

# SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 8TH-12TH, 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Everyone,

We are so excited to see our students this week! When students are present at SGSC, they are learning so many new and exciting things! Again, it is hard to teach the students if they do not come to school. We appreciate our parents for getting students to school every day - if possible.

We were excited to share with you all that Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School has MET ACADEMIC STANDARDS in ALL GRADE BANDS served (Elementary, Middle, High) for the 20-21 school year - according to the performance rubric from the Georgia State Charter School Commission! We also met in the areas of Finance and Operations. We have so many good things going at SGSC! We hope that you all know that we appreciate the support that you offer to our staff and students! Thank you!

Parents - please note that during the week of November 15th - 19th, students in grades Kindergarten through 10th grade will be taking the Middle of the Year Benchmarks in all core content areas. Please ensure that students get a good nights' rest and arrive each day on time and ready to show what they know! We use these assessments to drive instructional practices and make many important decisions related to students' academic paths. These are very important assessments and we appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is ready!

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 [galmon@sowegastemcharter.org](mailto:galmon@sowegastemcharter.org).

Sincerely,  
Ginger Almon

## COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 11/8/21

### COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 11/8/21

#### Positive Cases:

Staff - 0

Students - 0

#### Quarantines:

Staff - 0

Students - 0

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

If you have any further questions, please reach out to our school nurse, Kristen Roland - [kroland@sowegastemcharter.org](mailto:kroland@sowegastemcharter.org) or 229.345.3033 or myself [galmon@sowegastemcharter.org](mailto: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!

NOVEMBER 2021					Type Your School Name Here					BREAKFAST				
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NOVEMBER 2021					Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School					LUNCH				
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**BREAKFAST**

**LUNCH**



## FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

To be successful in school, your child must learn to respect them self and others, including teachers, school staff and classmates. Still, many kids aren't quite sure what respect really involves.

Talk with your child about the role respect plays in:

- **Behavior.** Your child should always think before acting. They should ask themselves, "Would I like to be treated this way?" "Will this action give me a positive result?" If he/she can answer yes, they will probably act respectfully.
- **Disagreements.** Your child can disagree with someone and still be respectful. Teach them how to choose their words carefully.
- **Property.** Your child should take care of their things and return items they borrow on time and in the same or better condition.
- **Friendships.** Your child should surround themselves with peers who treat them and others with respect. Remind them that people will judge them in part by their friends' behavior. That may be all it takes to convince them. to choose their friends carefully.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**November 8th** - Middle School and JV Basketball games at SGSC vs. Baker - beginning at 4:00 pm

**November 9th** - Middle School Basketball at SGSC vs. Terrell Academy at 4:30 pm

**November 11th** - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL

**November 12th** - Teacher Workday - No School for Students

**November 12th** - Field Trip for 6th and 7th grade students to Medieval Times

**November 15th** - Q2 Progress Reports will be sent home - please sign and return

**Benchmark Assessments** - please have your child get a good night's rest and encourage them to do their best on these important assessments:

- **November 15th** - STAR Reading Assessment
- **November 16th** - STAR Math Assessment
- **November 17th** - USATestPrep Social Studies Assessment
- **November 18th** - USATestPrep Science Assessment
- **November 19th** - MAKE UP Testing

**November 19th** - Thanksgiving Lunch for Pre-K and Kindergarten - more information sent home soon.

**November 19th** - Early Release - all students will be called for dismissal beginning at 12:00 pm

**November 22nd - November 26th** - Thanksgiving Break

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## **FROM COACH CROWDIS...**

Hey Aggies!

Another week has come and gone but not without big celebrations! Our Lady Aggie middle school basketball team won their first game last Thursday! It was a great game and a lot of fun. Our middle school boys team is growing up fast and getting better also. Monday our JV basketball teams get to get in on the action as we host Baker County for a four game set. The middle school girls kick off the games at 4:30 and each other game will follow suit. On Tuesday the Terrell Academy Eagles come to Shellman to meet up with our middle school teams at 4:30. Watching basketball games in the "Barn" is an exciting event and I hope you will come out and support our athletes this week!

## **This week in Aggie Athletics**

**November 8<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday**

MS Basketball Games Vs. Baker County 4:30

JV Basketball Games Vs. Baker County 6:30

Shellman, GA - \$5 Admission

### **Tuesday**

JV Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-4:30

MS Basketball Games Vs. Terrell Academy

Shellman, GA 4:30 - \$5 Admission

### **Wednesday**

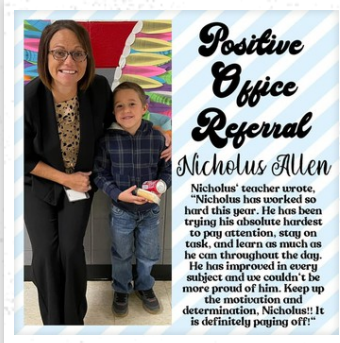
Boys Basketball Practice 3:15-5:00

Girls Basketball Practice 3:15-4:00

**Let's  
Go  
Aggies!**

**Dribble!  
Shoot!  
Score!**

**Aggie  
Adventures**





# **PARENTS ARE THE BEST**

Ever Wonder How Your Kids View You? These Parents Found Out



**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK PARENTS!  
YOUR KIDS WILL NOTICE YOUR EFFORTS!**



## **FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...**

Hey Parents!

Schools understand that parents are busy people, but there are many different ways you can get involved in your child's education. No matter how little or how much time you have, there are many ways you can positively impact your child's education at school and at home. Remember, when parents get involved and stay involved, all students achieve at higher levels.

1. **VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL** Schools often send home lists of various ways that parents can volunteer. If they don't, let your child's teachers, principal, or counselors know your special skills and ask what you can do to help.
2. **SHOW YOUR CHILD THAT YOU CARE** Have a conversation with your child about school and homework regularly. Ask specific questions that inform you about your child's day. Know what classes your child is taking, who your child's friends are, and other essential information.

3. **KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE SCHOOL** Get to know your child's teachers, principal, counselors and school's parent involvement coordinator. Make it a point to stay in contact with them throughout the school year.
4. **EXPRESS HIGH EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS** Encourage your child to take challenging courses and monitor your child's academic performance (homework, grades, and test scores) throughout the year. Emphasize effort and achievement.
5. **ATTEND SCHOOL MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS, AND EVENTS** Make time to attend parent-teacher conferences, parent fairs, curriculum nights, award ceremonies and other school events. Your attendance and support matters to your child.
6. **SEEK OUT INFORMATION** Request a meeting with your child's teacher regarding any aspect of your child's education. If you have other questions, ask the school by calling or sending a note so they can link you with the appropriate person who can respond to your needs.
7. **MAKE SCHOOL IMPORTANT** Talk positively about school with your child. Send your child prepared for school each day with pens, pencils, notebooks, and homework completed. Make school a priority by ensuring they are at school every day and arrive on time.
8. **BE INFORMED AND RESPONSIVE** Ask, collect, read, and respond, if needed, to all information (school policies, field trip information, student handbook, etc.) that is sent from your child's school or teacher. If you need to receive information in a language other than English, call or visit the school.
9. **VISIT YOUR SCHOOL'S WEBSITE** Access all kinds of information, including homework assignments, class schedules, lesson plans, test dates, and grades on your child's school Website. If you don't know your school's website, ask your child's teacher or the school.
10. **PARTICIPATE IN WORKSHOPS THAT ARE OFFERED** Look for great opportunities to meet other parents at school through workshops that cover topics such as child development, school standards, and other shared parent concerns. If workshops are not offered regularly, help plan one or suggest ideas to your school counselors or parent involvement coordinator.
11. **PROVIDE A RICH LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT HOME** Make time for meaningful dinner conversations, trips, games, reading time, family sports, and daily routines. Activities like these will contribute to your child's academic achievement at school.
12. **DROP IN ON AFTER SCHOOL OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** Pick your child up from after-school activities or stop by a few minutes early to watch your child in action, if you are unavailable during the school day. It is also important to know your child's after school teacher, instructor, or coach.
13. **INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO PARTNER WITH THE SCHOOL** Encourage local businesses, churches, clubs, or civic organizations that you are involved with to volunteer or financially support the school. Have community partners provide schools and families with information

about services and resources they provide that support student learning such as mentoring, tutoring, and service learning activities.

# ONE TEAM.

# ONE MISSION.

# NO EXCUSES.




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