



May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Thomas Sumter Academy

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*Dear Generals,*

The Seniors had their Baccalaureate Service this past Sunday. It was an excellent service with Coach Greer providing some well-received “Words of Wisdom from an Old Man.” Today we completed Class Day for our Seniors with graduation tomorrow. I know the Class of 2022 is excited, as is the entire faculty and staff to see their futures unfold.

Another positive story about SERVICE:

*There are many people in today’s world that want nothing to do with helping other people. Their thought is, “why should I go out of my way to help them with the problem that they are facing? It has nothing to do with me.” Well, sometimes this decision can come back to affect them.*

*The story today clearly illustrates why, sometimes, we should go out of our way to help others.*

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. “What food might this contain?” the mouse wondered – he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head, and said, “Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it.” The mouse turned to the pig and told him, “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!” The pig sympathized, but said, “I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers.”

The mouse turned to the cow and said “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!” The cow said, “Wow, Mr. Mouse. I’m sorry for you, but it’s no skin off my nose.” So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer’s mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house — like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer’s wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not

see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them. The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember the story of "*The mouse in the house.*" <https://mygoodtimestories.com/tag/helping-others/>

What will your act of service be?

Our character trait for the month of May is SERVICE. Bible verse about service: : [1 Samuel 12:24](#) **24** But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

**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

**May 20<sup>th</sup>                      Senior Class Day (10:00 AM)**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>                      Graduation (10:00 AM)**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>                      End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

**Lower School Field Day**

**- PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Contact PTO If Interested!**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>              Upper School Exams – Early Dismissal**

- Lower School – 12:15 PM**
- Upper School – 12:30 PM**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>                      Recognition Rally (8:15 AM)**

**May 27<sup>th</sup>                      Last Day for All Students**

**Faculty Workday/Check-Out**

**May 30<sup>th</sup>                      Memorial Day**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>                        Final Report Cards**

**Denotes Sporting Events**



# Baccalaureate

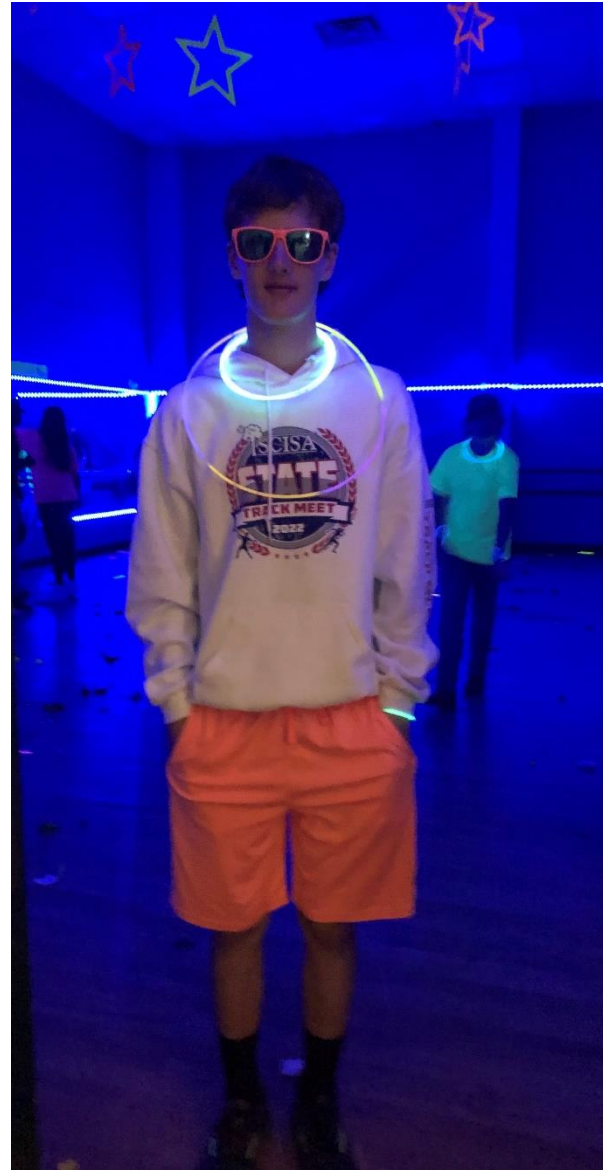


**On Sunday, the Class of 2022 enjoyed TSA's annual Baccalaureate Service at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter. Our seniors had the opportunity to deliver hand-written letters to their parents and celebrate the next chapter of their lives. Thank You to Coach Paul Greer on delivering a terrific speech that our seniors can take with them forever!**





# ***Middle School Dance***



***Our Middle Schoolers enjoyed their last school dance of the year last Friday. Thank you to Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Ireland, and our 6<sup>th</sup> graders on sponsoring such an awesome grand finale to the school year!***



# ***Congratulations, Ja'Vion!***



*Sophomore Ja'Vion Lammie will attend the Cooperative Youth Summit hosted by Black River Electric Cooperative in Columbia. Through the summit, Ja'Vion and other students from around SC will develop leadership skills, meet our government leaders at the Statehouse, and participate in lots of fun activities and developmental exercises.*

*Congrats Javion; we are so proud of you!*



# BOOK GIVEAWAY

May 23-27  
TSA Upper  
School Library  
School Hours

TSA will  
be remodeling this  
area over the summer

Bring your own boxes and browse. All books are up for grabs.



## ***BOOK GIVEAWAY***



# **Congrats, Boys!**



**Congratulations to junior James Claffy and sophomore Sam Matthews on being selected to the 2022 2A North/South All-Star Baseball Game. The game will be held at Orangeburg Prep this Saturday (May 21<sup>st</sup>) at 10:30 AM. Way to go, boys!**

# Awards Day





## *Kindergarten Graduation*



*Thursday night, TSA hosted its annual Kindergarten graduation in the Auditorium.  
Congrats to all our graduates!*



Senior Luncheon



# Senior Traditions

Senior Walk





THANKS, TREY MORGAN!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO TREY  
MORGAN FOR BUILDING OUR NEW  
CLINT ROSE PRESS BOX FOR THE  
BASEBALL FIELD! IT LOOKS  
FANTASTIC!!

## *LS Service Character Trait Winners*



*PK2- Alex Yousefi*

*PK3- Harper Hailey*

*PK4 - Edward Schneider & Emma Laney*

*Kindergarten - Eric Johnson, McKenna Buchanan, & Cora Kurzdorfer*

*1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Skylar Schneeberger & McKenna Rathbun*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Nathan Dukette & Sadie Colegrove*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Alex Smotts & Jenna Ray*

*4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Noah Cato & Cody Hancock*

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Noah Patterson & Hadrian Hughey*



# 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, Central Carolina 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, Central Carolina Technical 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

# Senior College Acceptances... cont'd

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

**Cason Holman:** Coastal Carolina University, USC Columbia, Presbyterian College

**Jamie Huntley:** Central Carolina Technical College

**Ben June:** USC Columbia, College of Charleston

**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, Central Carolina Technical College

**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 Honors College, Wofford College, Clemson University, College of Charleston

**Dev Patel:** College of Charleston, USC Columbia

**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, Central Carolina Technical College

**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
June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

ACT Date	Registration Deadline
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	May 6 <sup>th</sup>
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	June 17 <sup>th</sup>

## Quote of the Week:

"Starting strong is good. Finishing strong is epic."

- Robin Sharma



## Big Shout Out:

To Dr. Martin on leading TSA through another incredible school year! Thankful for you and all you do for the Generals!

ONE WEEK TO GO!!