

# SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 15TH-19TH, 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Everyone,

We are so excited to see our students this week! This week is the week for students to truly show the amount of growth that they have made since the beginning of the year! Our Middle of the Year Benchmarks are so necessary and important to helping us plan instruction for students. We know all of the efforts that have been made from the teachers to increase student achievement, so please encourage your child to to his/her best on the test! The schedule is below:

Monday: STAR Reading (Grades 1 - 10) ; STAR Early Literacy (Kindergarten)

Tuesday: STAR Math (Grades K - 10)

Wednesday: USA Test Prep Social Studies (Grades 3-10)

Thursday: USA Test Prep Science (Grades 3 - 10)

Parents - please ensure that students get a good nights' rest and arrive each day on time and ready to show what they know!

Parents - I hate to sound like a broken record, but our ATTENDANCE needs to be improved. The way that you can help us with this is by sending your student to school each and every day! School is not optional. If you feel that your child truly needs to miss a day of school, please take him/her to the doctor to get a diagnosis, treatment plan, and written/typed excuse. Students are missing days at a time and returning to say that they stayed at home because they "are tired" or didn't "feel like coming to school." We cannot continue our efforts of improvement if students are not showing up each day, not completing missing assignments, etc. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL EACH DAY! If they do not feel good throughout the day, we have an Registered Nurse as our school nurse that can advise if they need to go to the doctor. Thank you so much for realizing the importance of attendance and sending your child to school.

We are so thankful to our staff for all that they are doing to serve those in person and those that are quarantining! If you would like to nominate a Staff member for a SHOUT OUT, please

click the link below to complete the form! Thanks so much for recognizing our staff and all of their efforts!

Staff Shout Out Form: <https://forms.gle/ngToLSDxjNZ8HjwH6>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an email at [galmon@sowegastemcharter.org](mailto:galmon@sowegastemcharter.org).

Sincerely,  
Ginger Almon

## **COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 11/15/21**

### **COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 11/15/21**

#### **Positive Cases:**

**Staff - 0**

**Students - 0**

#### **Quarantines:**

**Staff - 0**

**Students - 3**

Other information:  
Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing symptoms related to COVID, if someone in the household is positive, or if there is a pending COVID test for the student or household member.



## **MORE COVID INFORMATION**

If you have any further questions, please reach out to our school nurse, Kristen Roland - [kroland@sowegastemcharter.org](mailto:kroland@sowegastemcharter.org) or 229.345.3033 or myself [galmon@sowegastemcharter.org](mailto:galmon@sowegastemcharter.org).



# SCHOOL CALENDAR

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER | 2021-2022 CALENDAR**

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## SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Please remember all students will receive a free lunch and breakfast this year!



## BREAKFAST

## LUNCH



## FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

An attitude of gratitude is one we want our kids to have. It is a skill (yes, a skill) we want all children to have. Grateful people are not only happier, but they are much more pleasant to be



around. Gratitude isn't a personality trait. It doesn't magically show up in some kids and not in others. Rather, it is a skill; one that can be practiced and refined. It works like a muscle. If you exercise it every day, it stays strong and is easy to use. If you don't, it will atrophy.

The most powerful tool parents and teachers have to help them instill gratitude is modeling. Parents and teachers must express gratitude to and in front of children. When kids see adults thanking others and commenting on all the gifts in their lives, children are much more likely to follow suit.

Another way to encourage gratitude in children is through service. When we serve others, we feel good about ourselves. Service often provides an opportunity for children to see others less fortunate than themselves. Service doesn't have to be a grand project, it can be something simple. Simple projects often call children's attention to the needs of those around them and to the ways that others serve them daily.

Showing gratitude can start simple, saying thank you, smiling, and/or pointing out something someone did well. These are things that even the youngest of children can do and begin to make them a habit to help them grow into a respectful young adult.



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS  
AT SGSC**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**November 15th** - Q2 Progress Reports will be sent home - please sign and return  
**Benchmark Assessments** - please have your child get a good night's rest and encourage them to do their best on these important assessments:

- **November 15th** - STAR Reading Assessment
- **November 16th** - STAR Math Assessment
- **November 17th** - USATestPrep Social Studies Assessment
- **November 18th** - USATestPrep Science Assessment
- **November 19th** - MAKE UP Testing

**November 19th** - Thanksgiving Lunch for Pre-K and Kindergarten - more information sent home soon.

**November 19th** - Early Release - all students will be called for dismissal beginning at 12:00 pm

**November 22nd - November 26th** - Thanksgiving Break

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# FROM COACH CROWDIS...

Hey Aggie Family!

After a long homestand of basketball games, our Aggies hit the road this week to chase after wins like the bucks are chasing after does in Quitman County, Baker County and PCA. I want to thank you all for your support for our Aggies at their games. You continue to cheer to the end of each game no matter what the score is and that means a ton to our athletes. You have two more chances to cheer on these Aggies at home in December. On December 2nd we host Webster County for a Middle School and Junior Varsity set and then on Friday, December 3rd we host Miller County's Junior Varsity for our very first homecoming game! Let's pack out the "Barn" these last two home games to cheer on our Aggies!

Homecoming shirts are on sale through Wednesday! They look amazing! This will be your only chance to buy a first ever SGSC homecoming shirt. I hope to see lots of people wearing these shirts at our homecoming game. These are exciting times at SGSC and we have plans for improving and adding to our athletic department. I hope that you will consider becoming an "Awesome Aggie" by supporting our athletes financially. You can go to our website to see how easy it is to become an "Awesome Aggie." - <https://www.swgeorgiastemcharter.com/>



**Aggie Athletics**

**Monday, November 15**  
 MS Basketball @ Quitman County - 4:30 Start  
 173 Knighter Road, Georgetown, GA 39654

**Tuesday, November 16**  
 MS and JV Girls Basketball Practice - 3:30 to 4:30  
 MS and JV Boys Basketball Practice - 3:30 to 5:00  
 Cheerleading Practice - 3:30 to 4:30

**Wednesday, November 17**  
 MS and JV Basketball @ Baker County - 4:00 Start  
 286 GA Highway 37 West, Newton, GA 39970  
 \*Cheerleaders will not attend the games @ Baker County

**Thursday, November 18**  
 MS Basketball @ PCA - 4:30 Start  
 18037 Harford St E, Edison, GA 39848



**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**HOMECOMING 2021**

**AGGIES vs. PEACHES**

**Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 6:00 PM

**Admission**  
 \$7 Adults \$5 Students



**SGSC HOMECOMING T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**

**Let's We Are WILD!**  
 "About our first homecoming!"  
**2021 HOMECOMING**

**DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

**Black Short Sleeve \$15**  
**Black Long Sleeve \$20**  
 \* EXTENDED SIZES 2XL-5XL + \$3.00  
 \*Checks payable to Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
 HONORROOM \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIRT ORDER** Enter desired quantities below:  
 \*Choose short sleeve (SS) or long sleeve (LS)

YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL
SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS
LS	LS	LS	LS	LS	LS	LS	LS	LS


TOTAL # of Short Sleeve Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL # of Long Sleeve Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTENDED SIZES + \$3**

2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
SS	SS	SS	SS
LS	LS	LS	LS

**ORDER TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

# Aggie Adventures



**Positive  
Office  
Referral**  
*Kayla Usher*

Kayla's teacher wrote, "Kayla deserves a positive office referral because she is a model student. She always does her work and is a good friend to her classmates. She is always ready to learn and works hard every day. She is sweet, kind, respectful, and always on task. She is an excellent student and has had perfect attendance this year. Thank you for being you, Kayla!"



**Positive  
Office  
Referral**  
*Bristol Thomas*

Bristol's teacher wrote, "Bristol is such a hard-working student and always tries her best. She is a caring friend to all of her classmates and always willing to help out! Keep up the great work!"





**FROM A COLLEAGUE**



**MRS. LIBBY BRUCE**

**SHOUT OUT FROM A PARENT**



**Miss Alex**   **Miss Summer**

**FROM A COLLEAGUE**



**MRS. KIM CROWDIS**



**PARENTS ARE THE BEST**



## The Power of Parent Involvement



**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK PARENTS!  
YOUR KIDS WILL NOTICE YOUR EFFORTS!**





## **FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...**

Hey Parents,

This coming week, students will take their middle of the year benchmark assessments. The purpose of these assessments is for teachers to see the amount of progress your child has made since the first of the year. The data informs teachers of what skills your child has mastered as well as where they may need extra help. Your child's teacher also uses the results from these assessments to help guide their lesson planning and small group instruction time. Here are a few things parents can do to ensure their child does the best he or she can this coming week. 1) Be sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night. 2) Make sure that your child arrives at school on time. 3) Discuss the importance of this assessment with your child and encourage them to take their time on it. 4) Cheer them on!! Children knowing that their parents believe in them makes a huge impact on their effort in class. 5) Celebrate their growth and successes. Once the results are sent home, sit down and celebrate the growth your child made!

Tuesday: STAR Math (Grades K - 10)

Wednesday: USA Test Prep Social Studies (Grades 3-10)

Thursday: USA Test Prep Science (Grades 3 - 10)

# ONE TEAM.

# ONE MISSION.

# NO EXCUSES.



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