

# SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 22ND-25TH, 2022

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow on 2/22/22! We encourage everyone to wear their tutus, ties, and tube socks if possible! Tomorrow, we will also be adjusting the lunch menu to include Taco TWOsday for all staff and students!

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](mailto:galmon@sowegastemcharter.org).

Sincerely,  
Ginger Almon

SGSC Elementary School PBIS Matrix					
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus	Playground
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SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix				
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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 2/22/2022**

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

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](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!

**FEBRUARY 2022** Southwest Georgia STEM Charter **BREAKFAST!**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Choice of milk	Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Choice of milk	Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Choice of milk	Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Choice of milk	Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Choice of milk
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**FEBRUARY 2022** Southwest Georgia STEM Charter **LUNCH**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch: Sandwich, Fruit, Choice of milk	Lunch: Sandwich, Fruit, Choice of milk	Lunch: Sandwich, Fruit, Choice of milk	Lunch: Sandwich, Fruit, Choice of milk	Lunch: Sandwich, Fruit, Choice of milk
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**BREAKFAST**

**LUNCH**



**FROM MS. MCBRIDE...**

# 7 key steps to RAISING INCLUSIVE KIDS

Big Life Journal

## 1 MODEL INCLUSIVE BEHAVIOR

- Examine your personal beliefs and behaviors and ensure you're promoting the same values you'd like your child to have.
- Celebrate differences, use respectful language when talking about people from all backgrounds, avoid reinforcing stereotypes.
- If you treat all people with kindness and respect, your child will too.



## 2 BUILD SELF-ESTEEM AND EMPATHY



- Give your children opportunities to feel capable and competent.
- Empathy is the ability to notice the feelings of others and imagine how it feels to be in their position or to see from their perspective. It's a cognitive skill that can be taught and developed in children.

## 3 BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

Still, discussing differences can be challenging. Try these steps:

- Talk about it openly. Don't avoid the questions.
- Ask them why they'd like to know or what made them think of the question.
- Provide an honest answer that is age appropriate.
- If you don't know the answer, don't be afraid to try. You can say, "I need to think about your question and tell you the answer later." Once you've gathered the information you need, go back to your child and say, "Let's talk about it."



## 4 PREPARE FOR VARIOUS SCENARIOS



- Sometimes, your child's question might be about something they perceive as "weird." Emphasize to your child that there is no "normal" and "weird" or "cool" and "stupid."
- If your child uses inappropriate terms or language that is not socially acceptable in asking these questions, gently correct them and provide a better alternative.
- Sometimes, our children also ask about differences in public. Apologize for your child if necessary. Then provide a simple and positive response.

## 5 EXPOSE CHILDREN TO DIVERSE EXPERIENCES AND PEOPLE

Exposure to diverse experiences and people normalizes differences for children.

- Visit museums and cultural institutions.
- Attend cultural events in your area.
- Be around people from diverse backgrounds.
- If possible, travel to new and different places.
- Choose media that actively represents and celebrates diversity.
- Select dolls of varying races and ethnicities.
- Find a pen pal from another country.
- Buy a globe so you can talk to your child about the many different places in the world.



## 6 EMPHASIZE SIMILARITIES



- While teaching children about differences, it's also important to emphasize similarities.
- Explain that although people are different, we all share the experience of being human.
- We all want to connect with other people and be loved, we all have hopes and dreams, and we all feel the same emotions.
- In addition, it's not our backgrounds, appearances, or income that defines us. The way we treat others and the choices we make are far more important.

## 7 READ BOOKS THAT CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES

- Sometimes, teaching children about differences is tricky. We aren't always sure if we're sending the right message or using the right words. Luckily, there are many children's books written for this exact purpose.
- You'll find that children are very open to accepting and celebrating differences. All you have to do is plant the seed.



# UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**February 22nd** - 2/22/22 celebration - Tutus, Ties, and Tube Socks (dress up day)

**February 24th** - Middle School and JV Baseball games at SGSC vs. Baker County - begins at 3:30 pm

**February 25th** - Pre-K Registration Ends

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

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

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



**Aggies**

**Monday, February 21st**  
Holiday

**Tuesday, February 22nd**  
Baseball Pictures 3:30  
Track Practice 3:15 - 5:30

**Wednesday, February 23rd**  
Baseball Practice 3:15 - 5:30

**Thursday, February 24th**  
Baseball Home Games Vs. Baker County MS and JV  
Game Time 3:30 55 Gate  
Track Practice 3:15 - 5:30

**Looking Ahead!**  
Feb 28th - MS Baseball @ Miller County  
March 1st - MS Baseball Vs. Calhoun County  
March 3rd - MS Baseball Vs. Spring Creek Charter

**SGSC Presents**

**It's a**  
**TWOS DAY**  
**CELEBRATION!**

Join in the fun on this special date by wearing hats, ties (or bowties), or tube socks to school on **Tuesday, 2-22-22!**

**Ties, Ties, & Tube Socks**

**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...**

It's game week Aggie Nation! I hope that you will come out to support our middle school and junior varsity baseball teams on Thursday as they take on the Baker County Bears. Game time

is 3:30 for the middle school game with the JV game starting soon after. I know the game time is really early but since we do not have lights yet for the field we need to be able to get both games in before dark. Entrance fee will be \$5 and we will have a concession stand available with hot boiled peanuts, candy and drinks. Our middle school track and field practices started last week and the achievers are really excited about the upcoming track meets. It's a great time to be a SGSC Aggie!



Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School  
 Head Coach: Ben Crowdis  
 Assistant Coaches: Bubba Redding and Chris Rumble  
**Middle School Baseball 2022**


Date	Opponent	Location	Time
February 17	Baker County	Away	4:30PM
February 24	Baker County	Home	3:30PM
February 28	Miller County	Away	4:30PM
March 1	Calhoun County	Home	5:00PM
March 3	Spring Creek Charter	Home	5:00PM
March 8	Calhoun County	Away	4:30PM
March 9	PCA	Away	4:30PM
March 15	PCA	Home	5:00PM
March 17	Early County	Away	4:30PM
March 22	Spring Creek Charter	Away	4:30PM
March 28	Early County	Home	4:30PM

**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
March 17	Early County	Away	6:00PM
March 24	Lakeside School	Home	5:00PM
March 28	Early County	Home	6:00PM

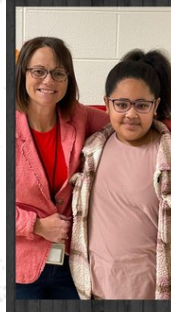


# Aggie Adventures



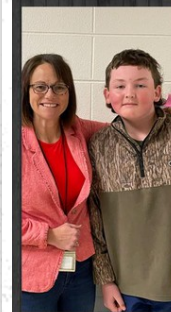
**Positive  
Office  
Referral**  
*Kenzie Crowdis*

Kenzie's teacher wrote,  
"Kenzie was recently  
quarantined and continued  
to carry on with class as if  
she was there in person. I  
appreciate her perseverance  
during this difficult time.  
She continued to read her  
novel, take quizzes and  
complete freckle  
assignments. I am so proud  
of her and am delighted to  
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**Positive  
Office  
Referral**  
*Jaylaeh Nichols*

Jaylaeh's teacher wrote,  
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*Chance Washington*

Chance's teacher wrote,  
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**Positive Office Referral**  
*Sage Youngblood*

Sage's teacher wrote, "Sage was recently quarantined and continued to carry on with class as if she was there in person. I appreciate her perseverance during this difficult time. She continued to read her novel, take quizzes and complete freestyle assignments. I am so proud of her and am delighted to be her teacher."



**Positive Office Referral**  
*Aden Rondeau*

Aden's teacher wrote, "Each day that Aden arrives in his homeroom classroom, he assists in putting the chairs under the desks. He was never asked to do this task, but he took the initiative to be helpful. A true example of the Aggie Achiever! Thank you Aden."




**Positive Office Referral**  
*Ansley Funderburke*

Ansley's teacher wrote, "Ansley was recently quarantined and continued to carry on with class as if she was there in person. I appreciate her perseverance during this difficult time. She continued to read her novel, take quizzes and complete freestyle assignments. I am so proud of her and am delighted to be her teacher."



**Positive Office Referral**  
*Erie Pace*

Erie's teacher wrote, "Erie has been a phenomenal student from Day 1! She works hard each and every day. She is a fantastic reader. She is kind, funny, and hardworking! Erie is a bright and bubbly girl with an infectious personality! Keep being you, Erie!"



**Positive Office Referral**  
*Ashton Otto*

Ashton deserves a shout out for his participation in the Cognia student interviews last Tuesday. The interviews were in relation to our school receiving accreditation. He represented our school well! Thank you Ashton!



**Positive Office Referral**  
*Nathan Page*

An SGCSC teacher wrote, "Thank you, Nathan, for not only holding the door for me, but for holding it for your fellow Aggie Achievers!! It is so nice to see someone being kind to others!"





## THIS WEEK'S VIDEO

This video is a strong reminder that everyone is dealing with things that we do not know about. Please be kind and understanding. I shared this with our staff as well. If your child is dealing with any outside factors affecting his/her education, please feel free to reach out and let us know, so we can be part of their support system.

Oscar winning short-film 'Sorry'





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

Parents,

We hope that each of you had a wonderful four day weekend! As many of you may already know, our achievers will be taking the Georgia Milestones Assessment during the month of May. Teachers are working hard to ensure that your child will be as prepared as possible for this state assessment. Not only does the Georgia Department of Education provide our teachers and leaders with many helpful resources concerning the Milestones, but they also have information for parents! Below is the link to the Georgia Department of Education's website for parents. There you will find study guides and achievement level descriptors. They also provide parents with the same math formula achievers can use on the 6th through 10th grade assessments. Take a look! You may find something that will benefit your special achiever at home.

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ONE MISSION.  
NO EXCUSES.**




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