

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 14TH-18TH, 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow on Valentine's Day. Please be aware that if you send a Valentine to your child at school - Do Not send a balloon if he/she is riding the bus home in the afternoon. Balloons will not be allowed on the bus as they can cause a disturbance to the driver's view. Thanks!

We are finally seeing an increase in student attendance, but we still have a ways to go! Please join us in striving to reach our goal of 96% attendance each and every day!

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 - <https://forms.gle/JiFECdiizhq7YSdj9> - and share. We may not be able to do everything that is recommended, but know that we will be open and listen. Thanks!

Remember that we will have Winter Break on Friday, February 18th and Monday February 21st. There will be no school this Friday or next Monday. Please plan accordingly! Thanks.

We also need your help with cell phones. We are trying our best to continue to allow cell phones to be with your child throughout the day, but many of the parents are texting their child throughout the day or asking them to call them. We do have a cell phone policy at SGSC. Students are often torn when they feel validated in calling or texting their parents during school, but that violates our policy. If you need to speak with your child, please call the front office - 229.345.3033. When your child is using his/her phone during a non-cell phone time: **1st offense** - phone is taken and returned to the achiever at the end of the day. **2nd offense** - phone is taken and parents must come to the front office to pick up at the end of the day. **3rd offense** - (repeat of 2nd offense) phone is taken and parents must come to the front office to pick up at the end of the day. **4th offense** - the achiever is no longer allowed to bring his/her phone to school.

Reminder - Please support your child increasing his/her responsibility by checking their Infinite Campus portal for any missing assignments. This would be a great way for you and your child to spend time together and show your support of their academic achievement.

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

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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.





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.

COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 2/13/2022

**COVID
INFORMATION
FOR
SGSC
2/13/22**

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 - 0
Students - 1**



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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER | 2021-2022 CALENDAR

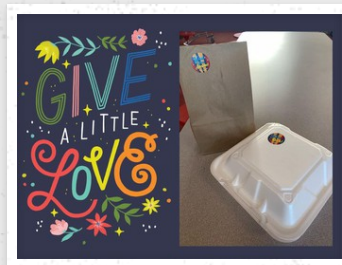
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SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

FEBRUARY 2022 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter **BREAKFAST!**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Choice of milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Choice of milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Choice of milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Choice of milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Choice of milk



FEBRUARY 2022 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter **LUNCH**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Rice, Fruit, Choice of milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Rice, Fruit, Choice of milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Rice, Fruit, Choice of milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Rice, Fruit, Choice of milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Rice, Fruit, Choice of milk

BREAKFAST

LUNCH



FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

Conflict is tough, especially family and sibling conflict, because it is not as simple as a seat change or trying to stay away from the person to avoid future conflict. Children need to be taught how to resolve conflict in any place that it can occur, so beginning this learning at home by integrating these questions is a great start.

FAMILY CONFLICT QUESTIONS

While family members are spending extra time at home, there is sure to be more conflict than usual. This is normal and to be expected! But some conflicts can be really harmful. Here are some questions you can ask your children to 1) help them develop empathy, 2) restore family relationships, and 3) hopefully prevent future negative incidents.

What were you feeling when it happened? How do you feel now?

What were you wanting and needing when you made that choice?

How did doing that hurt your brother/sister?

What will you do differently next time?

What was your brain saying? What were you thinking?

What do you need to feel better and move on from this?

What can you do to fix this and make it better?



UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 14th - Pre-K Registration Begins

February 18th - Winter Break Day - No School

February 21st - President's Day/Winter Break Day - No School

February 22nd - 2/22/22 celebration - Tutus, Ties, and Tube Socks (dress up day)

February 25th - Pre-K Registration Ends

AGSIS

Monday, February 7th
Baseball Practice 3:15 - 5:30

Tuesday, February 8th
Baseball Practice 3:15 - 5:30
First Track Practice 3:15 - 5:30

Wednesday, February 9th
Baseball Practice 3:15 - 5:30

Thursday, February 10th
Baseball Practice 3:15 - 5:30
Track Practice 3:15 - 5:30

Looking Ahead!
Baseball Home Games Vs. Baker County MS and JV
Feb. 24 @ 3:30

SGSC
Presents

It's a
TWOS DAY
CELEBRATION!

Join in the fun on this special date by wearing
turtls, ties (or bowties), or tube socks to school on
Tuesday, 2-22-22!

Turtls, Ties,
& **Tube**
socks

SGSC

SPORTS

SECTION

FROM COACH CROWDIS...

Happy Valentine's Day! For all you sports fans that LOVE to watch head to head competitions, our middle school track and field practices start on Tuesday, February 15th! This will be our

first season competing in track and field. We hope to expand into high school next year and have our first high school track and field team.

Our baseball teams are working really hard to get ready for the 2022 Baseball Season! **Our game scheduled for this Thursday has been postponed by the other team. As of right now our season will kick off at home against Baker County on February 24th.** Our middle school and junior varsity teams will both be playing, so come on out and enjoy some Aggie Baseball!

As we move into the last two athletic seasons of the year I want to remind all of our athletic families that school attendance and participation is vital to a successful athletic program. Our achiever athletes need to be in school and working hard each day. One of the biggest issues I have seen with Aggie Athletes this year is missing work. Talk to your Achievers and make sure they are staying on track and up to date! Let's Go Aggies!



Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
 Head Coach: Ben Crowdis
 Assistant Coaches: Bubba Redding and Chris Rumble
Middle School Baseball 2022

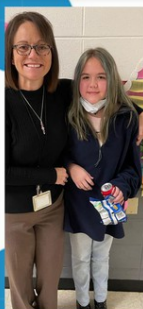
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February 17	Baker County	Away	4:30PM
February 24	Baker County	Home	3:30PM
February 28	Miller County	Away	4:30PM
March 1	Calhoun County	Home	5:00PM
March 3	Spring Creek Charter	Home	5:00PM
March 8	Calhoun County	Away	4:30PM
March 9	PCA	Away	4:30PM
March 15	PCA	Home	5:00PM
March 17	Early County	Away	4:30PM
March 22	Spring Creek Charter	Away	4:30PM
March 28	Early County	Home	4:30PM

JV Baseball 2022

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
February 17	Baker County	Away	6:00PM
February 24	Baker County	Home	5:00PM
March 10	Lakeside School	Away	4:00PM Eastern
March 14	Furlow Charter	Home	5:00PM
March 17	Early County	Away	6:00PM
March 24	Lakeside School	Home	5:00PM
March 28	Early County	Home	6:00PM




Aggie Adventures




**Positive
Office
Referral**
Jade Music

Jade's media/art teacher wrote, "Jade deserves a shout out and a Thank You for her kind and helpful she is every day. She is so quiet at times, but she is always smiling when in the Library/Art room. Thank you Jade for your calm, sweet demeanor."




**Positive
Office
Referral**
Braxton Ferguson

Braxton's media/art teacher wrote, "I must give a shout out to Aggie Achiever Braxton! All year he has been one of my best readers that visits the Library. He takes such good care of the books he checks out. He has met his goal of reading the entire Jannie B Jones series and has begun the I Survived series. Way to go, Braxton! Keep it up!"




**Positive
Office
Referral**
Peyton Page

Peyton deserves a shout out for his participation in the Cognia student interviews last Tuesday. The interviews were in relation to our school receiving accreditation. He represented our school well! Thank you Peyton!




Positive Office Referral
Alex Santoro

Alex's media/art teacher wrote, "Alex is such an amazing artist. He is so generous with his gift. This week he drew so many works for his classmates just to make them smile. I feel Alex has a bright future due to his fabulous talent and his gracious people skills. Thank you Alex!"



Positive Office Referral
Kylee Osting

Kylee deserves a shout out for her participation in the Cognia student interviews last Tuesday. The interviews were in relation to our school receiving accreditation. She represented our school well! Thank you Kylee!




Positive Office Referral
Makayla Cabral Knox

Makayla's media/art teacher wrote, "I would like to give a big shout out to Makayla Cabral Knox for her commitment to straightening all the books on the book shelves each Friday. With so many Aggie Achievers reading - by Friday, the shelves can get a little messy. Thank you Makayla, for your love of organization and our school!"




Positive Office Referral
Asia Bland

Asia deserves a shout out for her participation in the Cognia student interviews last Tuesday. The interviews were in relation to our school receiving accreditation. She represented our school well! Thank you Asia!



Positive Office Referral
Paisley Denney

Paisley deserves a shout out for her participation in the Cognia student interviews last Tuesday. The interviews were in relation to our school receiving accreditation. She represented our school well! Thank you Paisley!



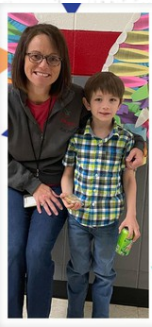
Positive Office Referral
Ta'Coreya Sessions

Ta'Coreya's media/art teacher wrote, "Ta'Coreya is an Aggie Achiever that is a great example of being helpful and showing excellence. From giving her best in a new art lesson, having great manners and helping others - she really shines. She also helps to get the Little Achievers section of books under control after a busy week. Thank you Ta'Coreya for all you do!"




Positive Office Referral
Malyah Johnson

Malyah deserves a shout out for her participation in the Cognia student interviews last Tuesday. The interviews were in relation to our school receiving accreditation. She represented our school well! Thank you Malyah!




Positive Office Referral
Aiden Bolton

Aiden's teacher wrote, "Aiden is a wonderful student! He follows directions quickly and always gives his best effort! I can see his confidence in himself growing each and every day! This week we started a new math module, he has definitely risen to the challenge! He is rocking math this week and I am so proud of him! Give up the amazing work, Aiden!"



Positive Office Referral
Mary Coleman

Mary's media/art teacher wrote, "Mary is an Aggie Achiever that is a great example of being helpful and showing excellence. From giving her best in a new art lesson, having great manners and helping others - she really shines. She also helps to get the Little Achievers section of books under control after a busy week. Thank you Mary for all you do!"




Positive Office Referral
Jal'harria Lassiter

Jal'harria's media/art teacher wrote, "Jal'harria is an Aggie Achiever that is a great example of being helpful and showing excellence. From giving her best in a new art lesson, having great manners and helping others - she really shines. She also helps to get the Little Achievers section of books under control after a busy week. Thank you Jal'harria for all you do!"



A collage of four photos showing students participating in school activities, including a student at a podium and students in a classroom setting.



Aggie Proud
J.R. Hogg

A portrait of a young man in a pink shirt, with a photo of him and others outdoors in the background.



Congratulations!



GREAT JOB!



OPEN ENROLLMENT VIDEO

If you haven't had the chance to watch the video created by Ms. Cindy Fincher and the Aggie News Crew, please watch and enjoy!

Aggie Open Enrollment 2022





FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...

Hi Parents!

Throughout the course of an Aggie Achiever's school year, he/she will take a beginning, a middle and an end of the year benchmark assessment. At SGSC, we use the STAR Early Literacy for kindergartners, and the STAR Reading and STAR Math tests for students in first through tenth grades. These assessments inform teachers of where each achiever needs additional support and which achievers have mastered specific skills.

You may also be aware that, in addition to these benchmarks, Aggie Achievers in third through eighth grades will also take the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) at the end of the school year. While our ninth and tenth grade achievers will take an End of Course (EOC) assessment at the end of specific high school courses.

For each of these assessments, four different scores are possible. These scores are Beginning Learner, Developing Learner, Proficient Learner, and Distinguished Learner. If you are

curious about what each of these different possible scores mean, click the link below! The DOE has created a broken down explanation, which is helpful for parents and guardians.

https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/Milestones/Parents/Understanding_the_Georgia_Milestones_Achievement_Levels.pdf

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NO EXCUSES.



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