

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 25TH-29TH, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Everyone,

We are so excited to see our students this week! When students are present at SGSC, they are learning so many new and exciting things! 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.

We had a wonderful visit with the State Charter School Commission Staff on Tuesday! They were very pleased with all of the different initiatives that we currently have in place at SGSC! The SCSC Staff provides this yearly monitoring visit to be able to determine how well the school is performing in the areas of Operations, Finance, and Academics.

This week, we are so excited for students and staff to be able to dress up each day for Drug Awareness! We want the students to have fun, while also displaying a school wide message that SGSC is against drugs! We know a fun time will be had by all! On Friday, each class will have a small party to celebrate, so please speak with your child's teacher if you would like to send in any items!

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 10/25/21

COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 10/25/21

Positive Cases:

Staff - 1

Students - 5

Quarantines:

Staff - 0

Students - 5

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

The student numbers increased this week - one family with 4 students is included in the number of 5 positive cases. 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

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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**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Orange Juice Whole Grain Bread Banana</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Orange Juice Whole Grain Bread Banana</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Orange Juice Whole Grain Bread Banana</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Orange Juice Whole Grain Bread Banana</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Orange Juice Whole Grain Bread Banana</p>



OCTOBER 2021 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter **LUNCH**

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<p>Lunch</p> <p>Apple and Raisin Whole Grain Bread Cheddar Cheese Chickpeas Chickpea Salad</p>	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Apple and Raisin Whole Grain Bread Cheddar Cheese Chickpeas Chickpea Salad</p>	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Apple and Raisin Whole Grain Bread Cheddar Cheese Chickpeas Chickpea Salad</p>	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Apple and Raisin Whole Grain Bread Cheddar Cheese Chickpeas Chickpea Salad</p>	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Apple and Raisin Whole Grain Bread Cheddar Cheese Chickpeas Chickpea Salad</p>

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

**Counselor's
Corner**

FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

While Red Ribbon Week is devoted to raising awareness for one piece of the puzzle to a healthy lifestyle—being drug free—there are lots of other positive habits that are critical for

students to build from a young age. Whether it's eating right and exercising or saying no to drugs and alcohol, teaching young students to actively develop healthy habits will give them the tools they need to build strong foundations for successful futures.


In a world where a computer can fit into your back pocket, is it any surprise how much time children spend plugged in on social media, playing video games, watching videos, and listening to music? Technology is a wonderful thing, and when used appropriately, it can certainly improve student learning. However, technology overuse can do more harm than good. Talk to your students about how much time they spend on their tablets and computers or watching TV when they have free time. Have them brainstorm some other screen-free activities they can do instead. Discuss some healthy tech habits, like not using devices right before bedtime or limiting screen time to two hours per day. For today's students, developing skills to be a good digital citizen is key.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Many of the hallmarks of any good citizen — from being respectful and responsible to doing what's right — are key elements of digital citizenship as well. Our students need learn how to apply these tried and true qualities to the realities of the digital age.

A GOOD CITIZEN...	A GOOD DIGITAL CITIZEN...									
<p>1 Advocates for equal human rights for all.</p>	<p>Advocates for equal digital rights and access for all.</p> <p>U.S. citizens with internet access at home:</p> <table border="1" style="font-size: x-small;"> <tr> <td>African-Americans</td> <td>66%</td> <td>74%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hispanics</td> <td>62%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Whites</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	African-Americans	66%	74%	Hispanics	62%		Whites		
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<p>2 Treats others courteously and never bullies.</p>	<p>Treats others with respect in online spaces and never cyberbullies.</p> <p>88% of social media-using teens have witnessed someone being mean or cruel.</p>									
<p>3 Does not steal or damage others' property or persons.</p>	<p>Does not steal or damage others' digital work, identity or property.</p> <p>800 The average teen's media player contains 800 illegally downloaded or shared songs.</p>									
<p>4 Communicates clearly, respectfully and with empathy.</p>	<p>Makes appropriate decisions when communicating through a variety of digital channels.</p> <p>SIX MILLION teens report that they have received sexually suggestive images from someone they know.</p>									
<p>5 Actively pursues an education and develops habits for lifelong learning.</p>	<p>Uses digital tools to advance their learning and keeps up with changing technologies.</p> <p>Working Americans who use digital tools on the job:</p> <table border="1" style="font-size: x-small;"> <tr> <td>Internet</td> <td>62%</td> <td>96%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technology</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Internet	62%	96%	Technology					
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<p>6 Spends and manages money responsibly.</p>	<p>Makes responsible online purchasing decisions and protects their payment information.</p> <p>A typical teen reports having lost an average of \$400 to cybercrime.</p>									
<p>7 Upholds basic human rights of privacy, freedom of speech, etc.</p>	<p>Upholds basic human rights in all digital forums.</p> <p>26% of U.S. high school teachers believe websites should not publish freely without "government approval."</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">CENSORED</p>									
<p>8 Protects self and others from harm.</p>	<p>Protects personal information from outside forces that might cause harm.</p> <p>54% of teens frequently have private online conversations with strangers.</p>									
<p>9 Proactively promotes their own physical and mental health.</p>	<p>Proactively limits health risks of technology, from physical to psychological.</p> <p>8% of youth ages 8-18 are addicted to video games.</p>									

SOURCES: Pew Research, Microsoft, Synovate, Association for Psychological Science


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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

- Monday - Wear Red
- Tuesday - Wear Neon
- Wednesday - Wear Plaid
- Thursday - Dress as Twins with someone
- Friday - Wear Halloween Costumes - nothing with blood or too scary

October 25th - MS Basketball game in Calhoun County @ 4:30 pm (\$5 admission fee)

October 28th - MS Basketball game at SGSC vs. PCA @ 4:30 pm (\$5 admission fee)

November 3rd - School Picture Make-Up Day

November 11th - Veterans' Day - No School

November 12th - Teacher Workday - No School for Students

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!

We had a tremendous time with our first annual Staff Vs. Students Basketball Game on Friday! I think every person in the gym laughed, screamed and cheered for an entire hour! While having all that fun we were able to raise some money to help pay for the new basketball uniforms for our JV basketball teams. We already have the "Barn" rockin' for basketball season and we hope that you will join us this Thursday for our first middle school home games against PCA at 4:30!

The great John Wooden once said, "Nothing will work unless you do." As we begin another athletic season, I want to mention how important it is for our Aggie athletes to work hard in class, work hard at being respectful to others and work hard at practice everyday. This starts with being at school everyday ready to put in our work. I know you are like me and are always looking forward to seeing how the hard work of our coaches and athletes pays off, so let's make sure we are doing everything we can to help our athletes be successful! Our middle school Aggies travel to Edison tomorrow to take on Calhoun County at 4:30! See you there!

Let's Go Aggies!

This week in Aggie Athletics

October 25th – 29th

Monday

MS Basketball Game @ Calhoun County

Edison, Ga 4:30 - \$5 Admission

Tuesday

Boys Basketball Practice 3:15-5:00

Girls Basketball Practice 3:15-4:30

Cheerleading Practice 3:15-5:30

Wednesday

Boys Basketball Practice 3:15-4:30

Girls Basketball Practice 3:15-5:00

Thursday

MS Basketball Game Vs. PCA

Shellman, GA 4:30 - \$5 Admission

Middle School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
October 25	Calhoun County	Away	4:30
October 28	PCA	Home	4:30
November 2	Calhoun County	Home	5:00
November 4	Quitman County	Home	4:30
November 8	Baker County	Home	4:00
November 9	Terrell Academy	Home	4:30
November 15	Quitman County	Away	4:30
November 17	Baker County	Away	4:00
November 18	PCA	Away	4:30
December 2	Webster County	Home	4:30
December 7	Webster County	Away	4:00

JV Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
November 8	Baker County	Home	6:00
November 17	Baker County	Away	6:00
December 2	Webster County	Home	6:00
December 3	Furlow Charter "Homecoming"	Home	6:00
December 6	Terrell Academy	Away	4:30
December 7	Webster County	Away	6:00
December 14	Furlow Charter	Away	6:00

Aggie Adventures



Positive Office Referral Lane Veal

Lane's teachers wrote, "Lane is a fantastic student who has grown so much already this year. He is always the first one to raise his hand to answer a question and is never afraid of trying. Lane gives it his all every single day. We are SO proud of you, Lane!!! Keep up the great work!"



Positive Office Referral Tommy Williams

Tommy's teachers wrote, "Tommy has grown so much since the beginning of school. He comes in every morning happy to be at school and ready to learn! Tommy is always a positive influence and a great friend to others! Keep up the great work Tommy!"



Positive Office Referral Madalynn Cowart

Madalynn's teachers wrote, "We are so proud of Madalynn and all of the progress she has made. Madalynn has been trying her hardest this month and has made a full turnaround! She is determined to learn all of her letter sounds and sight words. We are so happy to see you with all this motivation, Madalynn! Keep up the great work!"

Positive Office Referral

Mark Chavers

Mark's teachers said, "Mark comes to school each day prepared and ready to learn. He is always working hard and asking questions when he doesn't understand something. Mark is extra polite and has the best manners. Thank you Mark for being shining example of a Successful, Caring, Scholarly, Citizen (SCSSC)!"

Positive Office Referral

Tommy Nuti

Tommy's teacher wrote, "Tommy is doing so well in 2nd grade. He is such a great student. He comes to class every day ready to learn and always does his very best. He follows directions quickly and quietly. He's also kind, caring, and considerate of others. I am so happy to have Tommy in my class this year. Keep up the great work Tommy!"

Positive Office Referral

Georgiana Brown


Georgiana's teacher wrote, "Georgiana has been working so hard in class and it is definitely paying off! She has gotten so much better at reading! She is such a kind friend to all of her classmates! Keep up the great work! I am so proud of you!"

Positive Office Referral

Dolly Eidson

Dolly's teachers wrote, "Dolly comes in every day ready to work and learn. She is always kind to others and is very respectful of her teachers. Her work is outstanding and I'm so glad she is my student!"

FROM A COLLEAGUE



MS. NATALIE ZAJAC

FROM A PARENT






PARENTS ARE THE BEST

Parent Involvement Makes a Difference to School Kids





FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...

Dear Parents,

In response to the challenges associated with COVID-19, the Georgia Department of Education partnered with [Georgia Public Broadcasting](#) to launch the [Georgia Home Classroom](#). Georgia families and teachers can access K-12 resources aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) with more than 362,000 views since April 2020.

- [Let's Learn GA! Video Lessons](#) (43 K-5, all content areas)
- [Getting Ready for School Parent Guides](#) (K-5)

The "Let's Learn GA!" link above provides short videos for parents and students. These videos explain the specific grade level skills your child will learn in each of the 4 main content areas as well as in PE and Art. As a parent myself, watching these videos helped me have a better understanding of how to support my child and his teachers. We hope that these videos will help you and your child as well.

**ONE TEAM.
ONE MISSION.
NO EXCUSES.**




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