Jordan Rock
and Patrick Varner for their hard work
keeping our IT working smoothly!
Thanks guys for all you do!