

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 25TH-29TH, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow on 9/25/23! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

This past week was filled with so many wonderful events, dress up days, and firsts for our school! It has been truly heart-warming to see the excitement that this week brought for all of our staff, achievers, and community! Thank you, parents, for helping to ensure that your child participated and had a fun and educational week at school.

During the week of festivities, we also managed to successfully carry out a required School Intruder Drill. We are so proud and humbled by the number of emergency support personnel that came and made the drill successful. We listened to their feedback and intend to honor their requests. Overall, they were very complimentary of our school and the way that we handled the drill.

We have seen an uptick in the number of behavior referrals being submitted to the office. The overall theme of the referrals is related back to respect. Teachers are submitting referrals for students showing a lack of respect to the teacher or other students. Please speak with your child about the importance of coming to school and treating others with respect. Thank you for your help 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.

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/KY1hjQ2oSdpXeroz8>. 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



	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus	Playground
S Be Safe Make choices that ensure the wellbeing and physical safety of all participants.	Wash your hands thoroughly. *Steps hands to self. *Leave cell phone in the classroom.	WALK on the right. *Push doors with shoulders. *Non-free zone.	Follow class expectations. *Walk to door to classroom. *Push door legs on the right. *Cell Free Zone.	*Push hands to self. No touch zone. *Push seated. *Push to travel correctly. Bottom to bottom and back to back.	*Push hands to self. No touch zone. *Push seated. *Push to travel correctly. Bottom to bottom and back to back.
P Persevere Continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty.			Complete assignments sent to trash. *Use your best complete assignment and homework.		
R Be Respectful Be polite and take the other person's feelings into consideration.	Don't offend others. *When your feet and personal items in the hallway. *When your feet and personal items in the hallway.	Take forward. *When walking to line up with passing classroom. *When walk and work with your eyes only.	Keep from making eye contact. *In an active moment look, with, open, or closed. *Push goals for your learning. *Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas. *Respect your students.	Respect boundaries and personal property. *Walk in appropriate area. *Push your own weight. *Respect your bus driver and teacher. *Respect your students.	Respect boundaries and personal property. *Walk in appropriate area. *Push your own weight. *Respect your bus driver and teacher. *Respect your students.
R Be Responsible Always own to the job that you do.	*Keep clean, quiet, and respectful. *Respect any requests made to you.	*Keep clean, quiet, and respectful. *When walking with your class, stay in line.	*Respect duty and be on time. *When walking with your class, stay in line. *Respect your bus driver's class. *Respect your students.	*Respect duty and be on time. *When walking with your class, stay in line. *Respect your bus driver's class. *Respect your students.	*Respect duty and be on time. *When walking with your class, stay in line. *Respect your bus driver's class. *Respect your students.

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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.

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 backpack 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 enforce the Cell Phone Use Policy. "Toggling" to turn off the cell 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 rooms, 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 - after the incident is assigned to SIS for ten days of the phone is taken away for ten school days to be held at the school (parent's choice).
Additional offenses - will result in the student not being allowed to have a cell phone on school property. Furthermore, incidents will be reported to the school principal and may result in suspension or 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 SIS or OCS.
- 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

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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 6-9	Fall Break/Columbus Day	Dec 18- Jan 2	Christmas Break	May 17, 2024	Last Day of School
Oct 9, 2023	Columbus Day	Jan 15, 2024	Martin L. King Day		

SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

SEPTEMBER 2023 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School **BREAKFAST**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast Super Donut or Muffin Fruit Juice & Milk	Breakfast Sausage and Waffle or Pancake Fruit Juice & Milk	Breakfast Breakfast Sandwiches or Pop Tart Fruit Juice & Milk	Breakfast Pancake on a Stick or Strawberry Fruit Juice & Milk	Breakfast Cinnamon Bun or Cereal Bar Fruit Juice & Milk

AGGIES SCHOOL FOODS MENU
For the Week of: **September 25th-29th, 2023**

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LUNCH Chicken Sandwich OR PB&J Mixed Veggies Fruit Milk	LUNCH Chili Dogs or PB&J Green Beans Fruit Milk	LUNCH Orange Chicken or Veggie Rice Salad Plate Fruit Milk	LUNCH Meatball Sub or PB&J Salad Plate Fruit Milk	LUNCH Pizza or PB&J Corn Salad Fruit Milk

SEPTEMBER 2023 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School **LUNCH**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch Chicken Sandwich OR PB&J Mixed Veggies Fruit Milk	Lunch Chili Dogs or PB&J Green Beans Fruit Milk	Lunch Orange Chicken or Veggie Rice Salad Plate Fruit Milk	Lunch Meatball Sub or PB&J Salad Plate Fruit Milk	Lunch Pizza or PB&J Corn Salad Fruit Milk

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 25th - Middle School Softball vs. Miller Co. @ SGSC - 4:00 pm (last game)

September 25th - Varsity Softball vs. Calhoun Co. @ SGSC - 6:00 pm

September 26th - School Pictures for grades Pre-K - 5th

September 26th - Grow Randolph field trip for identified sophomores and juniors (10 total)

September 26th - Varsity Softball Game vs. Early Co. @ SGSC - 4:30 pm

September 27th - Grow Randolph field trip for identified sophomores and juniors (10 total)

September 28th - Probe College Fair at Georgia Southwestern for Seniors

September 28th - DH Varsity Softball Game vs. Quitman Co. @ SGSC - 4:00 pm

September 28th - Middle School Football Game vs. Lakeside School @ 5:00 pm

September 29th - School Pictures for grades 6th-11th

September 29th - Varsity Football Game @ Citizens Christian @ 6:00 pm

September 30th - Homecoming Dance in Parrot from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



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 softball games, a middle school football game, and an away varsity football game 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 Aggie Anglers on their first fishing tournament this weekend. We are proud of you all!

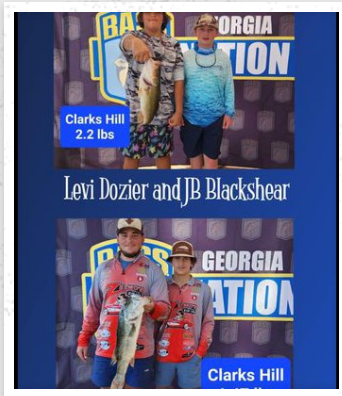
Unless there is a game or the coaches tell you differently, the players will follow the practice schedule below:

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



Aggie Adventures

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL ✓




Maliyah's teacher wrote, "Maliyah is a terrific student! She completes her work on time, encourages her peers, is respectful to others and her teachers, and is overall, an excellent student! Thank you, Maliyah!"

MALIYAH JOHNSON

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL ✓



Remmi's teacher wrote, "Remmi deserves a positive office referral because she is such a hard worker in and out of the classroom. She is always doing what is expected of her. She even picked up trash on the playground during her recess time because she wanted her friends to play on a clean playground. Thank you, Remmi, for all of your hard work!"

REMMI SANTORO

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL ✓



Roscoe's teacher wrote, "Every single day Roscoe comes in ready to learn. Roscoe always stays on task and always makes pink and green choices. He is a great friend to everyone, and we are so proud to have his hardworking self in our class this year!"

ROSCOE PACE

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES **POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL**

MARLEY OWENS

Marley's teacher wrote, "Marley has been working so hard to learn all of her letters, sounds, and sight words. She works hard all day, especially in small groups. She also keeps us laughing all day! We sure do love this girl!"

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES **POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL**

QUTANNA JOHNSON JR.

Qutanna's teacher wrote, "Qutanna is such a hardworking young gentleman. He always does his very best in class and is making great progress on his multiplication facts! When our class is traveling, Q is always ready to hold the door and is very polite and respectful to everyone at all times. I am so thankful that he is part of our class!"

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES **POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL**

MICHAEL (MJ) JOHNSON

MJ's teacher wrote, "MJ deserves this shout out because he is such a good friend to his peers. He is so kind and loves to boost up those around him. He is rocking his math facts on XtraMath. He has even moved to his subtraction facts the other day who was struggling on their XtraMath. He told her "Good job and that she was the smartest in the class." Thank you so much, MJ, for the kind words to your friends. Please keep being a role model to those around you!"

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES **POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL**

JASON HICKS

Jason's teacher wrote, "Jason comes in ready to work everyday. He has grown so much already this year. He participates in everything our class does and answers questions when called upon. Jason is rocking 6th grade!"

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL LEADER

SHOUT OUT TO

MRS. TIFFANY BAGWELL

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL LEADER

SHOUT OUT TO

MRS. GINA ATCHLEY

AGGIE STAFF SHOUT OUT

MRS. JORDAN SCARBOROUGH

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL

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MS. MARY MARTHA IVEY

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MRS. KATY JACKSON

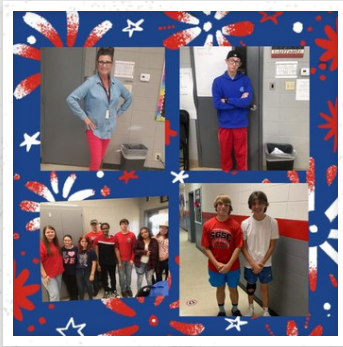
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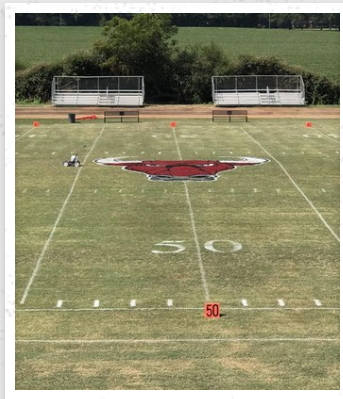
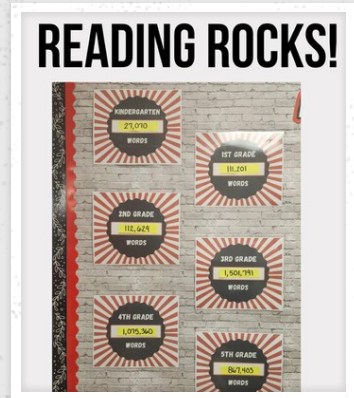
AGGIE STAFF SHOUT OUT

MRS. TONI AVERA

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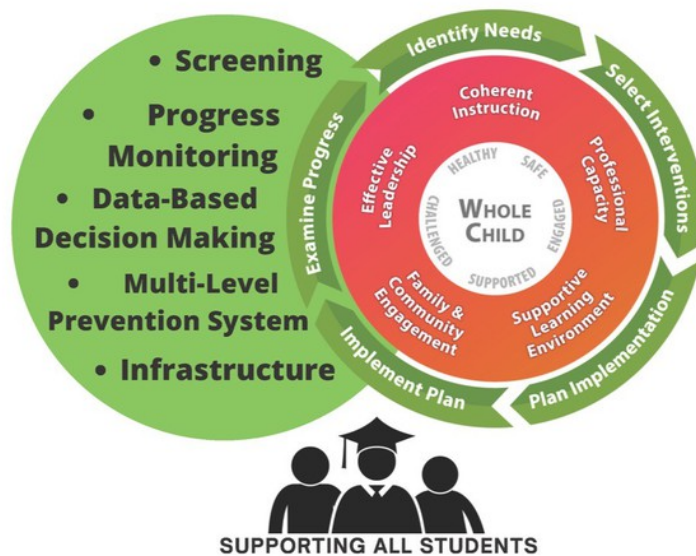


THIS WEEK'S VIDEO

Support your child through STEM Learning!



From the MTSS Coordinator



FROM OUR MTSS COORDINATOR....



Cooler Confidence

Positive Things To Say To Your Child

- You are helpful.
- You were right.
- I know you did your best.
- I'm grateful for you.
- You are important.
- You are loved.
- Don't be afraid to be yourself.
- Your ideas are great.
- I love how you said that.
- I'm listening.
- You are a great friend.
- Never stop trying.
- Your attitude can change any situation.
- I believe you.



NEWS FROM THE GRADUATION COACH...

As the Graduation Coach, I wanted to share some valuable tips to improve your child's success in the classroom.

1. **Stay Organized:** Ensure your student has designated folders for each class and encourage them to neatly store their papers in the appropriate place before leaving each class.
2. **Punctuality and Attendance:** Timeliness is crucial. Given our block schedule, missing even one class equates to approximately two days' worth of instruction. Consistent attendance and punctuality are habits that will benefit your child not only in school but also in their future workplace.
3. **Utilize Study Guides:** If a teacher assigns a study guide or provides additional resources, it's imperative that your child uses them. These tools are designed to aid comprehension and retention of the material.

4. Get Involved: Encourage your student to explore extracurricular activities, whether it's sports, clubs, or other interests. These activities promote physical well-being and build connections with their peers.

These are just a few key tips that can benefit your child during their time in high school.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Greenway



FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH...

Hello Parents!

Do you struggle or avoid talking with your child's teacher? Does having conversations about your child's school work make you anxious? Well, know that this does not have to be the case! Being able to talk with your child's teacher is a vital part of your child's academic growth. The website below contains several different tips for helping parents communicate effectively with their child's teacher. These tips include staying calm, listening, and having a list of questions ready prior to the meeting. There are

also several more tips that you may find helpful! Please know that every teacher at SGSC is here to support our achievers! Feel free to reach out to us at any time!

<https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/blog/how-to-talk-to-teachers/>

-Kim Crowdis

ONE TEAM.

ONE MISSION.

NO EXCUSES.




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