SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

October 16th-20th, 2023

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow 10/16/23! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

Parents, please speak with your child about the importance of not vaping - and not bringing vapes to school. I am not sure if the students are telling a tale, but many claim that their parents purchase vapes for them and allow them to vape in the home. We simply cannot allow vapes or vaping at school. If they are allowed to vape at home, then they cannot understand why it isn't allowed at school. I hope to work together with you all to ensure that our students are not bringing vapes or any illegal substances, such as Dab Pens on our campus.

As the weather begins to cool off and your children are wearing sweaters and jackets, please write their names (first and last) in the outerwear because they will often leave them lying around. This will make it easier to get the items back to their rightful owners instead of ending up in Lost and Found items.

Parents - we are asking that you please not text or call your students during the school day on their cell phones. Our policy is that there are no cell phones during the school day - they are to be put away in their bags. It is hard for us to manage this when they are using their phones to either call a parent or accept calls or texts from a parent - claiming that it is urgent. If you need to reach your child for an urgent matter, please call the office - 229-345-3033 and Miss Deborah or Miss Jill will make sure you speak with him/her. Thanks for helping with this matter.

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 to request the change. These requests should be in place no later than 1:30 pm on the day of the request.

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/q295X7vWzzwKzkfG6. 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.

Sincerely, Ginger Almon

		SGSC Elementary	School PBIS Mat	rix	
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus	Playground
Be Safe	classroom "Report unsafe conditions to a teacher	body off the walls "Ask a teacher before opening an outside door "Stay with your line "Walk on the right side	"Keep chair legs on the floor "Keep hands, feet, objects, and unkind comments to yourself	*Eeep hands and feet to yourself *Stay seated *Stay seated *St in seat correctly - Bottom to bottom and back to back	*Eeep hands and feet to yourself *Use the playground equipment correctly
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R Be Respectful Be polite and take the other people's feelings into consideration	*Sine others privacy *Close the stall door *Throw your trash and personal items in the garbage	"Face forward "Keep your hands, feet and body off the walls "Respond politely to staff and students	"Treat others the way you would want to be treated "Raise your hand "Use kind words "Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas "Winkcome new students'	*Respect environment and private property *Monitor your surroundings *Respect your bus driver and monitor	"Follow your teacher's directions "Include others when playing "Theat others the way that you would want to be treated
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SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix

	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus
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R Be Responsible Always strive to do the right thing.	*Keep it clean, quick, and quiet *Report any issues immediately to an adult	"Get where you're going "When walking with your class, stay in line	*Attend daily and be on time *Stay on task *Se prepared *Complete make-up work within time limit	*Remember your belongings *Follow your bus drive rules *Report problems righ away to an adult
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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.





- ones must be turned off at all times while in the school building. If a phone rings during class, the oke the Cell Phone Use Policy, "Forgetting" to turn off the cell phone is not an excuse.
- ents are prohibited from using a cell phone to take photographs or record video at any time on school property includes taking photographs or video recordings in restrooms, locker room areas, etc.

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- A student is required to hand over the cell phone and all its individual parts, including but not limited to the battery and memory card(s), 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 an school related functions.

23-24 SCHOOL 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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Mark your Calendars

October 18th - PSAT for all sophomore achievers

October 19th - AWAY Varsity Football Game vs. Central Talbotton at 5:00 pm

October 19th - SGSC Board Meeting at 5:30 pm

October 21st - Bass Fishing Tournament

October 23rd - Regional Track Meet

October 23rd - Mandatory Dual Enrollment Meeting @ SGSC Auditorium at 6:30 pm (Parents and

Students taking DE courses during Spring Semester)

October 23rd-25th - Aggies Mini Cheer Camp after school

October 23rd - 27th - Red Ribbon Week

October 25th - School Picture Retakes and Fall Athletic Pictures (Track, Football, Cheer, Softball - middle and high school)

October 25th - Senior Class Graduation Meeting at 11:00 am

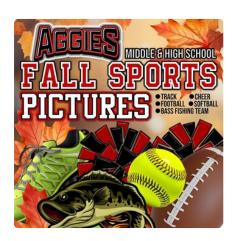
October 26th - HOME Varsity Football Game vs. Central Talbotton at 5:00 pm (Senior night)

October 31st - Blood Drive from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm















Blood Drive Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School

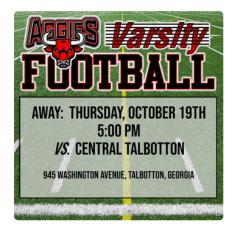
Auditorium 185 Pecan Street Shellman, GA 39886 Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

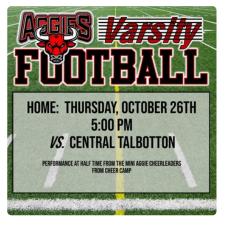


The 2023-24 school year of Fall Sports is wrapping up soon with our last two football games and the regional track meet.

Thank you to all who sold spaghetti plates and thank you to those who purchased spaghetti plates! It was a great fundraiser for the Varsity Basketball teams. Basketball tryouts are underway for the middle school boys and girls. Varsity basketball practice will begin soon: Practice begins October 23rd for Varsity girls and October 30th for Varsity boys. 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!

Fall Pictures will be taken for Cheer, Track, Football, and Softball on October 25th





BASKETBALL 🏀



Middle School Boys & Girls

Tryouts continue on Monday, October 16th

Varsity Girls

Practice begins October 23rd right after school

Varsity Boys

Practice begins October 30th



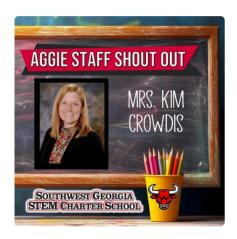




















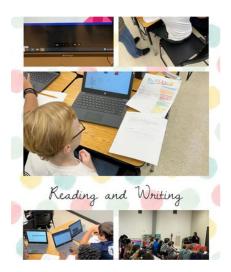
















This Week's Video

We would love for everyone to become familiar with our Alma Mater so we can begin to sing it at various events.



SGSC Alma Mater

We believe in ourselves though the day be long

All of Southwest Georgia here belongs!

In these halls of learning Aggies find their way

To be successful everyday.

SGSC

You are the school that's for me!

SGSC

Aggie Proud we'll always be!

With our bonds of Friendship our hearts will swell

Forever to love our school so well!

Ms. LeighAnn Walton's Creative Writing Class of Fall 2022

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Class of 2024

Special thanks to:

2022-2023 SGSC Board of Directors

Patricia Goodman, Anthony Lee, Russell Nuti, Erwin Thomas, Grant Ward, Chris Weathersby
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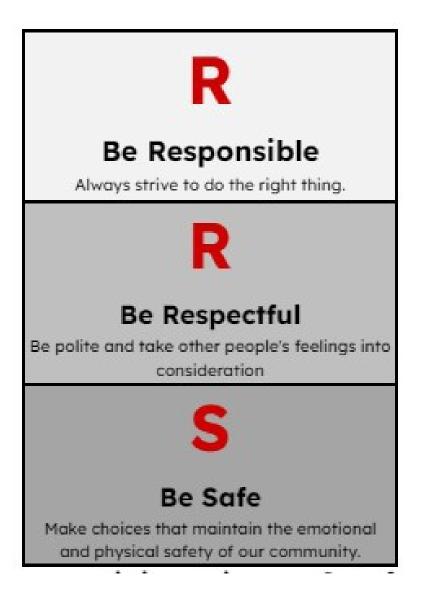
From the MTSS Coordinator

Screening
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 Data-Based
Decision Making
 Multi-Level
Prevention System
 Infrastructure

From our MTSS Coordinator....

We are so excited about beginning the implementation of a Positive Behavioral Incentive System (PBIS) for this school year! Our main goal is to ensure that students are successful by motivating them to perform and behave the Aggie Achiever way. In order to implement this system, we will need your support by learning more about PBIS Rewards. It is a technology-based reward system that will help us with our behavior incentive system. Please take a moment to view the website, www.pbisrewards.com. Students earn rewards throughout the day in the form of electronic points. You can gain more insight by downloading The Family App (PBIS Rewards Family). Be on the lookout for a letter that includes your child's QR code so that you will be able to see your child's progress with PBIS Rewards! Please talk to your child about what they must do in order to earn points.

Your child needs 60 points to participate in our October Halloween Dancing Glow Party!





News from the Graduation Coach...

The first nine weeks of the school year have flown by! As the semester progresses, our achievers will complete four out of their eight classes for the year. You can access their transcripts through Infinite Campus to track their progress. I strongly encourage you to take the time to review your child's earned credits.

It's important to remember that all grades, whether they are a pass or a fail, are permanently recorded on your child's transcript and factor into their GPA. Should a student not meet the passing requirements for a particular course, they will need to make up that class, which could potentially delay their graduation.

To provide some clarity on credit requirements at different grade levels, here is a breakdown:

- First-year students must accumulate 5 credits to advance to the sophomore year.
- Second-year students should have 11 credits to transition into their junior year.
- Third-year students need to earn 17 credits to reach their senior year.
- To graduate, a student must acquire a total of 23 credits, with certain mandatory courses included in that count.

It's important to keep in mind that all students have the opportunity to earn up to eight credits per year. By understanding these requirements, we can work together to ensure that our achievers stay on track toward a timely graduation.



FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH...

Happy Sunday Parents!

Did you know that your child's reading level is measured in Lexiles? Similarly, there is a range of Lexiles that children are expected to reach at each grade level. Your child's Lexile level is measured at the beginning, middle and end of the year through MAP benchmark assessments. Students in grades 3 - 12 also receive Lexile measurements when they take the end of the year Milestones and EOC assessments. Teachers and academic support staff at SGSC track each achiever's Lexile measures throughout the year to monitor the achiever's progress and plan strategies to support Lexile growth. If this is news to you, then do not fear! I am including some links below that will guide you in learning about Lexiles, so that you can join our efforts to ensure your child is making progress with his or her reading level.

About Lexile Measures for Reading

Lexile Book Finder







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