



CONNECTION

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

May 2018 Edition

Thomas Academy Fun Days!

Our students and staff enjoyed two beautiful afternoons of fun and recreation to help combat the stress of end of year testing preparations.



Dates to Remember

- May 15 - Night of Arts
- May 16 - Early Release
- May 17 - Awards Banquet
- 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

The countdown is under way!

The end-of-year testing is about to start and you can feel the nervous energy building. That is part of the reason why we held those two fun days at the start of the month, allowing our students and staff to blow off some steam.

We are also looking forward to a wonderful week of celebrations with the Night of the Arts May 15 and our Awards Banquet May 17.

Yet, as we close in on the end of this academic year, we are already starting to plan for 2018-2019. During the May Thomas Academy Board Meeting our Board formally approved our academic calendar for next year (see page 3). We will be starting a week earlier and school day will be half an hour longer each day. This additional 2.5 hours of instruction time each week will have a huge impact on the success of our students.

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/

Thomas Academy Academic Calendar 2018 – 2019

School Day: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Early Release: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Date	Event	Date	Event
<u>August</u>		<u>March</u>	
1 – 6	Teacher Workdays	13	End of 3 rd 9 Weeks
6	New Student Orientation 6 – 7 p.m.	13	Early Release – 12 p.m.
7	1 st Day of School	14 – 15	Teacher Workdays
<u>September</u>		18	Beginning 4 th 9 Weeks
3	Labor Day – No School	18	Report Cards Go Home
10	4 ½ Week Progress Report	18	Parent Conference 3 - 6 p.m.
12	Early Release 12 p.m.		
12	Parent Conferences 3 – 6 p.m.	<u>April</u>	
<u>October</u>		17	4 ½ Week Progress Report
9	End of 1 st 9 weeks	17	Parent Conferences 3 – 6 p.m.
10	Beginning of 2 nd 9 weeks	18	Early Dismissal 12 p.m.
16	Report Cards Go Home	18	Prom 6 – 10 p.m.
17	Early Release 12 p.m.	19 – 26	Spring Break
17	Parent Conferences 3 – 6 p.m.		
31	Teacher Workday – No School for Students	<u>May</u>	
<u>November</u>		15	Early Release 12 p.m.
12	Veteran’s Day – No School	27	Memorial Day Holiday – No School
21 – 23	Thanksgiving – No School	30 – 31	EOG/EOC Testing - Early Release
<u>December</u>			
12 – 18	Semester Exams – High School	<u>June</u>	
19 – 31	Winter Break – No School	3 -5	EOG/EOC Testing – Early Release
<u>January</u>		3 – 4	Mail Summer School Letters
1	Holiday – No School	6 – 7	Teacher Workdays
2	Students & Staff Return to School	6 – 7	Graduation Practice 10 a.m.
7	1 st Semester Grades Go Home	8	Graduation
17	Early Release 12 p.m.	10 – 21	Summer School 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
21	MLK Day – No School	14	EOG/EOC Testing
<u>February</u>		24 – 28	Teacher Workdays
5	4 ½ Week Progress Report		
6	Teacher Workday	<u>July</u>	
6	Parent Conferences 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.	1 – 31	School Closed
15	Social Gathering 6 – 8 p.m.		

Did you know...

This approved calendar provides a total of 190 contact days

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 May students of the month are:

Peyton Walker
Middle School Student

Andrew Witchen
High School Student



Staff of the Month

Tara Haynes
Instructional Coordinator



We are so grateful for Tara Haynes! In addition to her work as an instructional coordinator, Ms. Haynes has worked tirelessly in creating the yearbook that best represents the 2017 - 2018 year at Thomas Academy. Thank you Ms. Haynes!

Doc's Corner



"We are about to celebrate our largest graduating class, an incredible achievement for our at-promise students. For some of these students, graduation wasn't even something they dreamed about three years ago."

Dr. Tom Simmons
Vice President for
Education

News at a Glance

- 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.
- Classes will be held while End of Grade and End of Course testing is under way.
- Students who will be receiving awards during the Awards Banquet have received letters of invitation along with two complimentary tickets. Additional tickets for the event can be purchased for \$5 each. Please contact Shanita Ward with any questions.
- Thank you for your support of our students!