

# THOMASVILLE CITY SCHOOLS SCHOLARS ACADEMY

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## INFORMATION UPDATE

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### VISIT FROM GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT

During a visit to the Thomasville Scholars Academy on Thursday, November 4th, Georgia Tech President Dr. G.P. "Bud" Peterson praised the rigorous curriculum that students are completing at the Academy and the connections that the City School System is developing with Georgia Tech.

Encouraging students to take as many Advanced Placement and Honors courses as possible, Peterson told the group, "Georgia Tech has taken note of the rigorous curriculum being offered at the Scholars Academy, and I can tell you that we do not look at a 3.5 GPA from here the same as we do the same or an even higher GPA from East Cupcake High School." Several former Academy students are currently attending Georgia Tech, and a large group of current students have ranked Tech as either their first or second college choice.

During a question and answer session, students were understandably interested in what Georgia Tech looks for in potential students and scholarship candidates. Candidates completing numerous AP courses and "students engaged in the community" are particularly attractive when admissions officers look for students who differentiate beyond exceptional SAT scores and GPA's. "Tech is not looking for students who just have high GPA's and high SAT Scores. We are looking for students who have high GPA's and high SAT scores who are also involved in their school and community," Peterson said.

### PROGRESS REPORT ON POWER SCHOOL

Passwords for access to the Parent Portal on PowerSchool, our new student information system, have been sent home with the students. Parents who signed up and provided identification at school last year need not reapply. Registration form and user guide are available on the Thomasville City School system website: [www.tcitys.org](http://www.tcitys.org). Take advantage of this convenient way to stay informed about student progress.

#### Stay informed:

[www.tcitys.org/scholarsacademy](http://www.tcitys.org/scholarsacademy)

- daily announcements
- online calendar
- lunch menu
- bell schedule
- scholarships
- prospective student info
- community service info
- photo galleries

820 E. Washington Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792  
229-228-3397

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Scholars Academy  
OPEN HOUSE**  
November 16th  
5:30-6:30pm

**Sadie Hawkins  
Middle School**  
November 20th

**Thanksgiving Break**  
November 24th-26th

**Strings Concert**  
December 7  
7:00pm



Look for  
"The Bulldog Pen"  
in the Thomasville  
Times-Enterprise  
each Thursday for  
student articles and  
activities going on in  
our school system!

## BULLDOG SPIRIT ITEMS

WE NEED PARENT  
INVOLVEMENT FOR THE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SADIE HAWKINS DANCE  
ON  
SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 20TH.  
SEE MR. OR MRS.  
RINEHART

OR SEND BACK THE FLYER  
ASKING FOR VOLUNTEER  
HELP!



Thomasville High School now has a spirit store called the Bulldog Pen where fans can get all sorts of Thomasville Bulldog spirit items such as flags, shirts, bumper stickers, pom-poms, car paint, yard signs, magnets and much more. Stop by the Bulldog Pen store: first door on right at THS!

## SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE ACADEMY BLAST OFF

Sixth Grade Science Academy sessions will begin after Christmas Break. Parents can send deposits NOW. See Mrs. Miller or Mrs. Rinehart for details.

## ORDER THS YEARBOOKS

Follow the links on The Barker ([www.tcitys.org/thb/barker](http://www.tcitys.org/thb/barker)) or on the Scholars Academy website announcements to obtain information about contributing photos to *The Pines*, the THS yearbook. Students can also order yearbooks through these links.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCUMENTATION

Have you completed community service hours at HOTC day? Are you planning to volunteer at the Cultural Center's Plantation Wildlife Arts Festival? Document these while they are fresh in your mind. Look on the Scholars Academy website for a list of community service opportunities and a form on which to log your hours on the "Community Service" link. A list of completed hours is posted on Mrs. Celaya's door.

## COLLEGE WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM HIGH SCHOOL, SO THE SOONER YOU START...

Academic Aspect	High School	College
Independence	Less independence	Greater independence
Pacing	Slow	Fast
Level of Critical Thinking	Less critical thinking	Greater critical thinking
Safety Nets	Teachers provide many	Professors provide few
Study Effort	Limited and sporadic	Greater, more effective
Evaluation	Many opportunities	Limited opportunities
Responsibility	Rests on others	Rests on you
Anonymity	Little	Lots
Importance of Being Proactive	Low	High

Adapted from Sherrie Nist-Olejnik's *College Success Strategies*