### SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 24TH-28TH, 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!

As we think about the excitement of seeing our achievers tomorrow, please understand the importance of school attendance. We are averaging such a high number of absences each day. While some of these are quarantines due to exposure to COVID, many are simply unexcused absences. Your child must receive the instruction each day to be able to achieve. We must show continuous progress in achievement to be able to have a school for your children to attend. It all goes hand-in-hand. So, please if at all possible - send your child to school each day. I have had several conversations with achievers - particularly middle/high achievers - where I say, "We are so glad you are back today. We missed you yesterday," and they respond, "Yes ma'am, I didn't feel like getting up yesterday, so my mom said I could take a day." These days add up and the instruction that they are missing cannot be replaced. The Board and I are reviewing our current COVID protocol to see if we need to make revisions. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, please be diligent to send your child to school each day possible.

Reminder - Please review the matrix for behaviors for our Aggie Achievers at home! We are really pushing these positive behaviors in school, and I think it would be awesome to have the parents speak the same language at home. I have included the matrix for elementary and the matrix for middle/high below. Thanks for all of the support!

Please remember to turn in your child's Letter of Intent to return to SGSC. We need those forms to determine our numbers for next year. All achievers in grades Kindergarten through 10th grade received the forms last week. The deadline has been extended to January 28th. Thanks so much for sending thee important forms back in to ensure your child's position for the 22-23 school year!

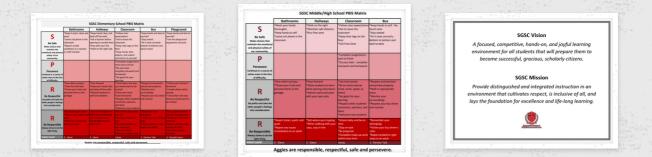
REMINDER - We also need your help with making sure that the achievers are becoming responsible for logging into Infinite Campus and checking for their missing assignments. We will begin a school wide initiative on January 24th where achievers will begin checking their Infinite Campus during Monday morning homeroom in grades 6th - 10th grades to see which assignments are missing and check with their teachers to get these caught up. We need you to support our efforts if you can! Thank you!

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: <u>https://forms.gle/ngToLSDxjNZ8HjwH6</u>

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 1/24/2022**

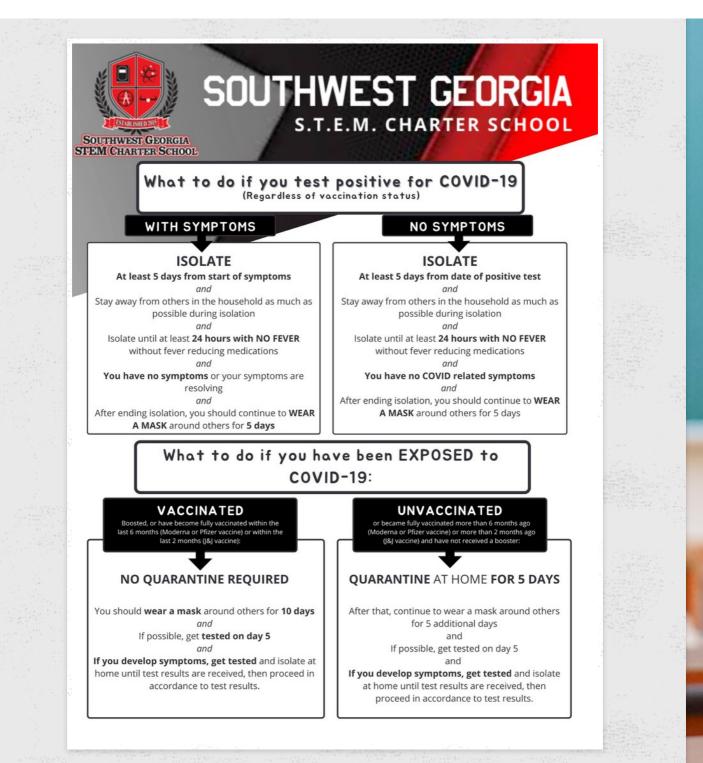
COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 1/24/22 Other information: Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing symptoms related to COVID, if someone in the household is positive, or if there is a pending COVID test for the student or household member.

Positive Cases: Staff - 1 Students - 5



#### **MORE COVID INFORMATION**

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>.



#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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#### SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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







#### FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

Children need structure and encouragement to maintain their resiliency when things feel uncertain, as they do now. This also allows for room for growth, as we make space for them to try new things without fear of failure or too much oversight.

Spend quality time with kids. When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.

Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.

#### Tips to Build Emotional Resilience in Kids

Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.



Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.

**OUTH ISSUES** 

Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.

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When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.

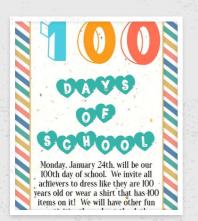
If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them.



# UPGONING EVENTS AT SGSC

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 24th - 100th day of school January 24th - Open Enrollment Begins 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













#### FROM COACH CROWDIS...

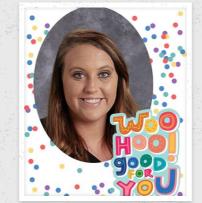
Baseball rosters have been set, and we will kick off the season with a full week of practice this week! I have been so encouraged by all the excitement surrounding the Aggie baseball

outside of the outfield fence, putting up the new batting cage net, cleaning up debris piles, fixing torn insulation in the field house, sweeping and cleaning the locker room, fixing the air conditioning and making plans for the future! There is still more to do but boy what a start!

The baseball team is selling 5 gallon buckets of laundry detergent. This detergent is top notch and you will not find a better deal for the amount of detergent you receive. Each bucket is \$50 and we will have a comparable brand for you to choose from. For the past two years my family of four has purchased these from another school and it lasts us close to a year. That is a deal! To find out more or to purchase please see an Aggie baseball player or you can email me at <u>bcrowdis@sowegastemcharter.org</u>.











#### YOUR MINDSET IS A MAJOR FACTOR IN DETERMINING YOUR CHILD'S MINDSET....

#### Growth Mindset vs. Fixed Mindset





#### FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...

https://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/AskDOE/Pages/Parents.aspx

This link will take you to the Georgia Department of Education's Parent Guide

#### Message from Superintendent Richard Woods

Welcome to the Georgia Department of Education's Parent Guide. I hope you will bookmark this page and visit us frequently for the most up-to-date information about education in Georgia as well as resources designed to serve parents throughout their child's education. When it comes to parent involvement, the research is clear: when schools and families support each other, students of all backgrounds and ability levels achieve at higher levels. As a parent of a high school sophomore and a former school administrator, I know that parents are their child's first teachers and have a wealth of information to share with educators about their students. We hope that the information provided on this page will help facilitate your student's success.

Sincerely

Richard Woods Georgia's School Superintendent

Info for parents & students regarding on Graduation, Testing & College Planning <u>https://www.gadoe.org/Pages/students.aspx</u>

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