SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 6TH-10TH, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Everyone,

We are so excited to see our students this week! This week marks the half-way point of the first quarter of school. We appreciate everything that you all are doing to ensure that your child makes it to school as much as possible, while also making sure that they are not coming to school with any COVID symptoms. **As a parent, I know that it is hard to manage, but you all are doing a fantastic job!**

This week, we had a lower number of positive COVID cases among the students, but a higher number of quarantines. This increased number of quarantines is primarily due to many students having someone in the household that are positive. We appreciate you all keeping in touch with the school, so we can track all of this information. We will also keep those dealing with COVID in our thoughts.

If your child has to quarantine due to COVID exposure, please have your child complete their assignments in Google Classroom. The teachers are adding items into these classrooms, but so far - hardly any students are completing the work. The teachers are working really hard to keep the content moving along while students are quarantining - please make sure your child is logging in and getting the assignments completed! Also, the Google Classroom assignments are for those students that are quarantined due to COVID exposure or a positive test, the Google Classroom is not an option for students that have an appointment or go out of town, etc. and will be out of school. Thank you all and if there are questions, please email me: galmon@sowegastemcharter.org.

We are so thankful to our staff for all that they are doing to serve those in person and those that are quarantining! 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 <u>galmon@sowegastemcharter.org</u>.

Sincerely, Ginger Almon

COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 9-7-21

COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 9/7/2021

Positive Cases: Staff - 0 Students - 2

Quarantines: Staff - 0 Students - 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.



MORE COVID INFORMATION

These figures are based on what will happen on Tuesday, September 7th. Also, please keep in mind that some of the positive cases are remaining on the count because we leave them up for the two weeks - these are not necessarily new COVID cases - some may also be from last week. If you have any further questions, please reach out to our school nurse, Kristen Roland - <u>kroland@sowegastemcharter.org</u> or 229.345.3033 or myself <u>galmon@sowegastemcharter.org</u>.

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FROM MS. MCBRIDE..

As kids today are confronted with new and unfamiliar issues about returning to school when compared with kids in any recent years, it is apparent that we must identify different ways and strategies to help motivate them. The ups and downs of the pandemic has created a lack of consistency and routine, which can make it difficult for some to stay on task and be motivated.

Here at SGSC, we want to help our students stay engaged and motivated to learn, and we need parents help to achieve this goal. As a parent, your presence in the academic life of your child is crucial to their commitment to work. Here are a few tips of things that you can do to help motivate your child.

Get Involved

- Do homework with them, and let them know that you're available to answer questions. Get in the habit of asking them about what they learned in school. By demonstrating your interest in your child's school life, you're showing them school can be exciting and interest time. This is essentially effective with reserve hide whet tred to be excited about
 - interesting. This is especially effective with young kids who tend to be excited about whatever you're excited about. Teenagers can shut down if they feel you are asking too

many questions, so make sure you are sharing the details of your day, too. A conversation is always better than an interrogation.

Reward effort rather than outcome

 The message you want to send is that you respect hard work. Praising kids for following through when things get difficult, for making a sustained effort, for trying things they're not sure they can do successfully, can all help teach them the pleasure of pushing themselves. Praise for good grades that come easily can make kids feel they shouldn't have to exert themselves.

Help them see the big picture

• For older kids who have developed an understanding of delayed gratification, sometimes simple reminders of their long-term goals can help push them. Linking school up with their long-term goals can make the work feel more personally fulfilling.

Make the teacher your ally

 Another one of the most important things you can do for your child is to work with his teacher. The teacher might have additional insight about how to motivate your child, or what they might be struggling with. Likewise you can share any strategies or information that you have.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 7th - Cheer Tryouts from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the gym
September 7th - Progress Reports sent home - please sign and return - set up a conference with your child's teacher if needed
September 8th - JV Softball Game against Early County @ SGSC at 4:30 pm
September 9th - Cheer Tryouts from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the gym





















PARENT SHOUT OUT TO MRS. AVERA

Mrs. Jennifer Nuti said, "Mrs. Avera has been so supportive during our time on quarantine and with COVID. She's patiently answered my many questions about online school work, as well as offered reassurance and encouragement as we send Tommy back to school. He adores her and the school in general. Her dedication to her students' well-being is very apparent and we are so thankful for the great team of teachers and staff."

Complete the form, if you would like to nominate a staff member for a Shout Out: <u>https://forms.gle/M2MSLd2RqQa1RHBu7</u>



WE HAVE SOME GREAT PARENTS -PLEASE SHARE THIS VIDEO WITH YOUR KIDS!

Mrs. Avera



FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...

Parents,

As parents ourselves, we know the challenges that come with

helping a child study at home. We want to share an online resource that will make studying fun for your child and manageable for you as a busy parent. Quizlet is a user-friendly source that allows parents and students to create learning sets from notes or vocabulary that students bring home.

To sign up, visit <u>www.quizlet.com</u> and create a free parent account. Once your account has been set up, look for the "create" button at the top of the page. Then, choose "study set". You and your child can then turn their school vocabulary or notes into interactive practice. Once a set is created, Quizlet offers many different strategies for practicing the material, including digital flashcards, games and practice quizzes. Another great feature is that you can keep any created sets in your account to review and study throughout the remainder of the year. Are you an on-the-go family? That's okay! Quizlet offers a free app so students can study at any time and anywhere. We hope that this resource will provide you and your child with a fun, easy way to prepare for success as an Aggie.

ONE TEAM.

ONE MISSION.

NO EXCUSES.





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