

# THOMASVILLE CITY SCHOOLS SCHOLARS ACADEMY

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## INFORMATION UPDATE

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### DROP OFF/PICK UP PLAN: A SUCCESS!!

We truly appreciate your help in implementing our new traffic plan! Please continue your diligence in using **ONLY** the school-side of Washington Street. Also, remember that the stadium parking lot is for teacher and student parking only; do not drop-off or pick-up students in the stadium lot.

Finally, take advantage of the four zones that are posted along the fence to determine a spot for your student to meet you each day. We are pleased with the smooth transition, and we know you are pleased with the increased safety and decreased congestion in our back circle.

### ACADEMIC LETTER JACKETS AND PATCHES

It's getting cool enough to start thinking about jackets! Find information like eligibility conditions below for Academic Letter Jackets & Patches, scholarship due dates, and much more on the **Guidance** link on the Scholars Academy website.

Students are eligible to receive academic letter jackets or patches for letter jackets that they have earned in other areas. Students must have completed community service requirements and meet 3 of the 5 following conditions:

1. Made a 3 or better on an AP examination.
2. Received a 1st place in individual or team academic competition.
3. Received a perfect score on a section of a standardized test such as EOCT, ACT, SAT, or GHSGT.
4. Participated on at least two academic teams or at two academic competitions.
5. Made 1800 or higher on the three combined SAT sections.

### LEADING THE WAY WITH HOBY

Alea Simmons and Rebekah Hunnewell were honored to attend the Hugh O' Brian Youth Leadership conference (HOBY) last summer which is designed to get students involved in their communities and inform them on ways to become better leaders.

"The atmosphere was insane and dull moments were scarce; it was amazing!" Simmons reported.

Students wishing to attend HOBY must be high school sophomores and are required to write an essay on leadership. The essay and application deadline is in the spring. Then if they are selected by their school, the student will attend the conference.

"It was an interesting experience," said Hunnewell, "I really enjoyed the opportunity!"

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISERS

The String Orchestra classes at the Scholars Academy are now selling Mom & Dad's spaghetti dinner tickets. Please support our strings student by purchasing a ticket or see Mrs. Tucker in her classroom at the Center for the Arts.

Chocolate lovers can purchase candy bars from band students.

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#### Report Cards

October 14th

#### Hands on Thomas County Day

October 22nd

#### String Orchestra Masquerade Concert

November 15th

#### Middle School Sadie Hawkins Night

November 19th

#### Thanksgiving Holiday

November 23-25

**"THANK YOU" TO ALL OF  
THE STUDENTS WHO  
SOLD AND PARENTS WHO  
BOUGHT BOSTON BUTTS  
AND HAMS FOR THE  
SCHOLARS ACADEMY  
FUNDRAISER.  
WE WILL OFFER THEM  
AGAIN NEAR CHRISTMAS!**

**Stay informed:**  
<http://sa.tcitrys.org>

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

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



Middle School Swim  
 Team interest meeting:

Monday, October 17  
 Bulldog Café at 3:15

Please come for all the  
 information you need if  
 you are interested in  
 joining the swim team.

Parents are welcome  
 and all your questions  
 will be answered.

**Save the date and  
 meet under the oak!**

**Middle School  
 Sadie Hawkins Night  
 November 19th**

## STUDENTS RETURN THE FAVOR

Scholars Academy students enjoy giving back to their school system by volunteering at Jerger Elementary with Super Science Saturday. Science Olympiad sponsor, Christy Aerial, headed up the hands-on event for youngsters to experience fun and amazing aspects of the world of science. She was pleased to see so many students who participated in Super Science Saturday as children jump at the chance to return as a volunteer.

Sixty-eight middle and high school students helped with events; they set up and judged the various events, like identifying different rocks, bridge building, and barge building. Students put their knowledge to use by helping with the different areas of science in the various events. Volunteers learn leadership and social skills as well as how to interact with younger kids. The young participants like working and connecting with the young-adult volunteers. There was a positive energy, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE BULLETIN:

It's that time of year to sign up for the annual Hands On Thomas County Day! High school students will be working gravesite restoration at Laurel Hill and middle school students will have the chance to work at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank. These events will take place next **Saturday, October 22** from 9-12. All participants will receive 5 hours of community service, a snack, a free t-shirt, and a picnic lunch at Cherokee Lake. Sign up with Mrs. Rinehart or on the wall outside of Mrs. Glass's office. See Mrs. Rinehart for more details.

Document community service hours while they are fresh in your mind, and submit them to Mrs. Celaya by the last day of school. Go to the Community Service link on the website to print out a form on which to log the required 20 hours of community service and to read detailed information about the requirement.

All students are encouraged to dress neatly and wear Bulldog or Scholars Academy gear when volunteering in the community!

Students in middle and high school who have taken part in community service activities are urged to complete a Prudential Spirit of Community application by **November 1**. See Mrs. Bryan for more information.

## "POWER OF PINK"

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and all students are asked to participate in the "Power of Pink" day by sporting PINK next **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** instead of your usual red and gold. There is no football game next Friday.

## STUDENT PROGRESS ON POWER SCHOOL

Don't wait until Midterm Progress Reports or Report Cards to learn about student progress and achievement! Passwords for access to the Parent Portal on PowerSchool are being processed and should be received by mail. **Parents who signed up and provided identification at school last year need not reapply.** If you have used the system in the past and cannot gain access to the Parent Portal because of a username/password error, call the operator at the Board of Education office: 225-2600.