

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

November 6th-9th, 2023

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow 11/6/23! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

Parents - please consider joining us on Thursday at the Fall Festival! We are excited to share these events and times with you and your families. Your child's class is responsible for different events at the Fall Festival, so please make sure you reply to your child's teacher to sign up to work at the event/station. No grade level has enough parents signed up at this moment. We need your help! Thanks!

The Proud Aggie Grandparents (PAGs) would like for you to consider purchasing a \$1 ticket for the Merritt Pecan Basket giveaway. Tickets are available in the front office at the school (see photo below).

As the weather begins to cool off and your children are wearing sweaters and jackets, please write their names (first and last) in the outerwear because they will often leave them lying around. This will make it easier to get the items back to their rightful owners instead of ending up in Lost and Found items.

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 transportation@sowegastemcharter.org 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

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: <https://forms.gle/q295X7vWzwwKzkgG6>. 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!

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!

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 galmon@sowegastemcharter.org.

Sincerely,
Ginger Almon

SGSC Elementary School PBIS Matrix					
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus	Playground
S Be Safe Make choices that maintain the emotional and physical safety of our community.	*Wash hands, feet, and feet *Leave cell phone in the classroom *Report unsafe conditions to teacher or staff member	*Wash hands, feet, and feet *Pick up trash before leaving an outside door *Wash with your feet *Walk on the right side	*Proctor class presentation *Pick to leave the classroom *Pick to read correctly *Keep chair legs on the floor *Wash hands, feet, hands, and washed comments to yourself *Complete assignments from start to finish	*Wash hands and feet to yourself *Use the playground equipment correctly	*Wash hands and feet to yourself *Use the playground equipment correctly
P Be Persevere Continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty.			*Do your best - complete classwork and homework *Get goals for your		
R Be Respectful Be polite and take the other person's feelings into consideration.	*Give others privacy *Clean the spill that *Throw your trash and personal items in the garbage	*Pick forward *Wash your hands, feet and body off the walls *Personal property to staff and students	*Wash hands the way you would want to be washed *Wash your hand *Pick and words *Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas *Welcome new students	*Respect environment and private property *Monitor your surroundings *Report your bus driver and monitor	*Follow your teacher's directions *Exclude others when playing *Pick others the way that you would want to be treated
R Be Responsible Always strive to do the right thing.	*Wash hands, feet, and feet *Wash hands, feet, and feet *Wash hands and feet to yourself	*Wash hands, feet, and feet *Wash hands, feet, and feet *Wash hands and feet to yourself	*Wash hands, feet, and feet *Wash hands, feet, and feet *Wash hands and feet to yourself	*Wash hands, feet, and feet *Wash hands, feet, and feet *Wash hands and feet to yourself	*Wash hands, feet, and feet *Wash hands, feet, and feet *Wash hands and feet to yourself
Wash & Feet	0 - Silent	0 - Silent	0 - Silent	2 - Partner Talk	0 - Quietly Alone

SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix				
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus
S Be Safe Make choices that maintain the emotional and physical safety of our community.	*Wash hands, feet, and feet *Leave cell phone in the classroom	*Walk on the right *Maintain safe distance *Plan free zone	*Follow class expectations *Ask to leave the classroom *Leave seat *Keep chair legs on the floor *Cell-Free Zone	*Wash hands to self *No touch zone *Stay seated *Sit in seat correctly - Bottom to bottom and back to back
P Be 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 person's feelings into consideration.	*Give others privacy *Throw your trash and personal items in the garbage	*Pick forward *Wash your hands, feet and body off the walls *Personal property to staff and students	*Wash hands the way you would want to be washed *Wash your hand *Pick and words *Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas *Welcome new students	*Respect environment and private property *Monitor your surroundings *Report your bus driver and monitor
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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.



AGGIES CELL PHONE POLICY

FROM BELL TO BELL - THERE IS NO CELL

- Students are not permitted to use cellular phones during school hours.
 - Cell phones should be turned off upon school arrival and students should store cell phones in their locker or backpack upon arriving to homeroom. Cell phones may not be kept in clothing pockets.
 - Phones must be turned off at all times while in the school building. If a phone rings during class, the teacher will revoke the Cell Phone Use Policy. "Forgetting" to turn off the cell phone is not an excuse.
 - Use of a cell phone during a test will be considered cheating and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.
 - Students are prohibited from using a cell phone to take photographs or record video at any time on school property. This includes taking photographs or video recordings in restrooms, locker room areas, etc.
 - If a student violates the Cell Phone Use Policy, the teacher or school staff member shall confiscate the cell phone and take it to the office.
- First offense - the phone is taken away until the end of the day and kept in the front office.
 Second offense - the phone must be picked up by a parent or guardian.
 Third offense - either the student is assigned to ISS for two days or the phone is taken away for ten school days to be kept at the school parent's choice.
 Additional offenses - will result in the student not being allowed to have a cell phone on school property. Furthermore, students who do not adhere to these guidelines will be subject to other disciplinary actions.
- A student is required to hand over the cell phone and all its individual parts, including but not limited to the battery and memory cards, to a teacher or school staff member when requested. Failure to do so will result in ISS or OSS.
 - The student assumes all risks in bringing such cell phones and other electronic devices onto school property or to school related functions.
- www.swegoagiesstemcharter.com

name. Tickets are only 1.00 each and it is for a chance to win 80.00 dollars worth of Pecans and goodies. You can buy online with venmo (cowganma) or Paypal. This fundraiser is to help our group raise funds to help sponsor things at our school and in our community. Don't miss this chance!! To be given away just before Thanksgiving. Thank you!!



23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2023-24

July 2023							August 2023							September 2023						
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April 2024							May 2024							June 2024							
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Teacher Work Days		1st and Last Day of School		Holidays/Breaks	
Aug 4, 2023	1st Day of School	Nov 10, 2023	Veterans Day (obs.)	Feb 19, 2024	Presidents' Day
Sep 4, 2023	Labor Day	Nov 20-24, 2023	Thanksgiving Break	April 1-5, 2024	Spring Break
Oct 6-9	Fall Break/Columbus Day	Dec 18- Jan 2	Christmas Break	May 17, 2024	Last Day of School
Oct 9, 2023	Columbus Day	Jan 15, 2024	Martin L. King Day		

SGSC Cafeteria Information

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

OCTOBER 2023 Southwest Georgia Stem Charter School BREAKFAST				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pancake or waffle on Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Strawberry Blizz or Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Chicken & Biscuit or Muffin/Popart Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Strawberry Popart or Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Fruit Smoothie Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk
Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie
Strawberry Blizz or Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Chicken & Biscuit or Muffin/Popart Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Strawberry Popart or Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Pancake or waffle on Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Pancake or waffle on Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk
Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie
Pancake or waffle on Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Strawberry Blizz or Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Chicken & Biscuit or Muffin/Popart Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Strawberry Popart or Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Pancake or waffle on Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk
Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie
Pancake or waffle on Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Strawberry Blizz or Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Chicken & Biscuit or Muffin/Popart Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Strawberry Popart or Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	Pancake or waffle on Honey Bun Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk
Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie

AGGIES SCHOOL FOODS MENU for the week of: November 6th-9th, 2023				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
Strawberry Blizz or Honey Bun	Pancake on a Stick or Pop Tart	Sausage Biscuit or Honey Bun	Chicken and Waffle or Pop Tart	Strawberry Blizz or Honey Bun
Choice of Cereal	Cereal of Choice	Cereal of Choice	Cereal of Choice	Choice of Cereal
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Juice & Milk	Juice & Milk	Juice & Milk	Juice & Milk	Juice & Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Chicken Nuggets or PBJ	Hamburger Steak or PBJ	Pizza or PBJ	Hot Dog or PBJ	Chicken Nuggets or PBJ
Baked Beans	Baked Beans	Green Beans	Navy Beans	Baked Beans
Carrots w/ Ranch	Yams	Fruit	Broccoli w/ Ranch	Carrots w/ Ranch
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Veteran's Day	Veteran's Day	Veteran's Day	Veteran's Day	Veteran's Day
No School	No School	No School	No School	No School

OCTOBER 2023 Southwest Georgia Stem Charter School LUNCH				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Corn Dog or PBJ Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets or PBJ Green Beans Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Pizza or PBJ Corn Fruit Milk	Cheesburger or PBJ Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Fruit Smoothie Corn Fruit Milk
Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Smoothie
Chicken Sandwich or PBJ Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Corn Dog or PBJ Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Pizza or PBJ Corn Fruit Milk	Cheesburger or PBJ Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Fruit Smoothie Corn Fruit Milk
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Chicken Sandwich or PBJ Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Corn Dog or PBJ Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Pizza or PBJ Corn Fruit Milk	Cheesburger or PBJ Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Fruit Smoothie Corn Fruit Milk
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Breakfast

Lunch

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

Mark your Calendars

- November 7th** - Fall Festival Meeting in the auditorium at 3:20 pm
- November 9th** - Fall Festival - Football field from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- November 10th** - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
- November 10th** - Varsity Basketball game in Quitman @ 5:00 pm
- November 17th** - 1/2 day - students leave at 12:00 pm
- November 20th-24th** - Thanksgiving Break - No School

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA
STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**

FALL FESTIVAL

**FUN FOR
ALL**

**FOOD
GAMES
CAKE WALK
INFLATABLES**

**NOV 9
5:00PM-8:00PM**

- MORE INFO TO COME AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE DATE -

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA
STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**

THANK
YOU
VETERANS

- NO SCHOOL -
FRIDAY, NOV 10
IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY



SGSC SPORTS SECTION

Basketball games kick off this Friday, November 10th with girls' and boys' varsity games in Quitman County - beginning at 5:00 pm. Please come out and support us if you can!

Also - don't forget to let Mrs. Crowdis know if you want to purchase a Bass Fishing shirt to support the teams! - kcrowdis@sowegastemcharter.org



BASKETBALL

GAMES

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH:
VARSITY BASKETBALL
@ QUITMAN COUNTY
5:00 PM**

Support our Bass Fishing Team

Long and short sleeve t-shirts available in 2 different colors. Logos of all the team sponsors will be on the back.

FRONT LEFT CHEST DESIGN	
<small>SPORT GRAY/CHARCOAL T-SHIRT</small> \$15.00 SHORT SLEEVE (YXS-YXL & S-5X) + \$2.00 2X-5X	
<small>SPORT GRAY/CHARCOAL T-SHIRT</small> \$20.00 LONG SLEEVE (YXS-YXL & S-5X) + \$2.00 2X-5X	
<small>*BACK DESIGN CONSISTS OF TEAM SPONSOR LOGOS</small>	



Sport Gray

**Money Due
Nov. 9th**



Charcoal

Aggie Adventures

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Kason's teacher wrote: "Kason has been a model student since day one. He speaks when entering and leaving the classroom each day. He always volunteers to answer questions. Kason stays on top of his work each day and rarely misses class. He is polite, kind, and has a great work ethic. I love having Kason in my classroom!"

KASON KING

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Raelynn's teachers wrote: "Raelynn deserves a shout out because she comes in every morning with a smile on her face and ready to start her day. Raelynn continues to consistently make green choices and is nice to all the other students. Keep up the great work, sweet girl!"

RAELYNN REECE

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Bryton's teacher wrote: "Bryton deserves a positive office referral because he is so easy to get along with, including peers and teachers. He always does his work and is willing to do whatever is asked of him. He has done an excellent job this year learning the different duties in the aquaponics greenhouse. Thanks for being you, Bryton!"

BRYTON POWERS

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Kenlee's teacher wrote: "Kenlee is a wonderful helper in class. She is always eager to help her peers and teachers. She always tries so hard at everything she does. I appreciate her hard work and willingness to help those in need. She is a wonderful example of an Aggie Achiever!!"

KENLEE BASS

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Remi's teacher wrote: "Remi has been working so hard on her XtraMath facts. She has completed her addition facts and is quickly making her way through her subtraction facts. She also met her PBIS points for October and has already met her AR goal of 12,000 words. Keep up the great work, Remi!"

REMI SCARBOROUGH

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Margot's teachers wrote: "Margot always works extremely hard in class. She is super smart!! Margot always does her work so neatly. She is beginning to read books, knows all of her sight words, and is adding like a champ in math! We are so proud of her!"

MARGOT RAGAN

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL ✓



JW BABB

JW's teachers wrote: "JW knows all of his sight words and is really starting to sound out CVC words! JW is cutting with new scissors, and he does his work so neat! He is quite the artist as well! Everyone loves JW so much! Keep up the hard work, JW!!"

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL ✓



TRENT FOXWORTH

Trent's teacher wrote: "Trent deserves this shout out because he is a shining star of perfect behavior. He is always on task during whole and small group time. He is working so hard towards meeting his AR goal and completing his XtraMath addition facts. He is such a hard worker and is always kind to his friends. Keep up the great work, Trent!!"

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL ✓




BENTLEIGH BRUNER

Bentleigh's teacher wrote: "Bentleigh has been rocking 1st grade! She is making such good grades and doing her best on all of her work. She is a perfect example of model behavior for our class. She was the first one to meet her PBIS goal because she is always doing what is expected of her. She loves to help others whenever she gets the chance. Thank you, Bentleigh, for being awesome!"

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL ✓




KAYLA USHER

Kayla's teacher wrote: "Kayla is an Aggie who is willing to help in any way she can. She helps put chairs out at the beginning of homeroom, runs errands whenever she is asked, and she helps keep the classroom tidy. She is also a scholarly Aggie. She is hardworking and makes excellent grades. She is a wonderful example of all an SGSC Aggie should be."

AGGIE ACHIEVERS


AGGIE STAFF SHOUT OUT



MRS. COURTNEY GREENWAY

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL

AGGIE STAFF SHOUT OUT



MS. DEBORAH RICHTER

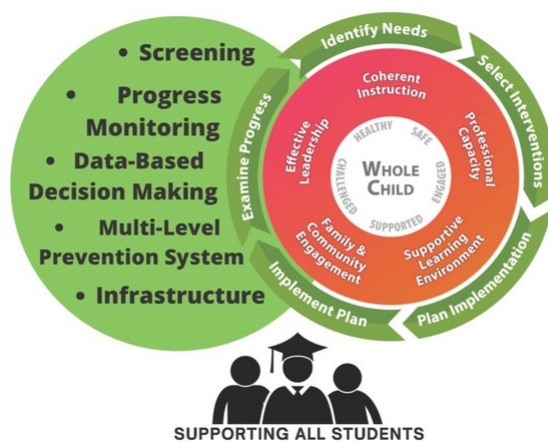
SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL



This Week's Video
 We are thankful for our teachers!



From the MTSS Coordinator



From our MTSS Coordinator....

Just to give an update on our PBIS Rewards page - If you are unable to access your child's account, please let your child's teacher know. That way, an email can be sent to Mrs. Avera, PBIS Coordinator. She will reprint your child's new QR code, so that you may reconnect with your child's account. Please talk to your child about being respectful, responsible, and safe. Points have started over, and for the months of November and December, the new goal is 100. Stay tuned for details concerning our next PBIS Celebration which requires 100 points for participation!



News from the Graduation Coach...

Dr. Page and I had the privilege of accompanying some of our seniors on a visit to Georgia Southwestern University this year. It was a fun experience observing the trip through the eyes of our seniors. They were genuinely amazed by the university's open campus, dormitories, dining hall, and sense of freedom. Not to mention, the dining hall food was a big hit! During the visit, our achievers had the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions with current students and connect with college recruiters. I want to strongly encourage you to initiate conversations about post-secondary education options with your high school achievers. It's never too early to start these discussions. Such conversations might inspire your freshman to improve their academic performance this year or help your junior solidify their decision to pursue a college degree. Additionally, I highly recommend considering trade schools, as we are fortunate to have excellent technical school options nearby. Whether you explore options online or arrange in-person visits, the most important aspect is to motivate your child to work diligently toward their goals. We can't wait to see what the future holds for all of our Aggies! Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Greenway



FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH...

Hey Parents!

This year, SGSC is focusing on increasing student Lexile levels. As mentioned before, one way we encourage our Achievers to read is by celebrating students who have reached their AR word count or point goals each 9 weeks. Students who have met their goal for the first half of the year will also be rewarded with a field trip.

So far, our elementary achievers have read 7,854,813 words!! Our middle high school students have earned 1,422.6 points this year.

Are you wondering why we are sharing this information with you? Well, we need our parents to be their child's biggest cheerleader when it comes to reading at home. If your child knows that you care about what they are reading, and how many "words" or "points" they've earned, then they are more likely to pick up a book and read.

As a parent myself, I know how busy schedules can be. I have a child who plays sports, a husband who coaches, farm animals to take care of and a full time job myself. However, this year, I have made reading a priority in my house. I have found myself asking my personal children what books they are currently reading, what they think about the author, and how they did on their AR tests while at school. One of my children isn't a huge fan of reading, however he absolutely loves reading out loud to me! So, a few times a week, I do my best to stop for 10-15 minutes, sit down and listen

to him read through the next chapter of his book. This simple adjustment to our schedule has caused both of my children to double their success since last year!

Let's work together to help our children/achievers be the best they can be academically!

**ONE TEAM.
ONE MISSION.
NO EXCUSES.**



Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School

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