SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

November 13th-17th, 2023

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow 11/13/23! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

Parents and Guardians - I am writing to you today to kindly request your support as we work together to create a nurturing and enriching environment for our children at SGSC. As parents, we all want the best for our children. We desire to see them grow and flourish in all aspects of their lives, including their education. And to achieve this, it is absolutely essential that we work together. Our teachers are not just educators to our achievers; they are the ones who patiently listen to their questions, wipe away their tears, and celebrate their achievements. With their expertise, creativity, and compassion, they go above and beyond to make sure that every child receives personalized attention and is supported in their unique learning journey. Parents and teachers - parents and administration - may not always agree on everything, but I ask that we communicate and work together for the best interest of the children and the school.

Progress reports will be sent home on Monday (tomorrow). Please sign and return the progress report to your child's teacher.

We hope that you all enjoy next week's Thanksgiving Break with your child(ren) and family. We will return on November 27th!

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/9j7sXcukTL8Gh9Uw8. 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

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R Be Responsible Always 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" 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.





- - 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 card(s), 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 an school related functions.





APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: 185 Peran Street, Shellman, Ga 39886 Contact Ginger Almon galmon@sowegastemcharter.org or ori Wilson <u>lwilson@sowegastemcharter.org</u> for more informat

School nutrition experience

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Holidays/Breaks

Feb 19, 2024 Presidents' Day April 1-5, 2024 Spring Break

SGSC Cafeteria Information

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



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LUNCH Chicken Sandwich or PBJ Mixed Veggies Pinto Beans Fruit Milk	LUNCH Com Dog or PBJ Fries Sweet Peas W/ Carrots Broccoli w/ Ranch Fruit Milk	Boneless Rib Sandwich or PBJ Baked Beans Brussel Sprouts Fruit Milk	LUNCH Turkey or PBJ Combread Dressing Green Beans Roll Fruit Milk	Pizza or PBJ Com Carrots w/ Ranci Fruit Milk

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Mark your Calendars

November 13th - Canned Food Drive begins

November 13th - Progress Reports sent home - Please SIGN AND RETURN

November 13th - Home Basketball Games - MS and Varsity vs. PCA - begins at 4:00 pm

November 14th - Away Basketball Games - MS and Varsity vs. Baker Co. - begins at 4:00 pm

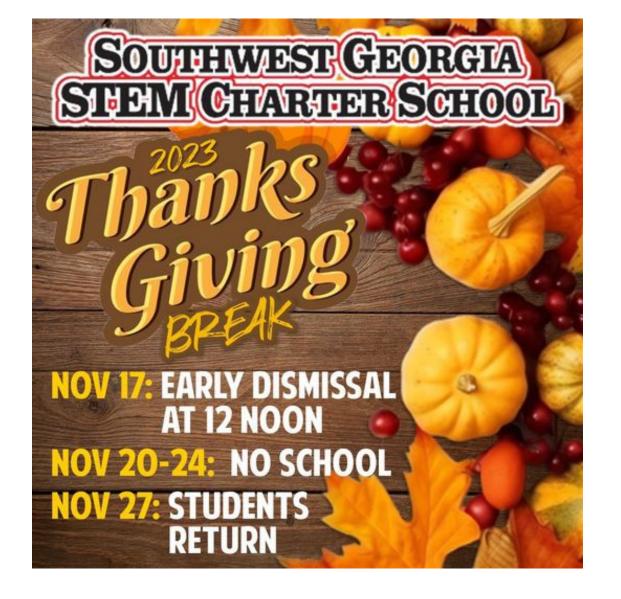
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November 17th - 1/2 day - dismissal at 12:00 pm

November 17th - Canned Food Drive ends

November 17th - Home Varsity Basketball Game vs. Seminole Co. at 6:00 pm November 20th-24th - Thanksgiving Break - No School November 27th - Return to School





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SECTION

Varsity basketball opened its season Friday, November 10 at Quitman County - neither team won, but they definitely tried hard and learned a lot. Tessa Bell is our head coach for both girls and boys and Jay Tully will be an assistant. Middle school basketball will have their first game Monday, November 13 with Tonya Germany coaching and Jaden Hanks assisting. Both coaches have sent a sign up sheet to all high school and middle school basketball parents asking for you to work a shift in the concession stand to support the teams if possible. Please try and sign up for a shift or two if you can and if you would like to help in other areas, please contact your coaches or the athletic director. Even if you are not a parent of a basketball player and would like to contribute, please let us know and we will get you the information you need. Thank you for supporting Aggie athletics and helping out, we need and appreciate your support.

Big shout out to the Lady Aggies Softball Team and the players that were selected for Team 1 and Team 2, as well as the honorable mentions!

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THURSDAY	JAN 11	HOME	QUITMAN	6:00 PM		
TUESDAY	JAN 16	HOME	CHESS	6:00 PM		
THURSDAY	JAN 25	AWAY	TERRELL ACADEMY	6:00 PM (JV)		









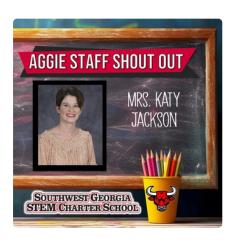


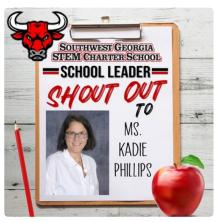


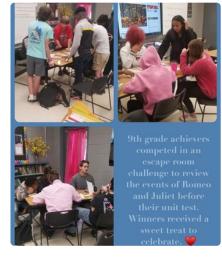












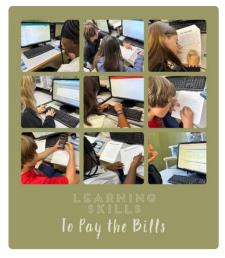
















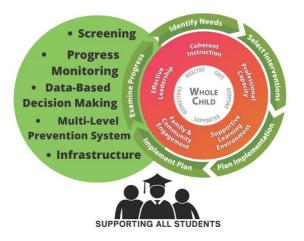


This Week's Video

We are thankful for our teachers!



From the MTSS Coordinator



From our MTSS Coordinator....

Parents,

I absolutely loved the looks on the faces of our aggie achievers as they entered the doors of the gym for our PBIS Glow Party a couple of weeks ago! Thank you for continuing to encourage your children to be respectful, be responsible and safe! They are earning points so that they will be able to attend our next PBIS celebration! Remember, they must have 100 points for the months of November and December to attend. All grade levels have shown a heightened level of interest, and we are looking forward to seeing all of our achievers attend if they've earned the points.

At SGSC, we love the fact that we have ongoing communication with the families of our students! Thank you for signing and returning letters (if your child has received one) that include a meeting time to ensure that your child is receiving what he/she needs to be successful.

We always have the best interest of your child in mind, and need your continued support to ensure that they become the very best of themselves.

Have a great week!

Leslie Presley



News from the Graduation Coach...

Happy Sunday! I'd like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the fact that we're nearing the end of the semester. Progress reports are scheduled to be sent home tomorrow, and I've observed that many achievers are not meeting their full potential, primarily due to uncompleted assignments. Normally, students are afforded a grace period of up to three days to make up for missed work following an excused absence. However, it has come to my attention that numerous assignments are, in some cases, several weeks overdue.

I am asking your assistance in reinforcing the importance of getting these grades up with your achievers. It is not the role of the teachers to actively seek out and request these assignments from the achievers. Rather, achievers should take the initiative to stay on top of their grades and proactively reach out to their teachers to obtain any missed assignments. I want to emphasize that the grades students receive at the conclusion of this semester will be recorded on their transcripts, influencing their GPA. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all that you do!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Greenway



FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH...

Hey Parents!

The Department of Education has recently updated the online resources for preparing students for the Georgia Milestones End of Course and End of Grade Assessments. Did you know that these resources include Test Practice and Study Guides for Students and Parents? On the Study Guide for Students and Parents site, you will find questions specific to each unit your child will learn throughout the year.

Please know, this resource is not meant to stress parents and students out! It's simply a tool that the Georgia Department of Education has provided, to help families know what types of questions their student may see on the Georgia Milestones Assessment. As a parent myself, I am thankful for the opportunity to see what my children are learning and how they'll be assessed at the end of the year.

The directions and link to access the resources for all tested subjects are listed below. If you have any questions regarding these resources, please feel free to email me at kcrowdis@sowegastemcharter.org.

<u>Directions for Accessing the Updated Assessment Guides</u>

Link to the Georgia Experience Online Portal





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