

April 14th, 2022

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear Generals,

Here we are, heading into Easter/spring break. The quarter has just flown by. Interim grades will be on RenWeb tomorrow. Students will have four weeks left before finals. The COGNIA/SCISA accreditation team was on campus this week and they were very pleased with what we are doing here

at Thomas Sumter. Shenanigans was a huge success and I wanted to publicly thank Eddy and all the volunteers that helped make it happen. That includes everyone that made something or provided something for the auction to all those that came out and supported the school. All indications are that it is the best Shenanigans ever! It will be tough to beat next year but I have faith next year we will break all records made this year. That is just who we are!

The past several weeks I have shared some great short stories. This week, however, is Holy Week and so the story for this week is that He is Risen. He is Risen indeed. I wanted to share a devotional I read this Maundy Thursday: "Reading John's account of the last supper, one can only wonder at Jesus' love for us and His disciples. He knows he is about to die for all of us. And yet, He continues to teach us about God's love. I believe this is the last time they are all together. And what does our Lord do? Why, by example, He shows his disciples and us what he expects of all of us in our daily lives. Love one another in small ways and large. Daily we are to practice the love for others. And by this love, we shall be known to be one of his flock. Let us love one another as we break bread together and as we go forth in our lives." *Bob Baldwin*

The Maundy Thursday Prayer: Lord God, you sent your Son into the world and before His hour had come, He washed his disciples' feet. You had given all things into His hands. He had come from you and was going to you, and what did he do? He knelt down on the floor and washed His friends' feet. He was their teacher and their Lord, yet He washed their feet. Lord God, help us lead from His example. Help us to do as he has done for us. The world will know we are His disciples if we love one another. Strengthen our hands and our wills for love and for service. Keep before our eyes the image of your son, who, being God, became a servant for our sake. All glory be to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Men" Rachel Narie Stone

I can personally recall a Walk to Emmaus I participated in where we, the leaders of the Walk, washed each other's feet – truly a very humbling experience. May each of you have a safe Easter holiday – God's blessing be upon all of you!

For seniors, we are 21 school days (and a wake-up) from graduation.

Our character trait for the month of April is <u>COURAGE</u>.

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 JJJ*













Upcoming Events

April 14 th	Prom Promise	
	JV & Varsity Baseball @ Florence Chr. (4:00 PM)	
April 15 th	Good Friday! – NO SCHOOL	
	Prom	
April 15 th – April 22 nd	Spring Break Holiday	
April 18 th	JV & Varsity Baseball vs. Northside Chr. (4:00 PM)	

Denotes Sporting Event











Last week, our 5th graders enjoyed their annual field trip to Camp Thunderbird on Lake Wylie, NC. They enjoyed canoeing and many other fun outdoors activities. What an awesome time!





Shenanigans





Last Saturday, TSA hosted "Shenanigans," our annual school fundraising auction at San Souci Farms. It was a great night of laughs, friendship, and love for our incredible school. A HUGE Shout out to Ms. Eddy Hyder and our volunteers on putting on such a great event! Already excited for next year!

Baseball Senior Night





On Tuesday, our Baseball program honored three phenomenal senior students-athletes: Hayden Poston, Jacob Walters, and Ben June. These three young men have benefitted this program immensely, inspirsing their younger teammtes to be great. We look forward to seeing where God takes them in life; congrats, boys!









Our annual Youth Basketball season concluded this week with a few nail-biters and some hard-fought competition. THESE KIDS ARE AMAZING! We are so proud of their improvement and love for the game. A HUGE thank you to our coaches and volunteers for making this such a great season. We cannot wait until next year!





WELCOME BACK, DANIEL!

On Thursday, alumnus Daniel Kuzbary returned to "the Hill" to lead Lower School chapel. Daniel is heavily involved a Tracy's Camp, a Christian-based summer camp located in Pinewood, SC. He invited all of our students to enroll in the camp this summer and gave a great messgae on how much God loves us. Welcome back, Daniel!

Sumter County Championships



On Wednesday, our Varsity Track team competed in the Sumter County Track Championships hosted by Sumter High School. We locked-in more PR's and State Qualifiers to get ready for State Finals on May 7th. Way to go, Generals!



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



BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG. GIVE BLOOD.

Blood Drive

Thomas Sumter Academy

5265 Camden Highway Rembert, Sc 29128

Tuesday, April 26th

10:00 am - 3:00 pm- GYM

Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org

Use Sponsor Code: ThomasSumter

Any senior donor that gives two times will receive a Red Chord or Pin for Graduation

ID is required or download Blood Donor App

16-year old's need Parental consent

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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!



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

50% of sales to TSA

3pm-9pm

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:

"Sometimes the bad things that happen in our lives put us directly on the path to the best things that will ever happen to us."

- Anonymous



Big Shout Out:

To Ms. Eddy Hyder and all our volunteers for putting on a great Shenanigans over the weekend! It truly takes a village! Great work everyone!