

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 7TH-11TH, 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are having a sensational Sunday! We are so excited to see our Aggie Achievers tomorrow!

We are finally seeing an increase in student attendance, but we still have a ways to go! Please join us in striving to reach our goal of 96% attendance each and every day! If at all possible, your child needs to be at school each day. Attendance can affect your child's overall achievement, it could lead to court and fines for parents, and it can cause your child to miss out on important services, as well as cause grade level retention. Please make sure that none of these things happen because you are sending your child to school each day possible!

Parents - we are having an issue with potential vaping in the restrooms at school. We are trying to monitor while giving students their privacy in the restroom. You can help us by (a) talking with your child about the dangers of vaping, (b) checking to make sure that your child is not bringing a vape to school, and (c) letting administration know if your child is discussing students vaping at school. Sometimes students do not want to "tell on their friends" for vaping, but we want to ensure the safety of all achievers at SGSC! If your child is found to have a vape at school, it is an automatic 3 day out-of-school suspension. It is not worth it! Please speak with your child about the dangers to their health and academics.

We also need your help with cell phones. We are trying our best to continue to allow cell phones to be with your child throughout the day, but many of the parents are texting their child throughout the day or asking them to call them. We do have a cell phone policy at SGSC. Students are often torn when they feel validated in calling or texting their parents during school, but that violates our policy. If you need to speak with your child, please call the front office - 229.345.3033. When your child is using his/her phone during a non-cell phone time: **1st offense** - phone is taken and returned to the achiever at the end of the day. **2nd offense** - phone is taken and parents must come to the front office to pick up at the end of the day. **3rd offense** - (repeat of 2nd offense) phone is taken and parents must come to the front office to pick up

at the end of the day. **4th offense** - the achiever is no longer allowed to bring his/her phone to school.

Reminder - Please support your child increasing his/her responsibility by checking their Infinite Campus portal for any missing assignments. This would be a great way for you and your child to spend time together and show your support of their academic achievement.

Below, I have included an image of our newly 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!

We are so thankful for our staff at SGSC! 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

| SGSC Elementary School PBIS Matrix | | | | | |
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| | Bathrooms | Hallways | Classroom | Bus | Playground |
| S Be Safe Students maintain the physical and personal safety of self, classmates, and staff. | Wash hands thoroughly. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. | Walk on the right. Walk on the right. Walk on the right. Walk on the right. Walk on the right. | Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. | Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. | Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. Follow class expectations. |
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| SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix | | | | |
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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.



Help SGSC reach our Attendance Goal of:

96%

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?

More time in school =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!

Equates to
4 school days
off each year

Equates to
7 school days
off each year

Equates to
9 school days
off each year

Equates to
11 school days
off each year

Equates to
18 school days
off each year

Equates to
2 months
off each year

100%
Perfection

98%
Impressive

96%
Good

95%
Nearly There

94%
Needs to Improve

90%
Danger Zone

80%
Danger Zone

On Track

Referral to
School Counselor

At Risk

Truancy Referral to
Pataula Judicial Court

Off Track

Absence letter to parent

Referral to Student Support Team

STUDENT WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED CLASSES.

For every day your child is absent from school,
over 6 hours of instructional time is lost.

COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 2/7/2022

COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 2/7/22

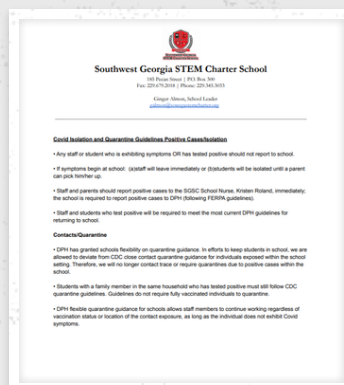
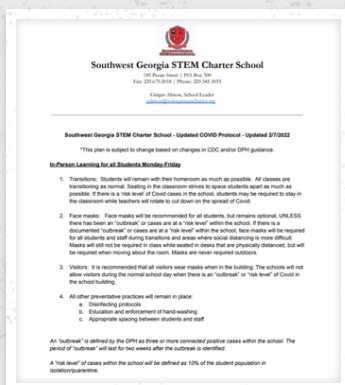
Other information:
Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing symptoms related to COVID, if someone in the household is positive, or if there is a pending COVID test for the student or household member.

Positive Cases:
Staff - 1
Students - 1



MORE COVID INFORMATION

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.





FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

Your child's world gets bigger when they start school. Relationships with other people, like the children in their class at school, become more important.

Friendships are good for kids self-esteem. When your child has good friends, they feel like they belong. Their friends care about them, and this helps them feel good about themselves.

Friendships help children develop important life skills like getting along with other people and sorting out conflicts and problems. Children with these skills are less likely to have social and emotional difficulties later in life.

But.....Are your child's friendships interfering with their academics? Kids need to learn just as much about setting boundaries in friendships, as they do how to make friends. You can use this chart to discuss with your child what parts of friendships they can control, and what is not within their control.

Setting Boundaries

I CANNOT CONTROL:
(so, I can LET GO of these things)

I CAN CONTROL
(so, I will focus on these things)

BEING JUDGED BY OTHERS

HOW OFTEN OTHERS WILL ASK FAVORS OF ME

THE BELIEFS & ATTITUDES OF OTHERS

WHEN OTHERS ARE NOT PREPARED

SPEAKING UP WHEN BOUNDARIES ARE CROSSED

HOW OFTEN I VOLUNTEER

HOW I RESPECT THE BOUNDARIES OF OTHERS

SETTING RULES FOR HOW OTHERS TREAT ME

SAYING NO TO THINGS THAT ARE NOT GOOD FOR ME

MAINTAINING MY PERSONAL SPACE

HOW OFTEN I LET OTHERS BORROW MY THINGS

MY CONSENT

HOW OTHERS REACT WHEN TOLD NO

PEER PRESSURE

HOW OTHERS SET THEIR BOUNDARIES



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 7th - 11th - National School Counselors' Appreciation Week

February 11th - Progress Reports sent home

February 11th - Open Enrollment Ends

February 14th - Pre-K Registration Begins

February 18th - Winter Break Day - No School

February 21st - President's Day/Winter Break Day - No School

February 25th - Pre-K Registration Ends




2022 2023
OPEN ENROLLMENT
begins - JANUARY 24TH
ENDS - FEBRUARY 11TH

PRE-K REGISTRATION WILL BE
HELD SEPARATELY DURING
FEBRUARY 14TH - 25TH



SGSC



Monday, February 7th
Baseball Practice 3:15 - 5:30
Laundry Detergent Fundraiser Due

Tuesday, February 8th
Baseball Practice 3:15 - 5:30

Wednesday, February 9th
Baseball Practice 3:15 - 5:30

Thursday, February 10th
Baseball Practice 3:15 - 5:30

Looking Ahead!

- Middle School Track and Field practice starts on February 15th!
- The first baseball games are at Baker County in Newtons on Thursday, February 17th at 4:30! Both Middle School and JV will play in a double header.

SGSC

SPORTS

SECTION

FROM COACH CROWDIS...

Welcome to February Aggie Nation! Baseball practice is in full swing as we prepare for our first games of the season at Baker County on February 17. I have enjoyed getting back out

onto a field and coaching. I always seem to forget how much I enjoy building the relationships with my players in the off seasons. You have some incredible young men playing baseball. The boys have done everything we have asked them to do and we have pushed them from 3:15 to 5:30 each practice. They are all showing tremendous improvements in just the first two weeks. We have a long way to go but every day is a day to get better.

Alongside the baseball program, our baseball parents have also invested a lot into the Aggie baseball program. They have helped get the locker room ready, cleared brush outside the fence, worked on the scoreboard, worked on the field, provided resources like rakes and nets, put up the new batting cage net, provided financial support through fundraising and giving, made sure their players are at each practice and have continually supported the coaches and our vision for the program! Wow! Their excitement and dedication has encouraged me and made me more excited for this season and even more excited to be an Aggie!

February also brings the start of our first ever middle school track and field season. Track and field will be available to 5th through 8th graders for this year. Practices will begin on February 15th and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the season. We are currently signed up to compete in three track meets. If your Achiever is interested in participating in track and field this year, they need to have a physical on file with the school and show up for practice on February 15th. Coach Kim Moore and Coach Savannah Peachey will be sending track and field flyers home with the Achievers soon.



Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Head Coach: Ben Crowdis
Assistant Coaches: Bubba Redding and Chris Rumble
Middle School Baseball 2022


| Date | Opponent | Location | Time |
|-------------|----------------------|----------|--------|
| February 17 | Baker County | Away | 4:30PM |
| February 24 | Baker County | Home | 3:30PM |
| February 28 | Miller County | Away | 4:30PM |
| March 1 | Calhoun County | Home | 5:00PM |
| March 3 | Spring Creek Charter | Home | 5:00PM |
| March 8 | Calhoun County | Away | 4:30PM |
| March 9 | PCA | Away | 4:30PM |
| March 15 | PCA | Home | 5:00PM |
| March 17 | Early County | Away | 4:30PM |
| March 22 | Spring Creek Charter | Away | 4:30PM |
| March 28 | Early County | Home | 4:30PM |

JV Baseball 2022

| Date | Opponent | Location | Time |
|-------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|
| February 17 | Baker County | Away | 6:00PM |
| February 24 | Baker County | Home | 5:00PM |
| March 10 | Lakeside School | Away | 4:00PM Eastern |
| March 14 | Furlow Charter | Home | 5:00PM |
| March 17 | Early County | Away | 6:00PM |
| March 24 | Lakeside School | Home | 5:00PM |
| March 28 | Early County | Home | 6:00PM |



Aggie Adventures



**Positive
Office
Referral**
Alana Gibson

Alana's teacher wrote, "Alana always has a good attitude and approaches her work enthusiastically! She also does a great job with checking out books from the library and taking AR quizzes on them without me having to remind her! Keep up the great work!"




**Positive
Office
Referral**
Sophia Fendley

Sophia's teacher wrote, "Sophia is such a kind, respectful, and helpful student! She is such a blessing to have in our class! Thank you for always working hard and being kind to all! Keep up the great work!"




**Two
Hoo!
good!
FOR
YOU**



Positive Office Referral
JW Babbb

JW's teachers wrote, "JW deserves a shout out for so many reasons! JW started the year off not talking much and now he is such a funny kid in class! JW has lots of friends and is learning new words each day to say to his friends. We love having JW in our class and love watching him learn and grow each day!"




Positive Office Referral
Natalie Hunter

Natalie's teacher wrote, "Natalie deserves a positive office referral because I caught her being very kind and helpful recently. A student at her table had missed a couple of days of school and had a big stack of makeup work waiting for her. Natalie used her homeroom time to teach the student what she missed and helped her complete her makeup work. What makes me even prouder is that Natalie wasn't seeking praise, rewards, or attention for being helpful. I just happened to notice her going above and beyond to help a friend. Keep it up, sweet girl!"



Woo Hoo! Good for You




Positive Office Referral
Walker Bagwell

Walker's teacher wrote, "Walker is an amazing student! He has mastered all of his addition and subtraction facts and I have begun working on multiplication with him. I'm so proud that he was ready to begin learning multiplication. He is very focused on learning the concept behind multiplication and stretching his mind! He uses his spare time to practice his facts. I just love to see him so dedicated and interested in something!"




Positive Office Referral
Khloe Potter

Khloe's teacher wrote, "Khloe deserves a positive office referral for always trying her best! She comes to school each day with a positive attitude and ready to learn! Keep up the great work!"




Positive Office Referral
Jordan Williams

Jordan's teacher wrote, "Jordan has worked really hard in class! His positive attitude and willingness to help others is what an Apple Achiever is all about. We are very proud of him."



Positive Office Referral
J'Darvin Ransom

J'Darvin's teacher wrote, "J'Darvin deserves a positive office referral for coming to school each day prepared and ready to learn! He always tries his best and is such a sweet friend to his classmates! Keep up the great work!"



Positive Office Referral
Jason Hicks

Jason's teacher wrote, "Jason comes to school every morning with a smile on his face and positive attitude. Socially, he has grown so much this year. Academically, he has shown how smart he is. He is always so polite and kind to others. He tells me 'good morning' and 'bye, see you tomorrow' every afternoon! Thank you, Jason, for being a light in my day!"




Kindergarten Predictions!

Winter 4
Spring 11
Fall 14



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READING

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TALK TO YOUR CHILD....

Kid Chats: Talking to Parents | Things Kids Say





FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...

Parents,

The National Parents and Teachers Association has provided flyers for each grade in English Language Arts and Mathematics. These flyers are designed to let parents know what their child is expected to know, understand and be able to do by the end of the school year. They also provide helpful tips for talking with your child's teacher! The flyers can be accessed through the link below, and then clicking on the specific grade your child is currently in. As always, if you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.

<https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/Parents-Guides-to-Student-Success/Four-page-Parents-Guides-to-Student-Success-Color>

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




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