

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 18TH-22ND, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Everyone,

We are so excited to see our students this week! The first week of the second quarter was very productive! Our attendance rate also improved this week! We are hoping that this trend will continue throughout the remainder of the school year. Again, it is hard to teach the students if they do not come to school. We appreciate our parents for getting students to school every day - if possible.

Middle and High School Parents - please be aware that there have been a few cases of vaping at school. We will do our part to monitor this and make sure that we are investigating any suspected incidences of vaping. The best way for you all to help us is to talk with your child about the dangers of vaping and also ensure that they do not have a vape with them when coming to school. We will not tolerate vaping on school grounds - minimum 3 day Out of School Suspension. Please speak with your child! Thanks for the support!

Communication - elementary teachers at SGSC are amazing communicators! The middle/high school teachers are as well - it is just a little tougher when students get to middle/high because the teachers have to see so many students and different grade levels each day. Please be patient with our teachers as we are looking for practices to improve communication. If you have a question about your child, please reach out to the teacher! We are trying to teach the students to become more responsible as they grow older, so encourage them to speak to the teachers as well to become managers of their learning. We will always do our best to ensure that you are kept in the loop, but sometimes that transition from elementary to middle school can be alarming at first. Please make sure that you know how to access Infinite Campus to review the assignments and grades, as that will keep you up to date as well. Thank you for all of the honest conversations and feedback!

Also - please know that the "virtual" component for our school is simply to access missing assignments for when your child is out due to COVID positive results or COVID exposure. This

option is not for using to go on vacations or any other non-related COVID issues. If you have any questions, please contact me - galmon@sowegastemcharter.org.

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.

Sincerely,
Ginger Almon

COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 10/18/21

COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 10/18/21

Positive Cases:

Staff - 0

Students - 0

Quarantines:

Staff - 0

Students - 1

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

Please keep in mind that some of the positive cases are remaining on the count because we leave them up for the two weeks - these are not necessarily new COVID cases - some may also be from last week. 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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■	Holiday/School Closed
■	Teacher In-Service (No School for students)
■	Half Day
■	Milestones EOG/EOC

SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

OCTOBER 2021 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter **BREAKFAST**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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BREAKFAST

LUNCH

**Counselor's
Corner**

FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

This week is School Bus Safety Week, now is a good time to make bus safety a part of your conversations at home. Here are a few key points to remember.

Bus Safety

Keeping Your Child Safe



Whether your child is a new bus rider or has been riding a bus for years, it's important to talk about bus safety.

Go over these safety rules with your child.

Getting On the Bus

- ▶ Get to the bus stop early.
- ▶ When you see the bus coming, line up away from the curb.
- ▶ Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver opens the door before moving to get on the bus.
- ▶ Be extra careful when crossing the street to get on the bus.

On the Bus

- ▶ Always obey the bus driver.
- ▶ Stay in your seat and don't shout or yell.
- ▶ Never stick your hands, arms, or head out the window.
- ▶ Report any bullying or dangerous behavior you see.

Getting Off the Bus

- ▶ If you have to walk in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet (5 giant steps) in front of the bus. Make sure you can see the driver (and he/she can see you).
- ▶ If you have to cross the street, wait for the driver to signal it's safe. Then look left, right, and left again before crossing.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 19th - 9th and 10th grade Field Trip (please remember that parents cannot ride the bus on field trips)

October 20th - UNITY Day - wear orange

October 22nd - FLU Vaccine Clinic at school from 9:30 am - 11:30 am by Randolph County DPH - forms were sent home with all students - please complete and return if you want your child to receive the FLU vaccine

October 22nd - Faculty vs. Student Basketball Game - send \$2 in with your child so they can attend the game

October 25th-29th - Red Ribbon Week (see dress up days below)

November 3rd - School Picture Make-Up Day

November 11th - Veterans' Day - No School

November 12th - Teacher Workday - No School for Students

UNITY DAY

OCT 20, 2021

WEAR AND SHARE
ORANGE
TO PREVENT BULLYING
AND PROMOTE

kindness
acceptance
inclusion

#UNITYDAY2021
[PACER.ORG/UNITYDAY](https://pacer.org/unityday)

Sponsored by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center since 2011

Red Ribbon Week 2021

Monday
PROUD TO BE DRUG
FREE.

WEAR RED TO
KICK-OFF RED
RIBBON WEEK.



Tuesday

I'm too
BRIGHT
for DRUGS

WEAR NEON DAY!



Wednesday

Check Yourself!

PLAID
&
RAD

Drugs are BAD!

WEAR PLAID OR
CHECKERED
PATTERNS!

Thursday

YOU AND ME,
WE'RE DRUG FREE.

GRAB A FRIEND AND
DRESS AS TWINS!



Friday



WEAR YOUR
HALLOWEEN
COSTUME TO SCARE
AWAY DRUGS!

DRUG-FREE
LOOKS LIKE ME!



RED RIBBON WEEK 2021



SGSC



SPORTS



SECTION

FROM COACH CROWDIS...

Hey Aggies!

The air is getting cooler and basketball season is almost here! Our players and cheerleaders are working hard with their coaches to be prepared for the upcoming season. We are excited to be able to host home games this year in "the Barn" and I hope that you will be able to come out and support our athletes this basketball season.

One question that I get a lot from parents is, "What is the difference between middle school, junior varsity(JV) and varsity when it comes to sports?" Middle school athletics is 6th grade through 8th grade and varsity is 9th grade through 12th grade. The one that is most confusing, for most, is junior varsity. Junior varsity is typically 9th and 10th graders for schools, but since we are small and are just getting our programs going, we sometimes add middle school students to our JV teams to have enough to play. The same thing is happening with our middle school program this year where we are allowing 5th graders to participate in middle school sports.

Next year we will be members of the Georgia High School Association so our athletics will look a little different. Since we will be included in GHSA we will be assigned to a region and will be playing a region schedule in Cross Country, Softball, Baseball and Track and Field we will not have a JV team in those sports, just varsity. We will also move away from allowing 5th graders to play middle school sports unless numbers in specific sports are low. We should all be very excited for our school having the chance to participate in region championships next year!

Another question I get a lot is, "When are we getting a football team?" As you all know football is an expensive sport to get started for schools. It cost on average around \$750 to dress out one player in the proper equipment for games. I truly believe once we can purchase this equipment we will have it for years to come and our gate money and donors will help keep the program going strong. How can you help us do this? Become an Awesome Aggie sponsor or print off our Awesome Aggie sponsor letter and donation sheet and take it to local businesses and companies and ask for them to become an Awesome Aggie. To see how to become an "Awesome Aggie" sponsor you can go to our school website or click this direct link to see our form.

<https://content.myconnectsuite.com/api/documents/0157a41e970b4930b0db1d06313fdc1f.pdf>

Let's Go Aggies!

This week in Aggie Athletics

October 18th – October 23rd

Monday

Boys Basketball Practice 3:15-4:30

Girls Basketball Practice 3:15-5:00

Tuesday

Boys Basketball Practice 3:15-5:00

Girls Basketball Practice 3:15-4:30

Cheerleading Practice 3:15-4:30

Wednesday

Boys Basketball Practice 3:15-4:30

Girls Basketball Practice 3:15-5:00

Thursday

Boys Basketball Practice 3:15-5:00

Girls Basketball Practice 3:15-4:30

Cheerleading Practice 3:15-4:30

Friday

Students Vs. Staff
Basketball Game

All grades can attend! This fun event will be held during school hours at the end of the school day.

Student admission is \$2 and can be turned in any day to the student's homeroom teacher.

All proceeds are going to support the basketball and cheerleading programs!


**STUDENTS
VERSUS
STAFF
BASKETBALL GAME**



Aggie Adventures




Positive Office Referral
Asia Bland




Asia's teacher wrote, "Asia deserves a positive office referral because this year she has been a true leader in her class. She has worked hard and done so well academically. Asia looks after her classmates and helps make sure they do not get behind. She also took the initiative and created an after-school cleaning schedule for the classroom. Thank you, Asia, for being you!"

Positive Office Referral
Zacree Giles




Zacree's teacher wrote, "Zac deserves a positive office referral because he is always willing to help out anyway he can. He is so thoughtful and caring! Zac is such a hard working student, and he is such a joy to teach!"

Positive Office Referral
Kaden Temple




Kaden's teacher wrote, "Kaden is so quiet and kind! He is so thoughtful, bringing in special treats to classmates to brighten their day and always willing to lend a helping hand. We are so proud of you, Kaden!"

Positive Office Referral
Aubrey Johnson



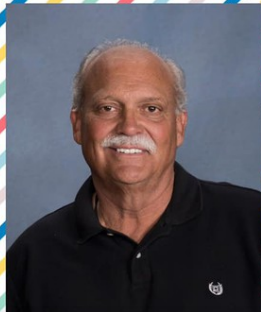
Aubrey's teachers wrote, "Aubrey deserves a shout out because she is our compliment queen! I always catch her being kind to other students and telling them how pretty they are or how she likes their outfit! She is also a huge help in our classroom and someone we can always depend on! Keep up the great work Aubrey!"

Positive Office Referral
Cannon Everett




Cannon's teacher wrote, "Cannon is doing such a good job in first grade! He is hilarious, smart, and so thoughtful. He recently encountered some really tough material in math. I am so proud of him for persevering and putting in the work to tackle this module! Keep being you, Cannon!"

FROM A PARENT



FROM A COLLEAGUE



FROM A PARENT



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PARENTS ARE THE BEST

Offer Empathy



FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...

Parents,

Does your child struggle to complete their homework in the afternoons and evenings? If so, the United States Department of Education has an article that may help ease the homework slump you are facing. The article, linked below, gives several tips to support parents and students, including setting a regular time and place for homework to be completed, removing distractions, and many other simple steps to make your child's homework experience more successful! If your child is having difficulty with specific content areas, feel free to reach out to his or her teacher. Our Aggie teachers are always willing to support our parents and students!

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/homework/part5.html>

ONE TEAM.

ONE MISSION.

NO EXCUSES.






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