

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 9TH - 13TH, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Everyone,

We are so excited to see our students this week! Our first three days back in school was a very positive experience for everyone! We look forward to continuing on a path of success this year.

As we move ahead in the upcoming days and weeks, we will monitor the current COVID situation. Below, I am including our new quarantine guidelines at Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School. As of today, we will continue to recommend masks for staff and students, but they are not required. If we feel that the numbers begin to rise in our school, we may have to make the decision to require masks in order to continue in person instruction. I want you all to be prepared that the decision to require masks could be made if the numbers in the school rise, so please begin to talk with your children about this possibility. If you have any questions, please reach out to our school nurse, Kristen Roland - kroland@sowegastemcharter.org or 229.345.3033. Thank you all for the continued support as we strive to provide a positive, in person learning environment for each of our students.

We also need everyone to complete the Transportation Form in order to ensure your child keeps his/her spot on the school bus. If you have not, please complete the form:

<https://forms.gle/JgsLn79L2UKbUfhUA>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an email at galmon@sowegastemcharter.org.

Sincerely,
Ginger Almon



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Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School 2021-2022 COVID Quarantine Guidance

On August 2, 2021, the Georgia Department of Public Health issued an administrative order providing additional Covid-19 guidance for schools. To protect educators and students from the spread of Covid-19, DPH generally recommends that schools follow quarantine guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Pursuant to the DPH administrative order, however, schools may elect to adhere to different quarantine requirements, as developed by the local school district, to facilitate in-person learning. The DPH administrative order provides that alternative quarantine guidelines may only be followed if:

- 1) the point of exposure is in the school setting, and
- 2) the individual remains asymptomatic during the quarantine period.

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School will always consider the safety of our students and make decisions based on the needs of our students. With that said, please see the following guidelines that we have created for quarantining:

- As per guidance in the administrative order, Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School will require anyone identified as a contact **outside of school** to follow CDC quarantine guidance - ESPECIALLY for those who have someone in the household that is positive for Covid.
- If there is an exposure **in school**, we will quarantine those in direct contact with the positive case - we will not require quarantine of most individuals not exhibiting symptoms. We will notify potential exposures so they may watch carefully for any symptoms, but they will be allowed to remain in school.
- The quarantine period for those exposed **in school** will be 5 days if the exposed person remains symptom free. The school nurse will check in with the student and if there is not a positive test result or any symptoms - the student may return to school on Day 6.
- If someone that has been fully vaccinated is exposed, they do not have to quarantine regardless of the location of the exposure. A completed vaccination card must be presented to the school nurse.

At this point in time, masks are still recommended, but not required. If administration, the school nurse, the Board of Directors, and the Randolph County Department of Public Health deem it necessary to require a mask mandate at any point in time to ensure the safety of our students and continue in-person instruction, Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School will implement a Mandatory Mask rule if needed. We will notify everyone if this becomes necessary at any time.

Sincerely,

Ginger Almon
Principal
Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School

COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC

**COVID
INFORMATION
FOR
SGSC
8/8/21**

Positive Cases:

Staff - 0

Students - 5

Quarantines:

Staff - 0

Students - 31

Other Information:
The majority of the students that tested positive and/or are in quarantine at this time have not entered our school. They were put in quarantine before school began.



SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

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**UPCOMING
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AT SGSC**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 11th: Middle School Softball Game at SGSC against Miller County - 4:30 pm

- August 23rd - STAR Reading Assessment
- August 24th - STAR Math Assessment
- August 25th - USATestPrep Social Studies Assessment
- August 26th - USATestPrep Science Assessment
- August 27th: Any make-up assessments

August 23rd: Middle School Softball Game at SGSC against PCA - 4:00 pm

August 25th: Middle School Softball Game at Clay County - 4:30 pm





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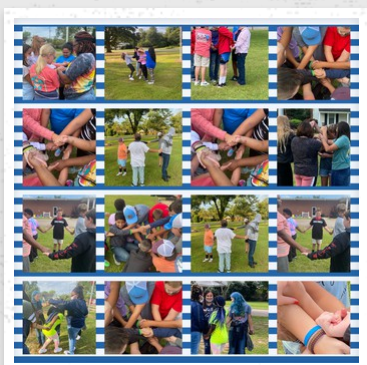
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4TH GRADE



**MIDDLE
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT....

A Letter to the Future From Kid President



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