

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 5TH - 7TH, 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are so excited to welcome our Aggie Achievers (new way of referring to our students so they know that they can achieve anything) back to school on Wednesday, January 5th, after a much needed holiday break! I know that many of you are nervous about sending your child back to school during such an unsettling time, but rest assured that we will do everything that we can to keep your child safe and healthy. At this time, we are not changing our protocol for returning to school other than following the new guidance from CDC. If needed, we will reevaluate the mask policy in the upcoming days - we are STRONGLY encouraging masks at this time. I have included the new guidance below. As always, please contact the school if your child has tested positive for COVID or has been exposed.

Isolation: Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19, everyone (regardless of vaccination status) must:

- Isolate at home for 5 days from the date symptoms first appeared or, if asymptomatic, the date of the positive test. Stay away from others in the household as much as possible during isolation.
- After 5 days, if you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving and you have not had fever for more than 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, you may end isolation. If symptoms are not improving or fever has not resolved, you should continue isolating until these criteria are met.
- After ending isolation, you should continue to wear a mask around others for 5 days.

Quarantine: If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and you are

- Boosted, or have become fully vaccinated within the last 6 months (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or within the last 2 months (J&J vaccine):
 - You do not need to quarantine at home.
 - You should wear a mask around others for 10 days.
 - If possible, get tested on day 5.

- If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results.
- Unvaccinated, or became fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or more than 2 months ago (J&J vaccine) and have not received a booster:
 - You must quarantine at home for 5 days. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
 - If possible, get tested on day 5.
 - If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results.

Contact the school nurse, Kristen Roland, or myself and we will help you determine return dates for your child - if needed.

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 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.



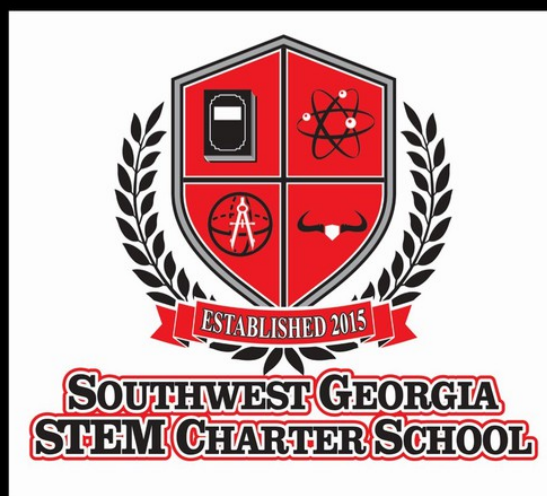
COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 1/5/2022

**COVID
INFORMATION
FOR
SGSC
1/5/22**

**Positive Cases:
Staff - 2
Students - 3**

**Quarantines:
Staff - 1
Students - 8**

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

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.



SOUTHWEST GEORGIA

S.T.E.M. CHARTER SCHOOL

What to do if you test positive for COVID-19 (Regardless of vaccination status)

WITH SYMPTOMS

ISOLATE

At least 5 days from start of symptoms
and

Stay away from others in the household as much as possible during isolation
and

Isolate until at least **24 hours with NO FEVER** without fever reducing medications
and

You have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving
and

After ending isolation, you should continue to **WEAR A MASK** around others for 5 days

NO SYMPTOMS

ISOLATE

At least 5 days from date of positive test
and

Stay away from others in the household as much as possible during isolation
and

Isolate until at least **24 hours with NO FEVER** without fever reducing medications
and

You have no COVID related symptoms
and

After ending isolation, you should continue to **WEAR A MASK** around others for 5 days

What to do if you have been EXPOSED to COVID-19:

VACCINATED

Boosted, or have become fully vaccinated within the last 6 months (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or within the last 2 months (J&J vaccine):

NO QUARANTINE REQUIRED

You should **wear a mask** around others for **10 days**
and

If possible, get **tested on day 5**
and

If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance to test results.

UNVACCINATED

or became fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or more than 2 months ago (J&J vaccine) and have not received a booster:

QUARANTINE AT HOME FOR 5 DAYS

After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days
and

If possible, get tested on day 5
and

If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance to test results.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER | 2021-2022 CALENDAR

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SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

JANUARY 2022 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter **BREAKFAST**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NO SCHOOLS	NO SCHOOLS	Breakfast at Home	Breakfast at Home	Breakfast at Home
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JANUARY 2022 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School **LUNCH**

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BREAKFAST

LUNCH



FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

Question: When is 90% not considered a positive outcome?

Answer: When it is linked to School attendance.

- 90% Attendance is equal to a 1/2 of school missed a week.
- 1 School year at 90% attendance is equal to 4 weeks of missed learning time.
- Over 5 years of school at 90% is equal to 1/2 of a school year missed.

This semester we are aiming to raise SGSC's attendance rate to 96%. Please ensure that you send your student to school every day that they can attend and follow the guidelines in the student handbook on turning in excuses for days that they have to be absent.

There will be several strategies and incentives that we will use this semester to help us reach our attendance goal, please look for more information about these incentives in the upcoming newsletters.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 3rd and 4th - Teacher Workdays

January 5th - Aggie Achievers (students) return to school

January 7th - End of Quarter 2 - Semester End

January 10th - Report Cards sent home - please sign and return

January 17th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL for staff or Aggie Achievers



SGSC



SPORTS

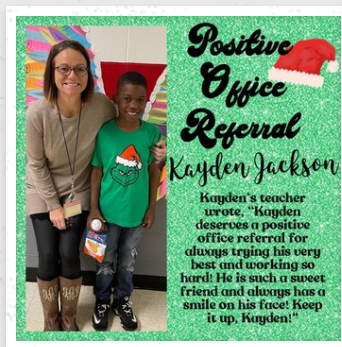


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FROM COACH CROWDIS...

Happy New Year Aggie Nation! 2022 is going to be a great year for Aggie Athletics! Coming up first we will have baseball tryouts in January. This will be for boys grades 5th through 10th. To be eligible to try out, the Aggie Achiever must have a physical on record at the school and the Achiever must have NOT have failed more than one class for the first semester. Once the rosters are set we will have a parent meeting to go over expectations for the players, discuss our baseball fundraiser and plan a work day to get the facilities ready for the season. Coach Bubba Redding will be assisting me this baseball season. We look forward to coaching your Aggie Achievers!

Aggie Adventures





POSITIVE THINKING....

Best Video on Positive Thinking for Students 2021



FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...

Happy New Year Parents!

It's the time of year where most adults set goals for themselves. While we may not always reach those goals, we work hard to achieve them the best we can. As we begin the third nine weeks, setting goals with your child can give them the direction and purpose they need to stay focused and determined! Here are some tips when setting goals with your child at home.

1. Pick an area of improvement. This could be a specific subject, a desired behavior or related to school attendance. Start with just one area so your child will not feel overwhelmed or discouraged with multiple goals.
2. Pick an achievable goal. This is a goal that should be able to be reached within either a 4 ½ or 9 week time frame. We all know if we set a goal for the entire year, we often lose focus and desire to reach that goal.
3. Develop a plan to achieve it. Sit down with your child and list out the steps it would take to reach the goal you both want. Students are often encouraged when parents agree to take part in the tasks too.
4. Review the goal and plan weekly. Place the goal and steps in a visible, often visited location, such as the refrigerator or bathroom mirror. Discuss the goal and plan each week to see if adjustments need to be made and hear how your child thinks he or she is doing towards achieving the goal.
5. Celebrate. At the end of the time frame you've set, celebrate any accomplishments towards reaching the goal that you and your child have made.

Once they have accomplished one goal, repeat the process with another area of improvement. Setting reachable goals with your child helps your child to feel loved, supported and encouraged in becoming a stronger student and future citizen. Now is the best time to start moving forward in the right direction. There is nothing better than the smile on a child's face when they have accomplished something they have been working hard towards!

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




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