SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

October 23rd-27th, 2023

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow 10/23/23! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

Please check with your child as we sent home papers that tell parents how to sign up to receive information about SGSC's PBIS tool for their individual child. This will keep you connected to your child's behavior at school - all grades. Thanks.

Parents, please speak with your child about the importance of not having their cell phones out at school. I put something in the newsletter related to cell phones last week. Again, this week, we are having issues with cell phones. Our staff deserves the respect to be able to do their jobs without having to worry about students using their cell phones to record them or take pictures of them and use on social media. We are also hearing that this may be happening on the bus as well. Please speak with your child(ren) about the importance of not recording someone without their knowledge. Cell phones can be such an amazing form of technology, but not when it is used in this way. Thank you for helping to resolve this matter.

As the weather begins to cool off and your children are wearing sweaters and jackets, please write their names (first and last) in the outerwear because they will often leave them lying around. This will make it easier to get the items back to their rightful owners instead of ending up in Lost and Found items.

We are having so many Achievers that are being checked out early throughout the week - especially on Fridays. Please remember - EARLY CHECKOUTS ARE DISCOURAGED AFTER 2:30 PM. Early checkouts after 2:30 PM are discouraged due to ongoing instructional practices that include remedial and acceleration opportunities for Achievers. In addition, students are also transitioning to various areas to prepare for dismissal. Please remember that unexcused 5 unexcused tardies and early checkouts will be counted as an absence as well. Although early checkouts are discouraged, we do realize that extenuating circumstances such as doctor's appointments and

family emergencies will occur. We will make every effort to accommodate, but please do not come to check your child out to simply avoid waiting in the car rider line.

If you need a change in transportation, you must provide this IN WRITING. This can be through a note sent to school with your child or you can email transportation@sowegastemcharter.org to request the change. These requests should be in place no later than 1:30 pm on the day of the request.

Attendance - We are beginning our new attendance policy this year. The basics from this policy are as follows:

- 5 unexcused absences you will receive a letter and attend a conference about attendance
- 7 unexcused absences you will receive a letter with a reminder that your child can only miss 3 more days before he/she may be withdrawn from the school
- 10 unexcused absences your child may be withdrawn from Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School

Reminders:

- If your child is absent, he/she will have 3 days to bring in their excuse after returning to school
- You may write up to 3 parent notes during the school year
- Your child will have 3 days to make up any missing assignments while he/she was absent from school

RECOGNIZE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER(S): If you or your child would like to SHOUT OUT any staff member, please feel free by using the link: https://forms.gle/q295X7vWzzwKzkfG6. It is important that we recognize those staff members that are such an important part of your child's life - it makes them feel special as well!

Parents - I want you all to know that we value your ideas and thoughts at SGSC. If you, at any time, feel that you could provide information or ideas about ways to improve SGSC, please click here - https://forms.gle/JiFECdiizhq7YSdj9 - and share. We may not be able to do everything that is recommended, but know that we will be open and listen. Thanks!

Below, I have included an image of our adopted Vision and Mission Statements for SGSC. We are so excited to be able to work with you all to accomplish both the vision and mission for our school!

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

Sincerely, Ginger Almon

		SGSC Elementary	School PBIS Mat	rix	
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus	Playground
Be Safe	classroom "Report unsafe conditions to a teacher	body off the walls "Ask a teacher before opening an outside door "Stay with your line "Walk on the right side	"Keep chair legs on the floor "Keep hands, feet, objects, and unkind comments to yourself	*Eeep hands and feet to yourself *Stay seated *Stay seated *St in seat correctly - Bottom to bottom and back to back	*Eeep hands and feet to yourself *Use the playground equipment correctly
P Persevere Continue in a course of action even in the face of difficults.			"Complete assignments from start to finish "Do your best - complete classwork and homework "Set goals for your fraction		
R Be Respectful Be polite and take the other people's feelings into consideration	*Sine others privacy *Close the stall door *Throw your trash and personal items in the garbage	"Face forward "Keep your hands, feet and body off the walls "Respond politely to staff and students	"Treat others the way you would want to be treated "Raise your hand "Use kind words "Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas "Winkcome new students'	*Respect environment and private property *Monitor your surroundings *Respect your bus driver and monitor	"Follow your teacher's directions "Include others when playing "Theat others the way that you would want to be treated
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SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix

	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus
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R Be Responsible Always strive to do the right thing.	*Keep it clean, quick, and quiet *Report any issues immediately to an adult	"Get where you're going "When walking with your class, stay in line	*Attend daily and be on time *Stay on task *Se prepared *Complete make-up work within time limit	*Remember your belongings *Follow your bus drive rules *Report problems righ away to an adult
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Aggies are responsible, respectful, safe and persevere

SGSC Vision

A focused, competitive, hands-on, and joyful learning environment for all students that will prepare them to become successful, gracious, scholarly citizens.

SGSC Mission

Provide distinguished and integrated instruction in an environment that cultivates respect, is inclusive of all, and lays the foundation for excellence and life-long learning.





- ones must be turned off at all times while in the school building. If a phone rings during class, the oke the Cell Phone Use Policy, "Forgetting" to turn off the cell phone is not an excuse.
- ents are prohibited from using a cell phone to take photographs or record video at any time on school property includes taking photographs or video recordings in restrooms, locker room areas, etc.

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- A student is required to hand over the cell phone and all its individual parts, including but not limited to the battery and memory card(s), to a teacher or school staff member when requested. Failure to do so will result in ISS or OSS.
- The student assumes all risks in bringing such cell phones an school related functions.

23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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SGSC Cafeteria Information

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



		CHOOL for the October 2	23rd -27th, 2	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
Super Donut or Honey Buns	Breakfast Bagels or Blueberry Holes	Pancake on a Stick or Muffins/Yogurt	Sausage Biscuit or Honey Buns	Pop Tart or Cereal of Choice
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Juice & Milk	Juice & Milk	Juice & Milk	Juice & Milk	Juice & Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Chicken Nuggets or PBJ Mixed Vegetables Fries Fruit Milk	Hot Dogs or PBJ Sweet Peas Tater Tots Fruit Milk	BBQ Meatballs or PBJ Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk	BBQ Pulled Pork or PBJ Baked Beans Cole Slaw Fruit Milk	Pizza or PBJ Com Carrots with Ranch Fruit Milk

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Breakfast Lunch



Mark your Calendars

October 23rd - Regional Track Meet

October 23rd - Mandatory Dual Enrollment Meeting @ SGSC Auditorium at 6:30 pm (Parents and Students taking DE courses during Spring Semester - 11th and 12th grade)

October 23rd-25th - Aggies Mini Cheer Camp after school

October 23rd - 27th - Red Ribbon Week

October 25th - School Picture Retakes and Fall Athletic Pictures (Track, Football, Cheer, Softball - middle and high school)

October 25th - Senior Class Graduation Meeting at 11:00 am

October 26th - SAT for 11th and 12th graders

October 26th - HOME Varsity Football Game vs. Central Talbotton at 5:00 pm (Senior night)

October 31st - Blood Drive from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm















Blood Drive Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School

Auditorium 185 Pecan Street Shellman, GA 39886 Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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SPORTS

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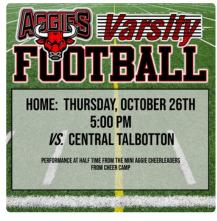
The 2023-24 school year of Fall Sports is wrapping up soon with our last football game and the regional track meet.

Basketball Practice begins October 23rd for Varsity girls and October 30th for Varsity boys. Middle school basketball practice begins on October 23rd.

Please try to make it to some of our upcoming games to support our Achievers who are working so hard on and off the field to be successful!

Fall Pictures will be taken for Cheer, Track, Football, and Softball on October 25th

































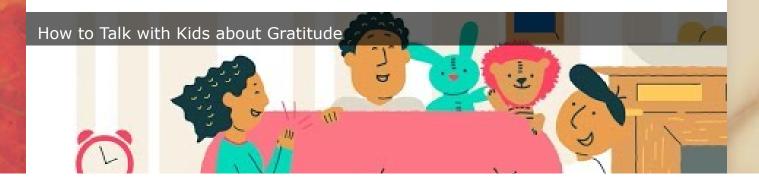






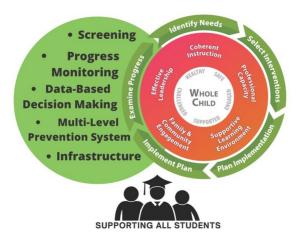
This Week's Video

The importance of gratitude!





From the MTSS Coordinator



From our MTSS Coordinator....

Homework can be very frustrating. Not only for you, as the parent, but for your child as well. One of the biggest frustrations can be that kids may rush through homework. Kids with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) may rush through theirs as well.

Try these strategies to help slow your child down when doing homework:

- 1. Designate a set amount of time for homework.
- 2. Use a timer. Encourage your child to work without stopping until the timer goes off.
- 3. Help your child get in the right mindset to do work. If your child seems too tired or stressed from the day's events, consider letting homework wait a little while. It's important that your child has more energy to give it their best effort.
- 4. Step in if your child needs to slow down. Check in with your child, and ask questions. "Are you doing your best work?"
- 5. Encourage kids to look over their work. Remind your child to check over their work. Create a checklist for your child that includes: Did your child follow directions? Are the words spelled

- correctly? Did your child use capitals when appropriate?
- 6. Help kids break down projects. Create a study calendar that breaks down the project into small daily tasks.
- 7. Get kids the help they need. If you think your child has learning differences affecting their reading, math, or writing skills, meet with your child's teacher.
- 8. Remind kids of their strengths. Talk about a time your child worked hard at something big or small and succeeded. This will boost your child's confidence.



News from the Graduation Coach...

As we start a new week at SGSC, please remember that our achievers will thrive with consistency, accountability, attention, connection, and love. As we work together to ensure that all our achievers graduate with their class, we must provide this environment for them. If they see that their people at home support the rules and decisions of the teachers and administration at school, they are more likely to follow the rules and be successful. As we begin a new week, please remind our achievers that they are loved while also setting high expectations for them. Thanks for all you do!

Mrs. Greenway

DON'T LET THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES, NEW PRESSURES, NEW SLANG, NEW TRENDS, AND CRAZY WORLD THAT WE LIVE IN FOOL YOU-KIDS ARE STILL KIDS.
THEY STILL NEED CONSISTENCY, CHALLENGE, LAUGHTER, ATTENTION, CONNECTION, AND LOVE. AND THEY NEED ALL OF THESE IN SCHOOL.

Trevor Muir- The Epic Classroom



FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH...

Happy Sunday Parents!

No matter what age your child is, homework is an important part of their education and success in the classroom. Homework gives parents a glimpse of what their child is expected to know, understand and be able to do. As a parent myself, I understand that after a busy day, sitting down to do homework can be a challenge for both parents and achievers. Our SGSC staff appreciates all the support that our Aggie parents provide for our achievers' education! I want to share a few tips with you when it comes to helping your child complete his or her homework.

- Remain positive! If children sense that we have a negative attitude towards homework, they may mimic the negativity, making it more difficult to complete their work.
- Stay connected with your child's teacher. Knowing the teacher's expectations and how often homework is assigned will help you know how to best support your child.
- Set time aside each day for your child to do his or her homework. Even though older children should complete their homework independently, having a set time each day helps your child manage their time wisely.
- Celebrate your child's successes when it comes to homework. If your child has worked hard
 to complete their homework each day, take time to do a dance, grab an extra snack and let
 them know how proud you are of them!





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