

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 28TH - MARCH 4TH, 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow on 2/28/22! This week kicks off Read Across America Week! If at all possible, try to read with your child - no matter their age - this week to show the importance of reading!

If you didn't see the post earlier this week - SGSC gained a renewed charter for the next three years and during that time, will be able to add a grade level each year! We are excited to know that we will have our first graduating class in 2024! None of this work would be possible without the support of you: the parents and family support! Thank you for choosing SGSC for your child each and every day!

We are finally seeing an increase in student attendance, but we still have a ways to go! Please join us in striving to reach our goal of 96% attendance each and every day! **When studying the attendance data since we have returned from Christmas Break, there is an alarming pattern that is present: Each Friday, we have many achievers that are not coming to school.** I am pleading with all parents - please speak with your child about the importance of attending school each and every day. On Fridays, many teachers administer tests. When an achiever is not in school on Friday, they have to come back on Monday and miss instruction to take a test that they missed on Friday. It is almost like missing two days of instruction. **Fridays are not optional for achievers.** They need to be in school all days. Thank you all for continuing to promote education in the household and ensure that your child is attending school each and every day possible.

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!

Reminder... We also need your help with cell phones. We are trying our best to continue to allow cell phones to be with your child throughout the day, but many of the parents are texting their child throughout the day or asking them to call them. We do have a cell phone policy at SGSC. Students are often torn when they feel validated in calling or texting their parents during school, but that violates our policy. If you need to speak with your child, please call the front office - 229.345.3033. When your child is using his/her phone during a non-cell phone time: **1st offense** - phone is taken and returned to the achiever at the end of the day. **2nd offense** - phone is taken and parents must come to the front office to pick up at the end of the day. **3rd offense** - (repeat of 2nd offense) phone is taken and parents must come to the front office to pick up at the end of the day. **4th offense** - the achiever is no longer allowed to bring his/her phone to school.

Reminder... Please support your child increasing his/her responsibility by checking their Infinite Campus portal for any missing assignments. This would be a great way for you and your child to spend time together and show your support of their academic achievement.

Below, I have included an image of our newly 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!

We are so thankful for our staff at SGSC! 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.

Sincerely,
Ginger Almon

SGSC Elementary School PBIS Matrix					
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classrooms	Bus	Playground
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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.



Help SGSC reach our Attendance Goal of:

96%

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?

More time in school =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!

Equates to
4 school days
off each year

Equates to
7 school days
off each year

Equates to
9 school days
off each year

Equates to
11 school days
off each year

Equates to
18 school days
off each year

Equates to
2 months
off each year

100%
Perfection

98%
Impressive

96%
Good

95%
Nearly There

94%
Needs to Improve

90%
Danger Zone

80%
Danger Zone

On Track

Referral to
School Counselor

At Risk

Truancy Referral to
Pataula Judicial Court

Off Track

Absence letter to parent

Referral to Student Support Team

STUDENT WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED CLASSES.

For every day your child is absent from school,
over 6 hours of instructional time is lost.

COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 2/28/2022

**COVID
INFORMATION
FOR
SGSC
2/28/22**

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.

**Positive Cases:
Staff - 0
Students - 0**



MORE COVID INFORMATION

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

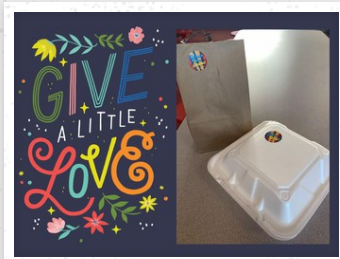
SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER | 2021-2022 CALENDAR

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SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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MARCH 2022					Southwest Georgia STEM Charter					LUNCH				
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BREAKFAST

LUNCH



FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

Parents are often seen as the exception to the laws of self care. And even when you hear about, self-care, you may dismiss it as frivolous, unnecessary, or even selfish.

But self-care has little to do with self-absorption and everything to do with health and wellness. In fact, self-care can be one of the best ways for parents to not only meet their own needs, but also their family responsibilities. Once you view self-care through the correct lens, it's easy to see that it's anything but selfish.

MYTHS ABOUT SELF-CARE FOR PARENTS



VS.



"Parents' job is to take care of their kids, not worry about themselves."



Parents can only be good at being parents when they're feeling good & their needs are met.

"It's selfish of parents to want time for themselves."



Parenting is both incredibly rewarding and challenging. Parents can love their children unconditionally and still want time for themselves, and it makes them human — not bad parents.

"This is what parents signed up for, so they shouldn't feel overwhelmed."



Nothing can fully prepare someone for becoming a parent! We all feel overwhelmed at times, even when it's something we've done before. Parents have every right to feel overwhelmed, and shouldn't be shamed for it.

"I never took time off from being a parent, so why should others need to?"



Our human experiences, challenges, successes, and fears are all wonderfully unique to us. Not having an identical parenting experience doesn't mean someone's doing it wrong.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 28th - March 4th - Read Across America Week (dress up days included below)

February 28th - Middle School Baseball @ Miller County at 4:30 pm

March 1st - Last day to order Yearbooks

March 1st - Middle School Baseball @ SGSC vs. Calhoun County at 5:00 pm

March 2nd - Elementary and Junior High Honor Society Inductions

March 3rd - Middle School Baseball @ SGSC vs. Spring Creek Charter at 5:00 pm



March 9th - Spring Pictures

March 14th - Teacher Work Day (No school for students)

March 21st - Report Cards and End of the 3rd Quarter of school

CELEBRATE TOGETHER - AGAIN -
'22 YEARBOOK
 This year, every moment together is worth celebrating and the yearbook captures them all. Don't miss out! Reserve your copy today!

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER

ONLINE  SCAN  CALL

1-877-765-1227
 BAKER - SPRING CREEK
 MONDAY - FRIDAY

WWW.SGSC.COM/2022YEARBOOK

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February 24	Baker County	Home	3:30PM
February 28	Miller County	Away	4:30PM
March 1	Calhoun County	Home	5:00PM
March 5	Spring Creek Charter	Home	5:00PM
March 8	Calhoun County	Away	4:30PM
March 9	PCA	Away	4:30PM
March 25	PCA	Home	5:00PM
March 27	Early County	Away	4:30PM
March 22	Spring Creek Charter	Away	4:30PM
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JV Baseball 2022

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
February 17	Baker County	Away	6:00PM
February 24	Baker County	Home	5:00PM
March 10	Lakeside School	Away	4:00PM Eastern
March 14	Furlow Charter	Home	5:00PM
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SGSC PRESENTS
READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK
FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 4TH

Monday: Red Fish, Blue Fish
 Wear red and blue

Tuesday: If I Ran the Zoo
 Wear animal print or camouflage

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday
 Wear mismatched clothes, clothes inside out, etc.

Thursday: Green Eggs and Ham
 Wear green

Friday: Fox in Socks
 Wear crazy or mismatched socks

SGSC SPORTS SECTION

FROM COACH CROWDIS...

February is ending and March Madness is quickly approaching. I always enjoy watching college basketball when I get a chance to. The fans are always excited and they react with

great emotion to every shot, every foul and every play that excites them. That's how I felt at Aggie Field on Thursday as our Aggie baseball teams hosted Baker County. Our fans showed and up and showed out for our boys. It means so much to these boys, who have been working since mid-January to get ready for the season, to see our sea of red at the games.

Both the Middle School and Junior Varsity teams won in strong fashion to start their seasons off 1-0. The Middle school team has a busy week this week as they travel to Miller County on Monday to face a strong Pirate team and then place host to Calhoun County on Tuesday and Spring Creek Charter on Thursday. It cost \$5 dollars to watch them play and we have a full concession stand to help you enjoy the games.

Our Middle School track and field team is working hard to get ready for their meets at the end of March. I am hearing lots of excitement from those students, and I am looking forward to seeing them in action! It seems like each new day brings more good news for Aggie Athletics. It is a great day to be an Aggie!



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Aggie Adventures




Positive Office Referral
Aubree Duke

Aubree's teacher wrote, "Aubree deserves a positive office referral for always being so sweet! She always has a positive attitude and a smile on her face! Aubree's math and reading skills have been improving since the beginning of the year and I am so proud of her! Keep it up!"




Positive Office Referral
Finn Lovering

Finn's teachers wrote, "Finn has worked so hard this year. He tries his hardest to always follow directions and is kind to all his friends. This past week Finn rocked his math small group on adding two single digit numbers. We are so proud of Finn and love watching him grow each day!"



Positive Office Referral
Levi Burleson

Levi's teachers wrote, "Levi is a motivated learner who tries his best each and every day. He has the best manners and has such a positive impact on our classroom. He is always spreading kindness and is always serving as a role model to other students. Words cannot express how proud we are of you, Levi!!! Keep up the great work!"



Positive Office Referral
Robert Cobb

Robert's STEAM teacher wrote, "Robert has been absolutely awesome! This week, he not only finished his STEAM challenge on time, but also helped several of his classmates troubleshoot the problems they were having with their electrical circuits. With persistence, he was able to help fix all of them. He definitely deserves a nod on the back for being the awesome Aggie that he is!"




Positive Office Referral
Kaitlyn Schacht

Kaitlyn's teachers wrote, "Kaitlyn has grown so much this year. She comes to school ready to learn each day. She is also a great friend who is honest and respectful. We are so proud of you, Kaitlyn! Keep up the great work!!"



Positive Office Referral
Ansley Junderburke

Ansley's math teacher wrote, "Ansley has completed every focus skill lesson on Flockle for 6th Grade! She has worked extremely hard to achieve this goal. She is the first Aggie Achiever to complete all the focus skills on grade level this year!"

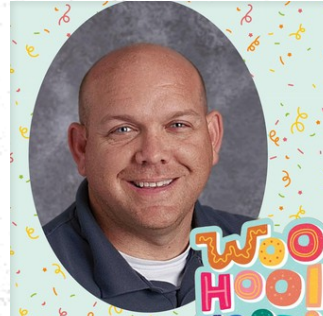


Positive Office Referral
Vincent Zheng

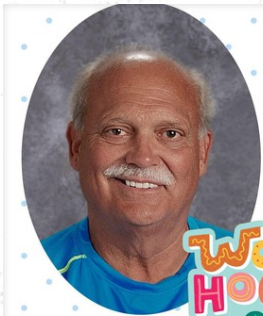
Vincent's teacher wrote, "Vincent is very kind and helpful. He is a great friend to all and serves as a wonderful role model. In the short time he has been here, he has grown so much. He comes to school ready to learn with a positive attitude. We are so proud of you, Vincent! Keep up the great work!!!"



Woo Hoo! good FOR YOU



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THIS WEEK'S VIDEO

Our Baseball Team!

My Video

www.wevideo.com



FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...

Parents,

Did you know that your achiever's reading level is measured on a Lexile scale? Both the STAR Reading Assessment and the Georgia Milestones Assessment evaluate the independent reading level of all achievers. This range helps teachers better understand which books are best for your achiever to read. If you would like more information on understanding Lexile measures, please visit the Georgia Department of Education's website below. Here you will find out what a Lexile measure is, where to find books within your child's Lexile range and how to find out what Lexile level your child is currently in. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's reading teacher.

<https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Parent-FAQs.aspx>.

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ONE MISSION.
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