



CONNECTION

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

March 2018 Edition

Boys Basketball season ends in state playoffs

Our Thomas Academy Eagles Boys Basketball Team ended the season with a 16 - 13 overall record while going 7 - 3 in the league.

That record was good enough to make it to the Conference Tournament and State Playoffs. The efforts ended in the second round for each tournament.

“I am so proud of this team,” said Coach Jonathan Crawley. “They came out and won the first round of the state playoffs, but the bigger piece is that they are a group of outstanding young men.”



Dates to Remember

- March 12 - Report Cards
- March 15 & 16 - Teacher Work Days
- March 29 - Early Release (12 noon)
- March 29 - Prom
- March 30 - April 6 - Spring Break
- April 18 - Early Release

Prom 2018

The 2018 Prom theme is Disco Nights. This special event will take place on March 29 in the Morton Conference Center of the B&GH Farm. Enter through Top Tobacco Road gate. Details on who can attend will be provided closer to the date.

From the Director's Desk

Welcome to spring!

While the calendar says spring doesn't start until March 20, the warmer days and blooming flowers tell us otherwise.

As spring fever creeps in, we still have work to do. Report cards go home on March 12 before a pair of Teacher Work Days March 15 and 16.

We'll end March with our annual prom. Our Disco Nights theme has been selected and we are excited about what this special event will have in store. As the March 29 date gets closer, more information will be provided regarding timing and students who have earned the privilege to attend.

Spring break will follow with classes not resuming until April 9. We ask that our students enjoy this time out of the classroom, stay safe, and return ready to work as we prepare for the end-of-year testing cycle that follows.

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

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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 and become a fan on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ThomasAcademyNC/



21st Century Learning Environment

Thomas Academy continues to upgrade our technology with laptops and computer labs to enhance the learning experience for our students. Our teachers have up-to-date learning tools to assist every student. We would like to especially thank Mike Garrell for his grant writing skills, making this technology and other academic enhancements possible.

Doc's Corner



"We have the most dedicated staff I have ever seen in education. Our teachers are committed to reach each of our at-promise students where they are and to help guide them to their highest accomplishments."

Dr. Tom Simmons
Vice President for Education

Did you know...

As a public charter school, Thomas Academy holds an open enrollment period every year to accept applications for new students. This year's open enrollment is March 1 - 31. While a cap remains on the number of students who can be accepted, a lottery drawing system is in place when the number of students is greater than can be accepted.

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 March students of the month are:

Nahtohri Wilkins
Middle School Student

Andrea Ward
High School Student



Staff of the Month

Whitney Bronson
Academic Coordinator
High School English



Thank you to Ms. Whitney Bronson for all of her hard work and dedication. She has taken on testing and is assisting our students in learning High School English.

News at a Glance

- Our academic calendar for March has been modified to help us gain back the instructional time lost to snow. March 14 is now a full instructional day while March 15 and 16 remain Teacher Work Days.
- Our *Remind System* is back up and running. If you are not receiving messages through *Remind*, please contact the school.
- Vocational education offerings continue to expand. Our students' welding art projects have been sold in the B&GH Country Store. A new planer has been ordered for the wood shop, allowing for a smoother surface for the cutting boards sold and given as gifts. Look for more soon.