

# SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 4TH-7TH, 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Everyone,

We are so excited to see our students this week! We would like to thank our parents for all that you do to ensure that our school is successful! Again, the main thing that you can do to support our efforts is to make sure that your child is attending school each day. We did see an increase in attendance this past week and we owe you all a HUGE thank you! Moving forward, we will be introducing a weekly attendance rate in the newsletter and will begin providing class incentives for attendance.

I also want to bring to your attention that many of your children may have downloaded the TikTok app. There are challenges presented on this app that encourage students to participate in inappropriate behavior. The month of October challenge is to slap a staff member. Please speak with your child about this and make sure that they understand that if they slap a staff member at Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School that the sheriff's department will be called and charges will be pressed. Hopefully, none of our students will participate in this challenge, but I wanted to bring it to your attention, so you can have a conversation with them too.

The end of the first quarter of school is near and report cards will be send home on October 12th when we return from Fall Break. Please know that all missing work assignments must be completed before leaving for Fall Break on October 7th. If you are unsure if your child is missing assignments, please reach out to the teachers. Also, if you need assistance logging into our Student Information System - Infinite Campus - to review grades and assignments, please contact Nicole Horn at [nhorn@sowegastemcharter.org](mailto:nhorn@sowegastemcharter.org) for assistance.

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 10/4/21

### COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 10/4/21

Positive Cases:  
Staff - 0  
Students - 1

Quarantines:  
Staff - 0  
Students - 15

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

These figures are based on what will happen on Monday, October 4th. Also, 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](mailto:kroland@sowegastemcharter.org) or 229.345.3033 or myself [galmon@sowegastemcharter.org](mailto:galmon@sowegastemcharter.org).

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

**OCTOBER 2021** Southwest Georgia STEM Charter **BREAKFAST**

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## BREAKFAST

## LUNCH



## FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

National Good Neighbor Day was on **September 28th** and it was designed to create an opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other better. Some students thrive in social



situations, while others may struggle. Social and emotional skills are critical to children's success. Research shows that these skills can be learned and taught, and they can have an important impact on students' ability to thrive in school and in life. While schools are beginning to recognize the importance of strong social and emotional skills, parents and other caregivers play an important role in setting a foundation to help their children develop these skills.

When we talk about the social skills needed for your child's success in school and life, it's not about popularity or getting your child to be socially outgoing. Developing strong social and emotional skills is really about teaching your child how to have meaningful relationships with others, how to develop a sense of empathy, and how to be able to adapt to stressful situations.

The best way to teach appropriate behaviors is by setting a good example for your child. What we do is just as (or more!) important as what we say. For example, if your first reaction to your child's misbehavior is to lose your temper and shout, then your child will learn to shout and throw a tantrum when faced with a stressful situation. Instead, try to stay calm and explain to your child why you want a certain behavior. Of course, children are experts at pushing your buttons, and all parents will likely lose their temper at times. This is natural, but if this is always your first reaction, then it will likely become your child's first reaction as well.

It is also important to take time to review and reflect on your child's use of social skills each day. Having a simple conversation can help reinforce the lessons learned that day. Also, be sure to celebrate your child's successes – if you make a big deal out of their positive behavior, your child will likely want to repeat the behavior.



# UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**October 8th-11th** - Fall Break

**October 12th** - Report Cards go home - please sign and return

**October 15th** - Pre-K and Kindergarten Field Trip (please remember that parents cannot ride the bus on field trips)

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

**October 25th-29th** - Red Ribbon Week



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# SPORTS



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## **FROM COACH CROWDIS...**

Hey Aggies!

Aggie Athletics has gotten off to a great start for the 2021-22 school year! Our Middle School Softball Lady Aggies completed an undefeated season last week! They defeated PCA, Clay County, Terrell County and Spring Creek Charter this season. Though they didn't get to play as many games due to COVID and weather, the JV Softball Lady Aggies team finished 2-1 for the year. That team will do big things next year! Congrats to Coach Lovering, Coach Bubba and all of the Lady Aggies! We were excited to be able to offer Cross Country to our students this fall. Our inaugural team was led by first year Coach Savannah Peachey as they competed in Marion County and in Pelham, Georgia. We will highlight both of these teams in the coming weeks so that you can celebrate with us.

Basketball practice will begin this week for 6th through 10th grade boys and girls as we prepare for a full season of middle school and junior varsity games. All players must have a physical on file before they can begin practicing. You can find the schedule for Aggie

basketball games and for all of our sports on our school website,

<https://southwestgeorgiastem.schoolinsites.com/#>.

We would like to thank all of the Aggies that sold Little Caesars Pizza kits! Together we raised over \$3,200 for Aggie Athletics. I would also like to thank HKW Logging for sponsoring our cash prizes. Aggie Athletics is growing everyday through the hard work of coaches, players, and staff and through the support of our Aggie parents, school administration and the Board of Directors. We have BIG goals and BIG plans to make Aggie Athletics as successful as possible and to provide new and exciting opportunities for our students. Let's Go Aggies!

To see how to become an "Awesome Aggie" sponsor you can go to our school website or click this direct link to our see our form.

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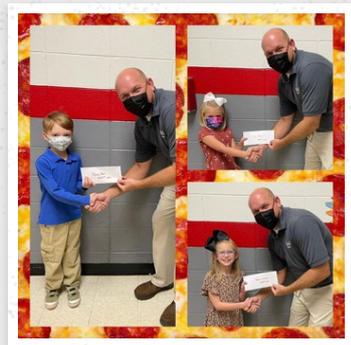


**Positive Office Referral**  
**Kailyn Favela-Esquivel**

Kailyn's teacher wrote, "Kailyn comes prepared to learn each and every day. She is always focused and strives to do her best in everything she does. She is a respectful young lady and is kind to everyone! Kailyn has already met and EXCEEDED her first nine week AR reading goal! Keep up the good work. I am so proud of you!"

**Positive Office Referral**  
**John Thomas**

John's teacher wrote, "John is a Fabulous 5th grader! He has great manners, works hard in class, has a positive attitude, and always gives 100%. John completes his homework, studies each night, and quickly makes up his work when he has had to be out. John participates in class and his excitement about learning is contagious! He is a friend to all of the students in 5th grade and always willing to help anyone in need. Keep up the great work, John! We are proud of you!"



**Positive Office Referral**  
**Josiah Keith**

Josiah's teacher wrote, "Josiah deserves a positive office referral for being such an amazing student! He always does what is expected of him! Josiah is eager to learn and ask questions to ensure he understands! I am so glad Josiah has joined our school! Keep up the great work!"



**Positive Office Referral**  
**Noah Matherly**

Noah's teacher wrote, "The past two weeks Noah has really started working hard and has learned almost all of his letters and sounds. He has been paying attention and making good choices in the classroom. Noah is kind to everyone and loves to have a classroom job to help out. We love having sweet Noah in our class!"

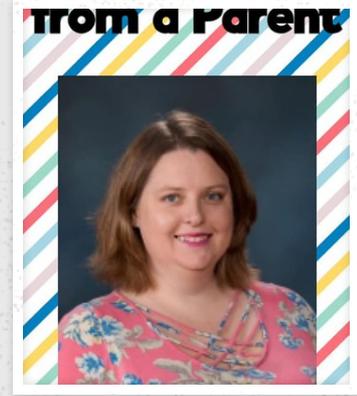
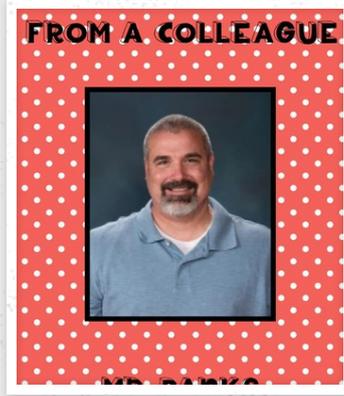
**Positive Office Referral**  
**Riley Gardner**

Riley's teacher wrote, "Riley is a Fabulous 5th grader! She has great manners, works hard in class, has a positive attitude, and always gives 100% in class! Riley completes her homework, studies each night, and quickly makes up her work when she has had to be out. Riley participates in class and her excitement about learning is contagious! She is a friend to all of the students in 5th grade and always willing to help anyone in need. Keep up the great work, Riley! We are proud of you!"

**Positive Office Referral**  
**Caleb Barley**

Caleb's teacher wrote, "Caleb is so kind and helpful. A younger student dropped his breakfast and was very upset. We told him to go back through the line and get another breakfast. He was so upset, so Caleb walked with him into the lunchroom and walked him to his class to make sure he did not drop his breakfast again. Thanks Caleb! Keep being kind!"





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