# SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST 14TH-18TH, 2023** 

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow on 8/14/23! Our first full week of school was a successful week. We are still working to make sure that all students and parents understand that the main focus of SGSC is academics. We need everyone to work together to make sure that academics is at the forefront to make our school successful.

For those new to us....**Aggie Achievers**...this is the name that we call our students rather than "students." We feel that they are all capable of ACHIEVING any and everything.

Please do not drop your child off in front of the school or in the parking lot each day. You must go through the car rider line to drop students off and pick students up. Also, we do not allow for our Achievers to be checked out after 2:30 unless it is an emergency. There are many transitions after this time and is not ideal for check out.

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 <a href="mailto:transportation@sowegastemcharter.org">transportation@sowegastemcharter.org</a> to request the change. These requests should be in place no later than 1:30 pm on the day of the request.

Buses - we have gained many new Achievers from the Dawson and Cuthbert areas. We have provided an additional bus at those bus stops to help with the "overflow" of Achievers that cannot fit into one bus. We are working out the kinks to be able to ensure that your child is riding the same bus each day, but that will take some time as we are learning the new Achievers and their siblings. Please treat the these bus stop areas with respect and do not litter, play loud music, or damage the areas in any way. Please see the bus schedules below.

Cell phones are not allowed at school, 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

You can find our <u>Student Handbook</u> on our school website (<u>www.swgeorgiastemcharter.com</u>) as well as many other important documents and information. - Handbooks for 23-24 will be posted by the end of the month

If you or your child would like to SHOUT OUT any staff member, please feel free by using the link: <a href="https://forms.gle/Kd83RAhueosWCHCB7">https://forms.gle/Kd83RAhueosWCHCB7</a>. 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 - <a href="https://forms.gle/JiFECdiizhq7YSdj9">https://forms.gle/JiFECdiizhq7YSdj9</a> - 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 <a href="mailto:qalmon@sowegastemcharter.org">qalmon@sowegastemcharter.org</a>.

Sincerely, Ginger Almon

SGSC Elementary School PBIS Matrix						
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus	Playground	
S Be Safe Make choices that maintain the motional and physical solity of our community.	"Neep Equick, clean and paint "Leave cell phone in the clean-room "Report unsafe conditions to a teacher or staff member	body off the walls	"Follow class expectations "fluit to leave the classroom "Keep than legs on the floor "Keep hands, feet, objects, and unkind comments to yourself	"feep hands and feet to yourself "Skay seated "Skay seated "Sk in seat correctly- bittom to bettom and lack to back	*teep hands and feet to yourself *Use the playground equipment correctly	
P Persevere intrinue in a course of ction mean in the face of difficults			"Complete assignments from start to finish." "Do your best - complete classwork and homework." "Set goals for your fixer your			
R Be Respectful to polite and take the other people's feelings into consideration	"Sive 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	"final others the way you would want to be trisited "Naise your hand "Use kind words "Respect other students, comments, opinions, and ideas "Naiscome new students,"	"finipect environment and private property "Marister pour surroundings "finipect your bus driver and monitor	"follow your teacher's directions "molude others when playing "fined others the way that you would want to be treated	
R Be Responsible lways strive to do the right thing.						
				2 - Fartner Talk		

	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus
Be Safe Make choices that naintain the emotional and physical safety of our community.	"Wash your hands shoroughly "Keep hands to self "Leave cell phone in the classroom	"Walk on the right "Maintain safe distance "Run-free zone	*Follow class expectations *Ask to leave the classroom *Keep chair legs on the floor *Cell-Free Zone	*Xeep hands to self - No touch zone *Stay seated *Stay seated *St in seat correctly - Bottom to bottom and back to back
P Persevere Continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty.			*Complete assignments - start to finish *Do your best - complete classwork and homework	
R Be Respectful Be polite and take the other people's feelings into consideration	"Give others privacy "Throw your trash and personal items in the garbage	"Face forward" "Allow students to learn white passing classrooms. "Admire walls and work with your eyes only	learning	*Respect environment and private property *Walk in appropriate areas *Monitor your surroundings *Respect your bus driver and monitor
R Be Responsible Oways 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	*Amend daily and be on time *Stay on task *Be prepared *Complete make-up work within time limit	
sice Level			Varies	

### 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.





			uses will leave the school a		
			d by A: and Departure is di sail transportation@sower		
Bus # 20-01 Route: Sauser			Bus #15-01 Rose		-
Location	Morning	Afternoon	Location	Morning	Afternoon
Sasser: Kountry Korner	A: 7:00 AM D: 7:05 AM	A: 2:50 PM	Richland: Old Rick'n Save	A: 6:35 AM D: 6:40 AM	A:4:05 PM
Dawson: Calvary Saptist Church Bus #19-01 and #22-02 will be	A: 7:15 AM D: 7:20 AM	A: 3:35 PM	Lumpkin: Five Star Bank	A: 6:55 AM 0: 7:00 AM	A: 2:55 PM
at this stop as well	2007		Cuthbert: Miller Co.	A: 7:20 AM D: 7:25 AM	A: 3:35 PM
			Cuthbert: Millennium Center	A: 7:25 AM D: 7:30 AM	A: 3:50 PM
Bus #29-02 Route: Preston, Co			Bus #22-01 Route: Ft. Gai		
Preston: Courthouse	A: 6:50 AM D: 6:55 AM	A: 4:00 PM	Pt. Gaines: Georgia Giant	A: 6:30 AM D: 6:35 AM	A: 4:25 PM
CenterPoint: Volunteer Fire. Dept.	A: 7:05 AM D: 7:10 AM	A:3.50 PM	Coleman: Empty Lot next to Caydion Light	A: 6:50 AM 0: 6:55 AM	A: 3:55 PM
Weston: Merritt's	A: 7:20 AM D: 7:25 AM	A: 3:40 PM	Cuthbert: Miller Co. Bus # 15-01 will be at this stop as well	A: 7:20 AM D: 7:25 AM	A: 3:35 PM
					No. of Concession, Name of Street, or other Designation, Name of Street, or other Designation, Name of Street,
Bus # 19-01 Route: Par		Sarris)	Bus #22-02 Route		ert (Porter)
Parrott: Lucky's Convenience Store	A: 6:55 AM D: 7:00 AM	A: 3:50 PM	Dawson: Calvery Baptist Church	A: 7:15 AM 0: 7:20 AM	A: 2:35 PM
Dawson: Calvary Baptist Church Bus #20-01 will be at this stop as well	A:7:15 AM D:7:20 AM	A: 3:35 PM	Cuthbert Miller Co. This will be the overflow bus - which will run at a later time if needed	A: 7:45 AM 0: 7:50 AM	A:3:50 PM
Parents, please get	to the bus	stop at the	arrival times, not the d	eparture tin	185.

# 23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR



# SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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





Shoot belowantee though based on an	Menus are subject to statisting:	Appeal in National Famile Monthil is particle a sandwish made on delicious fasion breast, tested with mear, chance and regions and gelled to perfection. Experiment with different toppings to find your perfect particle.			
MOREAY	O	0	Reduced Microsophie (1) Bay	Overaturper or 760 Belon's treas	
Distant Naggets or PEI () local Pleas full full Distant of Mills	Corn Dogs or HD () Mindel Yaggers Disps Fault Desice of With	Pulled Rook BBQ or PBJ (2) Balant Beans froat Choice of exits	Olicken zandwiches or (1) Rill Green Brann Ruit Choice of Wills	Pion or PEU Com Light used Fruit Choice of rick	
Not Dega or PRI Mont Veggins half Design of Milk	Chicken Stripe or PEU Sweet Face Fault Choice of Willia	Flamburger Shoot or PEL Green Stewn. Fruit Libeius of milk	Place or PRI Corn / Spiroskel Fluid Choice of Mills	Figita using or PRI: Baland linears / light saled Fruit Choice of milk	
Chicles Senduch or NO (Chicles Senduch or NO (Chicles Senduch or NO (Chicles of NO))	Conn degror PEI (Start Inggree Faul Choice of Willia	Owene burger or PEI Balant Brann/ Vies Fruit Owins of Milk	Chicken Alfredo or PBI Snocosi Ruiz /Aust Choice of Wills	From or PBV Converget saled Fruit Choice of Milk	
(Diction Huggers or PE) Level Pleas Hull Design of Milk	Hat Copy or PB/ Balls Boars Sout Chalas of HBB	Hamburger Steak or PSI Machael Publisher/ Grans Steam / Stalif and	Properties Sincy Topic state Properties The Charles of CHES	2/ 5	

**BREAKFAST** 

LUNCH



# FROM DR. SMITH...

Hello! I am Dr. Smith, your child's School Counselor! My email address is <a href="mailto:bsmith@sowegastemcharter.org">bsmith@sowegastemcharter.org</a> in case you need to reach out to me regarding your child.

For many of us, teachers included, our sleep schedule got off during the summer break. During the summer our days are longer, activities start later, and vacations have special rules. Getting your student back into their regular sleep schedule from summer can be difficult, but can be done.

- Getting enough sleep is critical for a child to be successful in school. Children who do
  not get enough sleep have difficulty concentrating and learning as well as they can.
- Set a consistent bedtime for your child and stick with it every night. Having a bedtime routine that is consistent will help your child settle down and fall asleep. Components of a calming pre-bedtime routine may involve a bath/shower, reading with them, and tucking them in and saying good-night to them.

Have your shild turn off alastrania davisas well hefere hadtines

- Try to have the home as quiet and calm as possible when younger children are trying to fall asleep.
- Insufficient sleep is associated with lower academic achievement in middle school, high school and college, as well as higher rates of absenteeism and tardiness. The optimal amount of sleep for most younger children is 10-12 hours per night and for adolescents (13-18 year of age) is in the range of 8-10 hours per night.

# How much sleep \*\* does my child need?

# **AGE GROUP**

Infants 4 - 12 months old

Children 1 - 2 years old

Children 3 - 5 years old

Children 6 - 12 years old

Teens 13 - 18 years old

# **HOURS PER NIGHT**

12 - 16 hours per 24 hour period

11 - 14 hours per 24 hour period

10 - 13 hours per 24 hour period

9 - 12 hours per 24 hour period

8 - 10 hours per 24 hours

Naps included, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics

# 

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 14th - Middle School Softball Game vs. Early County @ Shellman - 4:30 pm

August 15th - Varsity Softball vs. Calhoun County @ Shellman - 4:30 pm

**August 17th -** Middle School and Varsity Softball vs. Seminole County @ Seminole County - 4:00 pm

August 21st-25th - MAP Assessments for all grades K-12th

# SGSG

# 

# 



Date:	Opponent:	Location:	Time:
August 10	Miller County	Miller County	5:30
August 15	Calhoun County	SGSC	4:30
August 17	Seminole County	Seminole County	6:00
August 21	Early County	Early County	4:30
August 24	PCA	SGSC	4:30
August 29	Randolph County	Randolph County	TBA
August 31	Mitchell County	Mitchell County	TBA
September 7	Baconton	SGSC	6:00
September 8	PCA	PCA	6:00
September 12	Terrell County	Terrell County	TBA
September 18	Miller County	sasc	6:00
September 19	Calhoun County	Calhoun County	TBA
September 21	Seminole County	SGSC	6:00
September 26	Early County	sgsc	4:30
October 2	Randolph County	sesc	4:30
October 3	Mitchell County	SGSC	4:30
October 10	Baconton	Baconton	5:00
October 12	Terrell County	sgsc	4:30







The 2023-24 school year is starting off with a great line up of softball games, football practice is in full swing, One Act Play and cross country are beginning! 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!

# <u>Unless there is a game or the coaches tell you differently, the players will follow the practice schedule below:</u>

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 5:30 pm (5:00 pm for middle school on Wednesdays)

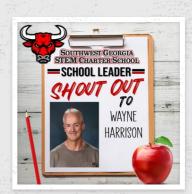
Cross Country - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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





























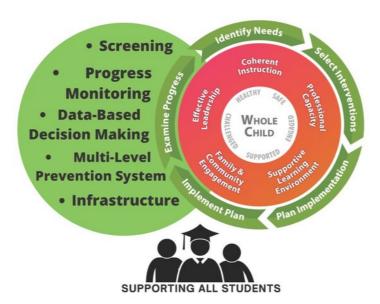


# THIS WEEK'S VIDEO

20 things we should say more often!



# From the MTSS Coordinator



# FROM OUR MTSS COORDINATOR....

School has started, and we are getting to know each other more as each day passes. We are thankful that you have chosen SGSC for your child/children! As we move through this school year, we are excited about learning new things that work best for our school! It's important that we all remember that growth can often look "unorganized" and/or "chaotic", but in the middle of it all, we are all still learning and growing.

Thank you for your support of our EIP (Early Intervention Program). We can all recognize that the earlier we remediate skills, the better success that each student will have. Please continue to communicate with teachers regarding your child's performance at school. It is important that we work together as a team to ensure student success. We will continue following MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports), which includes academic, behavior, attendance and socioemotional areas.

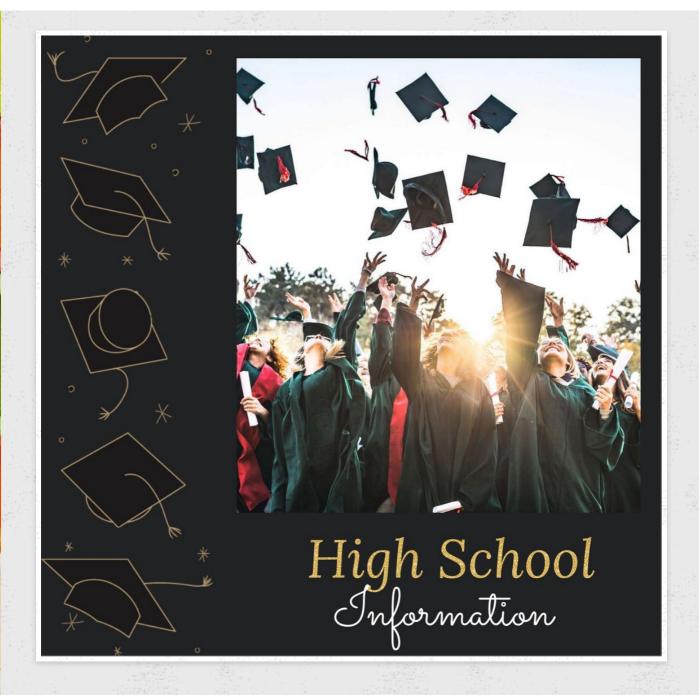
Through this "system" or "process", teachers will make referrals based on student needs.

Teachers will submit those referrals as they feel appropriate. Please contact me

Ipresley@sowegastemcharter.org if you have any questions relating to EIP and/or MTSS. I am looking forward to a great year!

Leslie Presley





# NEWS FROM MRS. GREENWAY AND DR. PAGE

I am Courtney Greenway, and I am excited to join the SGSC family as the new graduation coach and CTAE teacher.

I am Heather Page, and I will be working with juniors and seniors on all things dual enrollment this year.

We will work with Dr. Smith to ensure our achievers have a successful year!

### ■ Upcoming Events and Deadlines:

- 11th/12th grade- Dual Enrollment classes will begin on 8/15.
- · Seniors:
  - Be sure to sign in to your <u>www.gafutures.com</u> account. If you have not created an account, do that ASAP.

- Put all college applications, financial aid, and scholarship deadlines on a calendar.
- · Begin planning college and technical school visits or make military contacts if applicable.

# ONE TEAM.

ONE MISSION.

NO EXCUSES.





# SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL

Facebook



💡 185 Pecan Street, Shellman, ...



galmon@sowegastemcharter....



229-345-3033



🚮 swgeorgiastemcharter.com/

