

# SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

October 2nd-5th, 2023

## From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow on 10/2/23! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

We will begin Fall Break on Friday, October 6th. During this time, we hope that your child is able to spend some time with you! You would be surprised at how many times I hear kids say that they want to spend time with their mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle, etc. They want your attention - even at the middle and high school level - though most won't come out and tell you that. I hope that this Fall Break will allow some time for you to spend with them and just relax. Talk about what is going on in their life, successes they have felt, struggles that they have had, etc.

The Homecoming Dance was a success! The Gill Family deserves a BIG THANK YOU for allowing us to use their facility, decorating for the event, cooking for the event, and ensuring that the kids had a great time. As I watched the kids dance and interact, my heart was full. I enjoyed seeing them smile and be silly. At SGSC, we truly do have THE BEST achievers in the state of Georgia!

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](mailto: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.

Cell phones are not allowed to be used at school. They must remain in your child's backpack or bag. Please see information below. On the buses, your child may use his/her cell phone if they follow these rules: No pictures or videos should be made on the bus, no pictures or videos should be uploaded to social media on the bus, no loud noises from phones - must have ear buds or headphones. IF our Achievers can follow those rules, cell phones will be permitted on the bus. IF our Achievers cannot follow those rules, we will not allow cell phones on the bus. So, please encourage your child to follow the bus rules regarding cell phone usage. Thank you!

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/ygfhcKDLA2Mm8Gtw5>. 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](mailto:galmon@sowegastemcharter.org).

Sincerely,  
Ginger Almon

SGSC Elementary School PBIS Matrix					
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus	Playground
<b>S</b> <b>Be Safe</b> Make choices that maintain the emotional and physical safety of our community.	Wash your hands thoroughly. *Keep hands to self. *Leave cell phone in the classroom. *Report unsafe conditions to a teacher or staff member.	Wash hands and body off the walls. *Push a locker before opening an outside door. *Play with your feet. *Walk on the right side.	Follow directions. *Pack to leave the classroom. *Place chair legs on the floor. *Place hands, feet, objects, and unclean items to yourself. *Complete assignments. *Report start to finish. *Do your best - complete homework. *Put goals for your future.	*Wash hands and feet to yourself. *Use the playground equipment correctly. *Do not drink or eat in the classroom. *Do not use the restroom in the classroom. *Do not use the phone in the classroom. *Do not use the phone in the classroom.	*Wash hands to self - No touch zone. *Play seated. *Sit in seat correctly - Bottom to bottom and back to back.
<b>P</b> <b>Persevere</b> Continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty.					
<b>R</b> <b>Be Respectful</b> Be polite and take the other people's feelings into consideration.					
<b>R</b> <b>Be Responsible</b> Always strive to do the right thing.					

SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix				
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus
<b>S</b> <b>Be Safe</b> Make choices that maintain the emotional and physical safety of our community.	Wash your hands thoroughly. *Keep hands to self. *Leave cell phone in the classroom. *Report unsafe conditions to a teacher or staff member.	Wash on the right. *Maintain safe distance. *Plan free zone.	Follow class expectations. *Ask to leave the classroom. *Keep chair legs on the floor. *Cell-Free Zone.	*Wash hands to self - No touch zone. *Play seated. *Sit in seat correctly - Bottom to bottom and back to back.
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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.*

## AGGIES CELL PHONE POLICY

**FROM BELL TO BELL - THERE IS NO CELL**

- Students are not permitted to use cellular phones during school hours.
  - Cell phones should be turned off upon school arrival and students should store cell phones in their locker or bookbag upon arriving to homeroom. Cell phones may not be kept in clothing pockets.
  - Phones must be turned off at all times while in the school building. If a phone rings during class, the teacher will revoke the Cell Phone Use Policy. "Forgetting" to turn off the phone is not an excuse.
  - Use of a cell phone during a test will be considered cheating and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.
  - Students are prohibited from using a cell phone to take photographs or record video at any time on school property. This includes taking photographs or video recordings in restrooms, locker room areas, etc.
  - If a student violates the Cell Phone Use Policy, the teacher or school staff member shall confiscate the cell phone and take it to the office.
- First offense** - the phone is taken away until the end of the day and kept in the front office.  
**Second offense** - the phone must be picked up by a parent or guardian.  
**Third offense** - either the student is assigned to ISS for two days of the phone is taken away for ten school days to be kept at the school (parent's choice).  
**Additional offenses** - all result in the student not being allowed to have a cell phone on school property. Furthermore, students who do not adhere to these guidelines will be subject to other disciplinary actions.
- A student is required to hand over the cell phone and all its individual parts, including but not limited to the battery and memory cards, 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 and other electronic devices onto school property or to school related functions.

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# 23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 2023-24

July 2023							August 2023							September 2023						
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Teacher Work Days		1st and Last Day of School		Holidays/Breaks	
Aug 4, 2023	1st Day of School	Nov 10, 2023	Veterans Day (obs.)	Feb 19, 2024	Presidents' Day
Sep 4, 2023	Labor Day	Nov 20-24, 2023	Thanksgiving Break	April 1-5, 2024	Spring Break
Oct 6-8	Fall Break/Professional Dev	Dec 18, 19, 20	Christmas Break	May 17, 2024	Last Day of School

# SGSC Cafeteria Information

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

**OCTOBER 2023** Southwest Georgia Stem Charter School **BREAKFAST**

**School Information:** Every meal will be served with fruit and milk.

**Christmas Bell Day is October 4.** Don your step in fun with a centerpiece and don't forget to add a sprig of holly with every apple to complete your meal!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pancake or a Stick or Super Donut Fruit Milk	Sausage & Biscuit or Blaubery Donut Fruit Milk	Chicken & Biscuit or Muffin/Yogurt Fruit Milk	Breakfast Bagel or Honey Bun Fruit Milk	<b>Fall Break</b>
<b>Fall Break</b>	<b>Fall Break</b>	Breakfast Bagel or Muffin/Yogurt Fruit Milk	Sausage & Biscuit or Blaubery Donut Fruit Milk	Breakfast Bagel or Honey Bun Fruit Milk
Breakfast Bagel or Pancake or a Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken & Biscuit or Blaubery Donut Fruit Milk	Breakfast Bagel or Muffin/Yogurt Fruit Milk	Breakfast Bagel or Honey Bun Fruit Milk	Pineapple or Honey Bun Fruit Milk
Super Donut or Honey Bun Fruit Milk	Breakfast Bagel or Pancake or a Stick Fruit Milk	Pancake or a Stick or Super Donut Fruit Milk	Sausage & Biscuit or Blaubery Donut Fruit Milk	Pineapple or Honey Bun Fruit Milk
Pancake or a Stick or Super Donut Fruit Milk	<b>Halloween</b> Breakfast Bagel or Muffin/Yogurt Fruit Milk			

**AGGIES SCHOOL FOODS MENU**  
For the week of:  
October 2nd - 5th, 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BREAKFAST</b> Pancake on a Stick or Super Donut Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST</b> Sausage & Biscuit or Blaubery Donut Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST</b> Chicken & Biscuit or Muffin/Yogurt Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST</b> Strawberry Bagel or Honey Bun Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST</b> <b>FALL BREAK--NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>LUNCH</b> Corn Dog or PBJ Sweet Peas Fruit Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Nuggets or PBJ Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Fruit Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Pizza or PBJ Corn Chips Fruit Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Cheeseburger or PBJ Baked Beans Tater Tots Fruit Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> <b>FALL BREAK--NO SCHOOL</b>

**OCTOBER 2023** Southwest Georgia Stem Charter School **LUNCH**

**School Information:** Lunch Plates are prepared for High School Students and Staff Members. All meals are served with fruit and milk.

**October is National Apple Month.** Did you know that there are about 2,500 varieties of apples? Can you find a new variety of apple to try this month?

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Corn Dog or PBJ Sweet Peas Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets or PBJ Green Beans Mashed Potatoes/Roll Fruit Milk	Pizza or PBJ Corn Chips Fruit Milk	Cheeseburger or PBJ Baked Beans Tater Tots Fruit Milk	<b>Fall Break</b>
<b>Fall Break</b>	<b>Fall Break</b>	Chicken Tender or PBJ Sweet Peas Fruit Milk	Chicken Tender or PBJ Sweet Peas Fruit Milk	PBJ Meat Balls or PBJ Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk
Chicken Sandwich or PBJ Sweet Peas Green Beans Fruit Milk	Corn Dog or PBJ Sweet Peas Fruit Milk	Meatball or PBJ Green Beans Mashed Potatoes/Roll Fruit Milk	Breakfast Bagel or Pancake or a Stick Fruit Milk	Pizza or PBJ Corn Chips with Ranch Fruit Milk
Chicken Nuggets or PBJ Sweet Peas Fruit Milk	Hot Dog or PBJ Sweet Peas Fruit Milk	PBJ Meat Balls or PBJ Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk	PBJ Meat Balls or PBJ Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk	Pizza or PBJ Corn Chips with Ranch Fruit Milk
Chicken Sandwich or PBJ Sweet Peas Green Beans Fruit Milk	<b>Halloween</b> Cheeseburger or PBJ Baked Beans Tater Tots Fruit Milk			

## Breakfast

## Lunch



### Mark your Calendars

- October 2nd-5th - Scholastic Book Fair
- October 2nd - DH Varsity Softball vs. Randolph County @ Randolph Co. begins at 4:00 pm
- October 3rd - DH Varsity Softball vs. Mitchell County @ SGSC begins at 3:30 pm
- October 5th - Family Night at Book Fair - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm in SGSC Auditorium
- October 5th - End of the 1st Nine Weeks of School
- October 5th - Varsity Softball vs. Seminole Co and Early Co @ Early County begins at 4:30 pm
- October 5th - Middle School Football vs. Baconton Charter @ Baconton Charter at 5:00 pm

October 7th - Cross Country - Westover Invitational - Albany, Ga - begins at 7:30 am

October 6th, 9th, 10th - Fall Break for Students and Staff (10th is a teacher workday)

October 11th - Students return to school

October 11th - Reports cards will be sent home - SIGN and RETURN

**OPEN TO PRE-K THRU 5TH GRADE STUDENTS**



**AGGIES**  
**mini CHEER CAMP**

**OCT 23-25**  
**AFTER SCHOOL**  
**3:15-4:30PM**  
**SGSC GYM**

**REGISTER BY OCT 11**

**REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:**

- Mini Cheer Camp T-Shirt
- Cheer Bow
- Daily Snack

**\$50**

\*THIS FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE

WALKING PERFORMANCE OCT 26

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**



**FALL FESTIVAL**

**FUN FOR ALL**    **FOOD GAMES**

**CAKE WALK**    **INFLATABLES**

**NOV 9**  
**5:00PM-9:00PM**

- MORE INFO TO COME AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE DATE -

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**



**AGGIES BASKETBALL**  
**Spaghetti SUPPER**

**OCT-13**  
**DRIVE THRU PICK-UP**  
**SGSC LUNCHROOM**  
**5:00-6:30PM**

**\$10**

PURCHASE TICKET FROM ANY BASKETBALL PLAYER  
TICKET REQUIRED FOR POK-UP

PLATE INCLUDES  
Spaghetti with meat sauce,  
Salad, Green Beans, Bread  
& Dessert

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**

**SCHOLASTIC**

**BOOK FAIR**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY**  
**OCT 2-5**

**PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT**  
**TUESDAY, OCT 5 FROM 4:00-7:00PM IN THE SGSC AUDITORIUM**

At our Family Event, grown ups get to see their child's Booklog app close (and grandparents will no doubt love getting the grandkids). Set up your reader's virtual digital parent account at our school's Booklog homepage for a fun, cashless way to shop (and everyone in their life can contribute too). Each purchase at the Fair benefits our school! Woo hoo!



**NO CASH. NO FUSS. IT'S THE EASIEST WAY FOR KIDS TO SHOP.**

- ✔ **CREATE ACCOUNT**    **ADD FUNDS**    **SHARE WITH FAMILY**    **SHOP**

✔ **WALK-IN** or create a secure Scholastic account to get started. Choose who is billed for each child.

✔ **ADD FUNDS** Use a credit card to add money. Share your virtual link with friends and family—anyone can contribute!

✔ **DONE!** Now your child can shop the Fair using a printable bar code or name lookup at the register.

**VISIT OUR SCHOOLS BOOK FAIR HOMEPAGE TO GET STARTED**  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/swgastemcharter>

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**



**FALL BREAK**

**NO SCHOOL ON**  
**OCTOBER 6, 9 AND 10TH**

\*OCT 10TH IS A TEACHER WORK DAY  
STUDENTS RETURN TO CLASS ON WEDNESDAY, OCT 11

# SGSC SPORTS SECTION

The 2023-24 school year is continuing with a great line up of softball games, football games, and cross country events. We will have lots of varsity softball games and a middle school football game away this week.. We are excited about all of these opportunities and surely appreciate all of the support from the parents. 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!

Congratulations to our foot ball teams for their wins last week!

**Unless there is a game or the coaches tell you differently, the players will follow the practice schedule below:**

Middle School and Varsity Football will practice Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school until 5:30 pm

Middle School and Varsity Softball will practice Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school until 5:15 pm.

Cross Country - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Cheerleaders - Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm



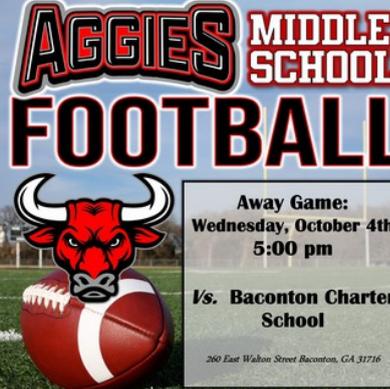
**AGGIES Varsity**  
**Softball**

Away Games: Monday, October 2nd  
 Double-header - 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm  
 Vs. Randolph County  
 3451 GA 266, Cuthbert, GA  
 Gate Entry - \$8.00 per person



**AGGIES Varsity**  
**Softball**

Home Games: Tuesday, October 3rd  
 Double-header - 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm  
 Vs. Mitchell County  
 At SGSC  
 Gate Entry - \$8.00 per person



**AGGIES MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**FOOTBALL**

Away Game:  
 Wednesday, October 4th  
 5:00 pm  
 Vs. Baconton Charter School  
 260 East Walnut Street Baconton, GA 31716



**AGGIES Varsity**  
**Softball**

Away Games: Thursday, October 5th  
 vs. Seminole County at 4:30 pm  
 vs. Early County at 6:30 pm  
 Both games in Early County at 5871 Chancery Mill Road, Blakely, GA  
 \$8.00 gate admission



**AGGIES**  
**CROSS COUNTRY**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH  
 7:30 AM  
 WESTOVER INVITATIONAL  
 ALBANY, GEORGIA

**Aggie**  
**Adventures**

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Georgia's teacher wrote, "Georgia has been a fantastic helper in class this year! She has eagerly helped other students navigate laptops, find websites, log in when they have difficulties, and carry materials when an extra hand is needed. She is modeling what it is to be a Successful, Gracious, Scholarly, Citizen. Thank you Georgia!"

GEORGIA BELL

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Lara's teacher wrote, "Lara has been a great helper this year! When I had to be out, the substitute didn't know how to use the program for our reading groups, and Lara stepped right in to assist in leading the group so everyone could continue working in the usual group activities. Thank you, Lara!"

LARA FLOWERS

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Jaydon's teacher wrote, "Jaydon is a great help in the classroom. When he sees anyone needing a hand, whether it's turning cards for a group activity, carrying materials when an extra hand is needed, or running an errand for the teachers. Jaydon models what it is to be a successful, gracious, scholarly, citizen. Thank you, Jaydon!"

JAYDON CASEY

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Gwen's teacher wrote, "Gwen always has a smile on her face. She always has the best behavior and does her best with every assignment. Thank you, Gwen!"

GWEN WILLIAMS

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Alexandrea's teacher wrote, "Alex is a pleasure to teach. She is always on task and works hard on all of her assignments. She is always kind to everyone she is around. Keep up the good work, Alex!"

ALEXANDREA FEICH

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Finn's teacher wrote, "Finn came to first grade ready to work! He is learning and growing every single day. He has already leveled up in centers twice. Finn is so silly, but he knows when it is time to get serious and learn. He cares so much about his work and wants it to be done correctly. He never fails to bring a smile to my face. I could not love him more!"

FINN LOVERING

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Wyatt's teacher wrote, "Wyatt always has a positive attitude. He comes to school everyday with the supplies he needs to complete his work. He completes his homework everyday and always studies for upcoming tests. Wyatt is a positive part of every day."

WYATT CAGLE

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Ayden's teacher wrote, "Ayden is such a hardworking student. He never complains about anything in the classroom. He always comes to class ready and eager to learn. He strives to do his best. He is an example of what an Aggie Achiever is. A successful, gracious, scholarly, citizen."

AYDEN MOBLEY

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



David's ELA teacher wrote, "David has made such an improvement in his behavior and grades from the beginning of the year. He tries to stay on task, complete his work, and engage appropriately with his classmates and peers. I am so proud of the progress he has made so far."

DAVID SAWYER

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Georg's teacher wrote, "Georg has been working so very hard on addition and subtraction, both in class and at home, and her hard work and perseverance has paid off! Georg is coming out of her shell and is speaking up more in class and asking questions to help her do her best work. I am so proud of the growth she is showing. Way to go, Georg!"

GEORGIANA BROWN

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**AGGIES** POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Amani's teacher wrote, "Amani has been working so hard in class lately. He has improved so much in Phonics and Math. He has been showing up to school ready to learn, and we couldn't be more proud of him! Keep up the hard work, Amani!"

AMARI WHATLEY

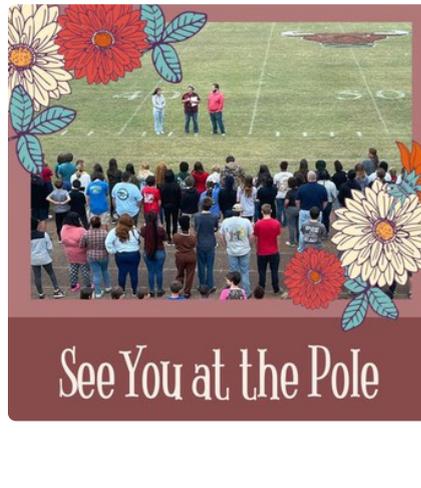
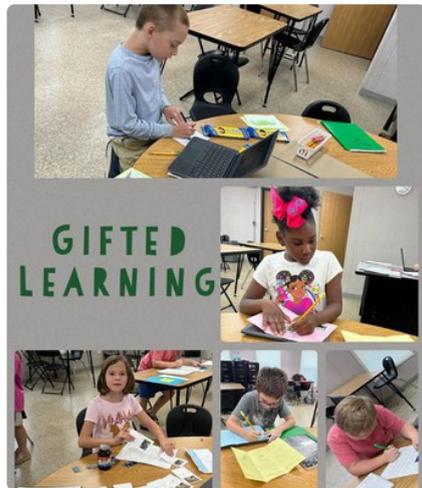
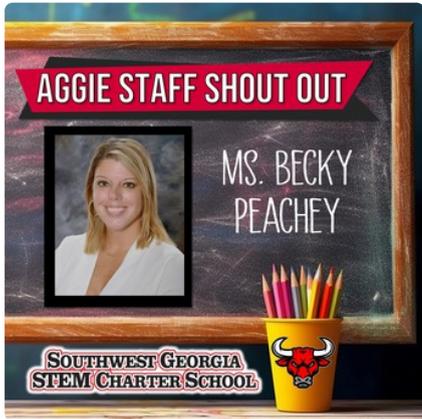
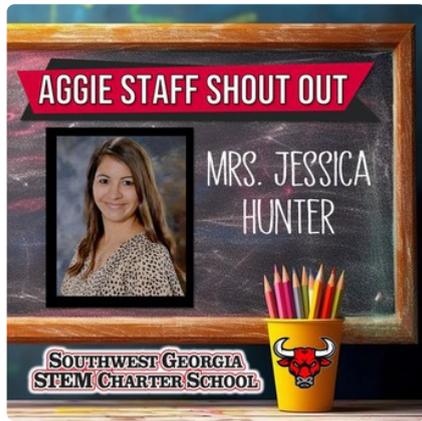
AGGIE ACHIEVERS

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL LEADER SHOUT OUT TO**



MS. KAREN HAWKINS





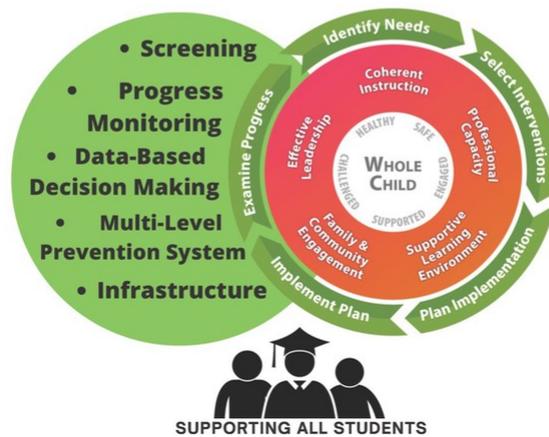
## This Week's Video

Communicating with your child is so very important!

Communicating with Your Child



# From the MTSS Coordinator



From our MTSS Coordinator....

# Autumn

## ATTENDANCE STRATEGIES

- TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GOING TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY.
- SET UP MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR WEEKDAYS AFTER SCHOOL.
- KEEP ATTENDANCE CHART AT HOME TO TRACK ABSENCES.
- IF YOUR CHILD HAS A SLIGHT STOMACHACHE, HEADACHE OR ALLERGIES, AND DOESN'T HAVE A CONTAGIOUS ILLNESS, SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.
- RECOGNIZE YOUR CHILD FOR ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERYDAY.
- MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN BED EARLY AND THE ALARM IS SET FOR THE RIGHT TIME.
- IF YOUR CHILD CANNOT AVOID MISSING SCHOOL, CONTACT THE TEACHER FOR TIPS AND RESOURCES TO KEEP YOUR CHILD LEARNING.
- FIND A RELATIVE, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR WHO CAN TAKE YOUR CHILD TO AND FROM SCHOOL IF YOU CAN'T.



# High School Information

## News from the Graduation Coach...

As parents of high school students, we are gradually transitioning the responsibility for academic success to our children. This shift is important in preparing them for the future, as they will soon enter the workforce. High school serves as a training ground for them to gain essential life skills, such as responsibility, a strong work ethic, self-advocacy, and effective communication.

While we transition this responsibility to our children, it's important to keep a balance. One effective way to monitor their academic progress is by regularly checking Infinite Campus, where you can access their grades. Encourage your child to have open conversations with their teachers regarding any missing assignments or areas where they may need additional support. Promptly completing assignments and meeting deadlines is a vital skill that will serve them well in their future careers. By creating a sense of responsibility and accountability now, we are helping our children develop into successful and capable individuals who can confidently face the challenges of the workforce.

Mrs. Greenway



## FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH...

Happy Sunday Parents!

One of our goals this year at SGSC is to help achievers raise their Lexile scores. Lexiles are the measurement of a student's reading level. The higher their Lexile level, the more likely they are to understand the material on class assignments, quizzes and tests. A child who reads on their grade's Lexile level is also more likely to have higher grades in all subject areas, since reading is part of every subject a student faces.

One way we are supporting students in raising their Lexile levels is to encourage them to read and take Accelerated Reader (A.R.) tests. Achievers in grades K - 5 have specific word count goals for each 9 weeks. Students in grades 6-12 have specific points they are encouraged to earn each 9 weeks. Please see the A.R. goals below and ask your child how many words/points they currently have.

We would love parents to support our effort in raising Aggie Lexile levels. Here are some ways you can help!

1. Ask your child what book they are currently reading.
2. Listen to your child discuss what their favorite part of the book is.
3. Remind your child to take an A.R. test once they finish a book.
4. Provide time at home for your child to read, this could be in the car, before bedtime, or reading to a pet.
5. Celebrate your child's successes. Let your child tell you how many words/points they have earned this week and praise them for doing so well!

#### Kindergarten

5,000 (2,500 1st qtr/2,500 2nd qtr)

#### First Grade

15,000 (7,000 1st qtr/ 8,000 2nd qtr)

#### Second Grade

25,000 (10,000 1st qtr/ 15,000 2nd qtr)

#### Third Grade

40,000 (20,000 1st qtr/ 20,000 2nd qtr)

#### Fourth Grade

50,000 (25,000 1st qtr/ 25,000 2nd qtr)

#### Fifth Grade

250,000 for the semester

#### Sixth Grade - Twelfth Grade

30 (15 pts 1st qtr/ 15 pts 2nd qtr)

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