SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 7TH-11TH, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow on 8/7/23! This is our first full week of school! Our first day on Friday was spent learning rules, expectations, building relationships, and meeting all of our newest Aggie Achievers. For those of you that do not know - we gained lots of new students again this summer! It is an exciting time at SGSC! We are so thankful to parents that are returning their children to our school and to parents that are entrusting us with their children for the first time. You all are very special to all of us!

For those new to us....**Aggie Achievers**...this is the name that we call our students rather than "students." We feel that they are all capable of ACHIEVING any and everything.

Please do not drop your child off in front of the school or in the parking lot each day. You must go through the car rider line to drop students off and pick students up. Also, we do not allow for our Achievers to be checked out after 2:30 unless it is an emergency. There are many transitions after this time and is not ideal for check out.

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.

Buses - we have gained many new Achievers from the Dawson and Cuthbert areas. We have provided an additional bus at those bus stops to help with the "overflow" of Achievers that cannot fit into one bus. We are working out the kinks to be able to ensure that your child is riding the same bus each day, but that will take some time as we are learning the new Achievers and their siblings. Please treat the these bus stop areas with respect and do not litter, play loud music, or damage the areas in any way. Please see the bus schedules below.

Cell phones are not allowed at school, please see information below. On the buses, your child may use his/her cell phone if they follow these rules: No pictures or videos should be made on the bus, no pictures or videos should be uploaded to social media on the bus, no loud noises from phones - must have ear buds or headphones. IF our Achievers can follow those rules, cell phones will be permitted on the bus. IF our Achievers cannot follow those rules, we will not allow cell phones on the bus. So, please encourage your child to follow the bus rules regarding cell phone usage. Thank you!

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

You can find our <u>Student Handbook</u> on our school website (<u>www.swgeorgiastemcharter.com</u>) as well as many other important documents and information. - Handbooks for 23-24 will be posted by the end of the month

If you or your child would like to SHOUT OUT any staff member, please feel free by using the link: https://forms.gle/Kd83RAhueosWCHCB7. 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!

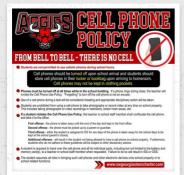
As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an email at galmon@sowegastemcharter.org.

Sincerely, Ginger Almon

SGSC Elementary School PBIS Matrix							
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	SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix					
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus		
Be Safe Make choices that maintain the emotional and physical safety of our community.	"Wash your hands thoroughly "Keep hands to self "Leave cell phone in the classroom	"Walk on the right "Maintain safe distance "Run-free zone	*Ask to leave the classroom *Keep chair legs on the floor *Cell-Free Zone	*Keep hands to self - No touch zone *Stay seated *Sit in 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 feetings into consideration	"Give others privacy "Throw your trash and personal items in the parbage	"Face forward "Allow students to learn white passing classrooms "Admire walls and work with your eyes only		*Respect environment and private property *Walk in appropriate areas *Monitor your surroundings *Respect your bus driver and monitor		
R Be Responsible Navys strive to do the right thing.	"Krep it clean, quick, and quiet "Report any issues immediately to an adult 0 - Silent	"Get where you're going "When walking with your class, stay in line 0 - Silent	*Amend daily and be on time *Stay on task *Be prepared *Complete make-up work within time limit Varies.	*Remember your belongings *Follow your bus driver's rules *Report problems right away to an adult 2 - Fartner Talk		







23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR



SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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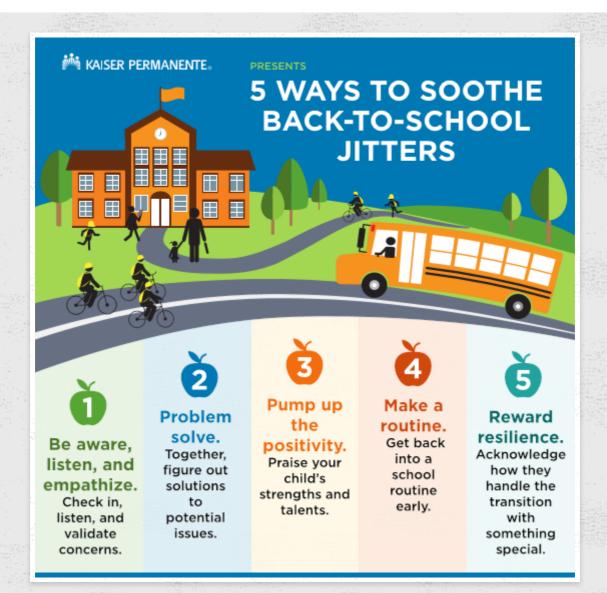
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FROM DR. SMITH...

Hello! I am Dr. Smith, your child's School Counselor! I am excited about working with you and our Achievers to have another successful school year! If your child is nervous about beginning the school year, please use the tips below.

My email address is <u>bsmith@sowegastemcharter.org</u> in case you need to reach out to me regarding your child.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 10th - Middle School and Varsity Softball Game vs. Miller County @ Miller County - 4:00 pm

August 14th-18th - Beginning of the Year Assessments - MAP

August 14th - Middle School Softball Game vs. Early County @ Shellman - 4:30 pm

August 15th - Varsity Softball vs. Calhoun County @ Shellman - 4:30 pm

August 17th - Varsity Softball vs. Seminole County @ Seminole County

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SPORTS

The 2023-24 school year is starting off with a great line up of softball games, football practice is in full swing, One Act Play and cross country are beginning! We are excited about all of these opportunities and surely appreciate all of the support from the parents. Please try to make it to some of our upcoming games to support our Achievers who are working so hard on and off the field to be successful!

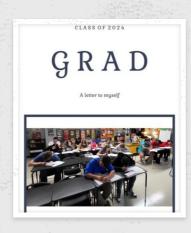
<u>Unless there is a game or the coaches tell you differently, the players will follow the practice schedule below:</u>

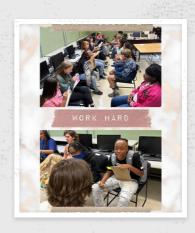
Middle School and Varsity Football will practice Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school until 5:30 pm

Middle School and Varsity Softball will practice Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school until 5:30 pm (5:00 pm for middle school on Wednesdays)













THIS WEEK'S VIDEO

"The Best Dreams Happen when You're Awake!"





FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACH...

Welcome Back Aggie Families! I am Kim Crowdis, the Instructional Coach at SGSC. I spend lots of time working with teachers to ensure that we have planned the best instruction for the Achievers in their classes!

In an effort to increase Aggie achievement this coming year, we will be focusing on increasing your child's vocabulary and comprehension through reading books that they are interested in. Aggies who are in grades K-1 can have books read to them at home, just send the title of the books you are reading together to your child's teacher, so your child can earn credit towards their word goal. Achievers in grades 2-11, who are independent readers, should read on their own. Achievers may talk with their teacher and Mrs. Ragan, our media specialist if they need help finding books that interest them. Achievers may also read books from the local public library or books you have at home to earn credit to the word goals listed below.

ONE TEAM.

ONE MISSION.

NO EXCUSES.





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