



CONNECTION

*A newsletter for the Thomas Academy family
Keeping connection through communication*

April 2018 Edition

Disco Night Prom

It was Disco Night at the Morton Conference Center on the evening of March 29 as we celebrated the 2018 prom theme.



Dates to Remember

- April 18 - Early Release
- May 9 - Progress Reports
- May 16 - Early Release
- May 28 - Holiday

Let's prepare for the EOG's & EOC's

The End of Grade and End of Course tests are part of the North Carolina Department of Education's testing program. The results are used to determine proficiency in a subject. These important tests will determine what courses our students can take next academic year.

*EOG's Middle School - May 22 - 25
EOC's High School - May 29 - June 1*

From the Director's Desk

We need your help!

With spring break now behind us, our attention turns to the preparations for the End of Grade and End of Course tests.

As you may recall, our high school students issued a challenge to the middle schoolers after each high school student passed their mid-year EOCs. Everyone is taking that challenge seriously, but with that enthusiasm comes a lot of stress. We are seeing some of that impact on our classroom behaviors as we get closer to the tests at the end of May. We know that a single test does not provide an accurate measure of the accomplishments of the students throughout the year, but it is mandated by the state as a way to measure progress.

This is where you come in. Please talk to your student about the upcoming tests in a positive and encouraging way. Let him or her know that you recognize the stress they are under to do well. Provide a dedicated, quiet space for study and encourage your student to ask questions when they need help. We are all in the partnership of providing for student success!

Please remember, I practice an open door policy for students, staff, and parents. If at any time you have a question or concern, please call me. I can be reached on my cell phone at **910-874-1456** or by email at **geraldine.bradshaw@thomasacademync.org**. The best time for a focused conversation is after 6 p.m. as I will be able to give you my full attention. During school hours my focus is on the children.

Thank you to all involved in giving me the opportunity to grow our children.

Yours in service,

Geraldine Bradshaw



The Thomas Academy educational experience is a partnership between the teachers, students, and parents/guardians.

Parental/guardian involvement means participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication regarding student academic learning and school activities.

How can you get involved?

- Sign up for the Remind app
- Volunteer to help at the school
- Attend the monthly parent/guardian meeting
- Serve on the Parent Advisory Committee
- Talk with your child about his or her classroom experiences
- Log into Powerschool to check your child's grades
- Reach out to teachers directly with any questions or concerns
- Attend awards ceremonies or events

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Helping students find Connection, Compassion & Character

Connection is the newsletter for Thomas Academy designed to uphold the commitment to connection through communication. It is distributed once a month during the academic year to provide continuing updates on the happenings of the school. To remain connected between issues, visit the website at www.thomasacademync.org and become a fan on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ThomasAcademyNC/



Sale of vocational items raises funds

The sale of items made by our vocational education students during the 2018 Southern Farm Days raised \$500 to support the program. Similar items remain on sale at the Boys and Girls Homes Country Store located on Top Tobacco Road.

Doc's Corner



“Don't ever let a glass ceiling steer you away from your dreams. Break through those glass ceilings for your future and those who come after you.”

Dr. Tom Simmons
Vice President for Education

Did you know...

Our open enrollment period held in March 2018 was a success as we took applications for future Eagles. New applicants will be notified of their enrollment at Thomas Academy by phone or mail no later than May 1.

Students of the Month

The Students of the Month are selected by the faculty. In addition to their performance in the classroom, they are chosen through the demonstration of their commitment to the Thomas Academy motto of Connection, Compassion, & Character.

The April students of the month are:

Shaina Skipper
Middle School Student

Joshua Puga-Luna
High School Student



Staff of the Month

Mr. Charlton Eugenio
Academic Coordinator Math



Mr. Charlton Eugenio brings an energy and enthusiasm to the classroom as he teaches math concepts to every middle school student. He even provides instruction to one class of high school students each day. Thank you Mr. Eugenio!

News at a Glance

- Our *Remind System* is back up and running. If you are not receiving messages through *Remind*, please contact the school.
- The Glee Club is on the move! They will perform on April 19 at a special event in Wilmington. Permission slips sent home on April 11 will need to be completed and returned in order for the students in the Glee Club to participate.
- Mark your calendars now for our Graduation Ceremony June 9. The Saturday morning event allows for more people to attend to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates. Stay tuned for details about who our speaker will be.