



# CONNECTION

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

February 2018 Edition

## *Homecoming tops off Spirit Week*

Thomas Academy celebrated spirit week Jan. 22 - 26 with a variety of themes for each day.

The week started with Tacky Day before Twin Day on Tuesday. Wednesday was Celebrity Day and Thursday was Favorite Team Day.

The festivities ended with spirit day and Homecoming.

Nominees for the Homecoming Court included Nigel, Jason, Deven, Kelly, Ced'rah and Nyasia.

Voting took place among the entire student body with Kelly being voted queen and Jason voted King.

For the Anthony J. Brill Middle School at Thomas Academy, Chris and Piper were voted Prince and Princess.

*See more Spirit Week photos on page 3 and in the 2018 Yearbook.*



*Homecoming Queen Kelly Skipper and King Jason Kim.*



*2017 Homecoming Queen Ania Freeman escorted by her father Derrick Freeman. Ania presented the crowns for the 2018 winners.*



*Princess and Prince*



*Queen and King Nominees*



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## *Dates to Remember*

- Feb. 9 - Glee Club Performance at Lake Waccamaw Depot Museum Membership Banquet
- Feb. 12 - Full Day of Instruction
- Feb. 13 - Valentine's Day Dance 6 - 8 p.m.
- Feb. 14 - Progress Reports
- Feb. 21 - Teacher Workday

### *Valentine's Dance*

*Our Valentine's Dance will be Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Morton Conference Center of the B&GH Farm. Only students on green or above can attend. Enter through Top Tobacco Road gate.*

## From the Director's Desk

I am so proud of our children!

100% of our high school students passed their End Of Course tests! They are so proud of this accomplishment that they have thrown down the challenge to our middle school students to match the feat in their spring End of Grade tests. And, I am happy to report, our middle schoolers responded with "We've got this!"

Our children are moving forward and we can see the seeds of hope being planted in each child. They can see a brighter future for themselves and they are working hard to accomplish the goals to get them there.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and guardians who made the special effort to come out for the Parent Teacher Conferences. We had to reschedule a couple of times due to technical challenges and weather concerns but we still had one of the largest turnouts in recent memory. Thank you for your commitment to the educational partnership with us.

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*

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## Academy



Helping students find Connection, Compassion & Character

*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

**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](http://www.thomasacademync.org) and become a fan on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ThomasAcademyNC/](https://www.facebook.com/ThomasAcademyNC/)

## Spirit Week in Photos



### Doc's Corner



*"We strive everyday to make an impact on the lives of our students. We want to find those students who have given up on education who we can help guide to the highest levels of accomplishment."*

Dr. Tom Simmons  
Vice President for Education

### Did you know...

*8 of the 15 Thomas Academy seniors are taking classes at Southeastern Community College this spring. Some are on the degree path, working toward an Associate's Degree. Others are participating in Certification Programs that will provide credentials to take jobs earning \$15 per hour from the minute they complete the certification.*

## 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 January students of the month are:

*Piper Hopkins*  
*Middle School Student*

*Josh Skinner*  
*High School Student*



## Staff of the Month

*Mr. Tim Curtis*  
*High School Coordinator*



Mr. Curtis is always ready with a helping hand and a smile. He continues to be a blessing to our school, providing guidance both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you Mr. Curtis for all that you do to help our students find connection, compassion and character!

## News at a Glance

- Our academic calendar for February and March has been modified to help us gain back the instructional time lost to snow. Feb. 12 is now a full day of instruction and Feb. 21 is a Teacher Work Day.
- Our *Remind System* is back up and running. If you are not receiving messages through *Remind*, please contact the school.
- The Thomas Academy Glee Club will have its second performance of the academic year this month. Our students are excited about the opportunity to share their talents with the community. If you know of a local event looking for a brief musical performance, please contact Patty Lyerly at 910-646-2237.