SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

February 5th-9th, 2024

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow 2/5/24! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

Quarter 3 Progress Reports will be sent home Monday, February 5th. Please review those reports and expect to her from your child's teacher soon. I have asked that they either call, email, or set up a face-to-face conference with all parents of students in their homerooms by February 16th.

We are getting a higher number of bus referrals than usual. Please remind your child to follow the instructions of the driver and monitor on the bus. Riding the bus is a privilege and that privilege can be taken away if students do not follow the rules.

Parents - please speak with your children about the dress code. We are specifically having problems with the following portions of the dress code at the middle and high school levels: 7. Leggings, jeggings, tights, yoga pants, stretch pants, and spandex pants are not permissible to be worn as stand-alone apparel.

8. Leggings, jeggings, or tights can only be worn under clothing that already meets dress code requirements in length and appropriateness (i.e. leggings, jeggings, and tights should not be worn under shorts or dresses that do not already meet length requirements).

17. Hats, caps, bandanas, headbands, and sweat bands, and hoods attached to hoodies, and all other head coverings are not allowed to be worn in the classroom or in any other part of the building.

Parents - please stay on top of your child's academic grades by checking the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to see their grades. If you do not have a login, please email Dr. Heather Page (hpage@sowegastemcharter.org) to get your login information for your child.

Parents of students that ride buses - PLEASE adhere to the requirements at each location because we cannot afford to lose the places that we are allowed to drop off and pick up at! If you cannot

follow the rules, your child will not be able to ride the bus:

- Do not park on the grass or drive on the grass (already received a warning from Miller Supply Co in Cuthbert)
- Do not park near the gas pumps or block entrance of customers (already received 2 warnings from LocStop in Dawson)
- Do not speed through the location
- Be mindful of students exiting the buses
- Do not use profanity or disrespectful language to the drivers, monitors, or other parents and students
- Do not liter

We are having so many Achievers that are being checked out early throughout the week especially on Fridays. Please remember - EARLY CHECKOUTS ARE DISCOURAGED AFTER 2:30 PM. Early checkouts after 2:30 PM are discouraged due to ongoing instructional practices that include remedial and acceleration opportunities for Achievers. In addition, students are also transitioning to various areas to prepare for dismissal. Please remember that unexcused 5 unexcused tardies and early checkouts will be counted as an absence as well. Although early checkouts are discouraged, we do realize that extenuating circumstances such as doctor's appointments and family emergencies will occur. We will make every effort to accommodate, but **please do not come to check your child out to simply avoid waiting in the car rider line.**

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

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

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 - <u>https://forms.gle/JiFECdiizhq7YSdj9</u> - 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 <u>galmon@sowegastemcharter.org</u>.

Sincerely, Ginger Almon

	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus	Playground
S Be Safe	classroom "Report unsafe conditions to a teacher	body off the walls *Auk a teacher before opening an outside door *Stay with your line	floor "Keep hands, feet, objects, and unkind comments to yourself	*Keep hands and feet to yourself *Stay seated *Stay seated correctly - Bottom to bottom and back to back	*Keep hands and feet t yourself *Use the playground equipment correctly
P Persevere Continue in a course of action even in the face of officults.			*Complete assignments from start to finish *Do your best - complete classwork and homework *Set goals for your fearning		
R Be Respectful Repolite and take the other people's feelings into consideration		*Face forward *Keep your hands, feet and body off the walls *Respond politely to staff and students	"Treat others the way you would want to be treated "Raise your hand "Use kind words	*Respect environment and private property *Monitor your surroundings *Respect your bus driver and monitor	"Follow your teacher's directions "Include others when playing "Theat others the way that you would want to be treated
R Be Responsible Always strive to do the right thing.					
Voice Level	D - Silent	0 - Silent	Varies	2 - Partner Talk	4 - Outside Voice

	Bathrooms Hallways Classroom Bus								
S Be Safe Make choices that maintain the emotional and physical safety of our community.	Bathrooms "Wash your hands thoroughly "Keep hands to self "Leave cell phone in the classroom	Hallways *Walk on the right *Maintain safe distance *Run-free zone		Bus *Keep hands to self - No touch zone *Stay seated *Stay 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 while passing classrooms *Admine walls and work with your eyes only	*Use time wisely *Be an active learner (read, write, speak, or listen) *Set goals for your hespect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas *Welcome new students	*Respect environment and private property *Walk in appropriate areas *Monitor your surroundings *Respect your bus driver and monitor					
R Be Responsible Aways 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	*Attend daily and be on time *Stay on task *Be prepared *Complete make up work within time limit	*Remember your belongings *Follow your bus driver's rules *Report problems right away to an adult.					
Voice Level	0 - Silent	0 - Silent	Varies.	2 - Partner Talk					

Aggies are responsible, respectful, safe and persevere.

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.





RECOGNIZE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER(S): If you or your child would like to SHOUT OUT any staff member, please feel free by using the link: <u>https://forms.gle/A8UaB1268TKqx6N17</u>. 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!





23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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SGSC Cafeteria Information

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

	February 5th-9th, 2024									
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY						
<u>BREAKFAST</u>	BREAKFAST	<u>BREAKFAST</u>	BREAKFAST	<u>BREAKFAST</u>						
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Pizza or PBJ Corn	Orange Chicken or PBJ	Hot Dog w/ Chili or PBJ	Turkey & Gravy or PBJ	Chicken Nuggets of PBJ						
Side Salad	Rice	Baked Beans	Mashed Potatoes	Mac-N-Cheese						
Carrot Sticks/Ranch		Fries	Green Beans	Sweet Peas						
Fruit	Diced Carrots	Side Salad	Roll Fruit	Yams & Roll						
Milk	Fruit Milk	Fruit Milk	Milk	Fruit Milk						



Mark your Calendars

January 22nd - February 9th - SGSC Open Enrollment for the 24-25 school year

February 5th - Progress Reports go home - Parents sign and return

February 6th - 8th Grade PARENT MEETING - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

February 7th - Last Day to Purchase Valentine's Bracelets and Bears

February 9th - Doorhanger Paints Party for the Seniors - in auditorium - 12:30 pm until end of the day

February 12th-16th - Pre-K Registration for the 24-25 school year

February 16th - Teacher Workday - No School for Students

February 17th - Pre-K through 5th Grade Dance - Ties and Tiaras - Shellman Depot (girls and adult date)

February 19th - President's Day - NO SCHOOL









DETERGENT IS BACK UNTIL FEB 5!



Contact any SGSC baseball player or coach!









WHO: 8th grade students and their parents/guardians WHERE: SGSC Auditorium TIME: 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

- Review your child's current progress with academics and behavior.
 Learn about Georgia Milestones Assessment expectations.
 Discuss upcoming requirements for high school and graduation.

*Light refreshments will be served











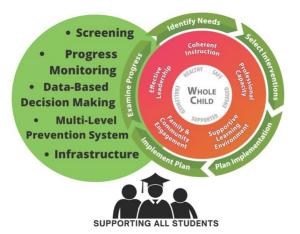
Video of the Week

Fostering Growth Mindsets...

https://youtu.be/vsP43BqinQY







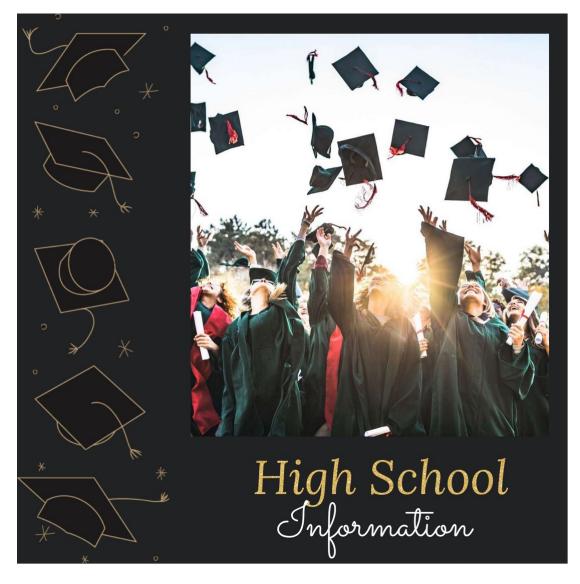
From our MTSS Coordinator....

Parents,

We've had a great week at SGSC! We've celebrated behavior the Aggie Achiever way by having a PBIS celebration for those students earning 100+ points. Achievers attending the celebration have demonstrated behaviors that are safe, respectful and responsible. The past two weeks, you've been able to read some examples for being respectful and responsible. But what about being safe? I know that being "safe" sounds pretty straight forward, but there may be some things that you haven't thought of.

- 1. Learn the school's emergency procedures. Emergency plans and phone numbers are usually included in school handbooks. Taking a few extra minutes to familiarize yourself and your child with emergency information can give him the confidence he needs to act quickly in emergency situations.
- 2. **Know and follow school security and safety measures.** These might include signing in when visiting the school, being escorted when walking through the building, or wearing a visitor pass. Following these procedures also sets a great example for your kids.
- 3. **Inform school staff about health and emotional concerns.** Whether your child has a food allergy, a physical disability, or has been subject to bullying make sure to keep your child's teachers and principal in the loop.

Safety First, Leslie Presley "Be safe, Be respectful, Be responsible."



News from the Graduation Coach...

Happy Sunday! With progress reports going home tomorrow, it will be a great time to talk with your achievers about their grades. Please encourage and praise those students doing the work and being successful. We are so proud of them!

I see both those who are working hard in and out of the classroom, and I am also seeing some who are not putting forth their best efforts. High school is a different ballgame. It is going to require some grit. **Grit is the ability to push through when challenged.** We are setting high standards for our achievers, and I know they can rise to the occasion. However, this will require them to study and do homework outside the classroom. If your achiever is not studying at home or working outside of school, I would ask some questions. Infinite Campus is a great way to keep up with their grades, and they can also show you Google Classroom. I **know our achievers can do hard things. They just have to want to do them. They will need some grit.** All their teachers are working hard to provide them with the resources and support in the classroom. It is up to our achievers to put in the work as well. Together, we can hold them accountable and help them be successful! Thank you in advance for your support. Have a great week!

Courtney Greenway



To have the determination and courage to push through any challenge or obstacle thrown your way until you succeed.



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