

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 24TH-28TH, 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers on 10/24/22! We truly have THE BEST achievers (students) in the state of Georgia! THANK YOU for making sure your achiever is there each and every day possible!

Parents - please kind in mind that as the weather is getting cooler - please do not allow your child (unless Pre-K) to bring a blanket to school to use in class. Also, pajama pants are not acceptable according to our dress code. We had an influx of middle and high school students bringing blankets and wearing pajama pants to school this past week. You will have to bring your child a change of clothing if he/she wears pajama pants to school. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Parents of middle and high school students - we are also seeing a rise in the level of disrespect for others in the school. This may be directed toward classmates or staff. Disrespect is something that we can not tolerate as it disrupts our school day. Please speak with your child about different forms of disrespect and ways to handle situations better. An example that we are seeing at times is: The teacher asks the student to pay attention to instruction. Instead of doing paying attention, the student becomes confrontational and says, "Why?" When the teacher tries to explain, students are then arguing back and forth with the teacher. This stops instruction and sets an unacceptable tone for the classroom. Your help and support in ending this would be much appreciated!

Parents - please note that we will be having a flu and/or Covid vaccine clinic this Friday with the Randolph County Department of Public Health. If you would like for your child to receive one or both vaccines, please complete the forms that were sent home last week and return them to the school before Wednesday. The Randolph County DPH will also be conducting Scoliosis Screenings on Friday for 6th and 8th grade students. Please complete the form that was sent home last week if you do not want your child to participate.

Teachers will be contacting you all soon - if they have not already to help work at your child's class booth at the Fall Festival on October 27th. If you have not heard from the teacher, please get in touch with him/her as soon as possible to volunteer for the Fall Festival.

<https://southwestgeorgiastem.schoolinsites.com/staff>

Parents - Please make sure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date! We are checking our records as we have an audit coming up soon. We are finding many students are years behind on their shots/immunizations. **Please take them to the doctor or health department to get updated immunizations - particularly those in grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 7th and 11th.**

If you are interested in becoming a Substitute Teacher, please email me -

galmon@sowegastemcharter.org - to discuss! We are in need of wonderful additions to our school!

STRICTLY ENFORCED - all transportation changes are due in writing no later than 1:30 pm each day - This can be through a note sent to school with your child or you can email transportation@sowegastemcharter.org to request the change. All early check outs must be before 2:30 pm.

You can find our [Student Handbook](#) on our school website (www.swgeorgiastemcharter.com) as well as many other important documents and information.

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/3j3bY65ofyw6oNAU7>. 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 decisions that keep you and others safe.	Follow all safety rules. Do not run or play rough. Report unsafe situations to an adult.	Follow all safety rules. Do not run or play rough. Report unsafe situations to an adult.	Follow all safety rules. Do not run or play rough. Report unsafe situations to an adult.	Follow all safety rules. Do not run or play rough. Report unsafe situations to an adult.	Follow all safety rules. Do not run or play rough. Report unsafe situations to an adult.
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Aggies are responsible, respectful, safe and persevere.

SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix

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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.



22-23 BUS ROUTES

ARRIVE AT YOUR BUS STOP ON TIME

Bus #	Route	Stop	Time
BUS# 20-01	Route: Upper and Lower	Location: Upper and Lower	Time: 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM
BUS# 19-02	Route: Upper and Lower	Location: Upper and Lower	Time: 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM
BUS# 19-01	Route: Upper and Lower	Location: Upper and Lower	Time: 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

In the event of excessive tardies, early dismissals, and absences the following notifications and actions shall occur:


TARDIES AND/OR EARLY DISMISSALS

- 5 Total of any combination of TARDIES and/or EARLY DISMISSALS = Letter of Notification to the student's Parent/Guardian(s).
- Once a student accumulates 5 Tardies and/or Early Dismissals the total time out of school due to tardies and early dismissals will be calculated and every 4 hours accumulated will be counted as one (1) absence.

ABSENCES

- 5 ABSENCES = Letter of Notification to the student's Parent/Guardian(s).
- 10 ABSENCES = Letter of Notification to the student's Parent/Guardian(s) of referral to the Attendance Protocol Committee, as well as a possible referral of the case to the Department of Family and Children Services and local law enforcement (based on state truancy laws).
- 12 ABSENCES = Possible loss of course credit or grade level retention, decided upon by the Attendance Protocol Committee.

Compulsory attendance issues may result in discipline measures being enforced.



AGGIES CELL PHONE POLICY

FROM BELL TO BELL - THERE IS NO CELL

- Students are not permitted to use cellular phones during school hours or any other electronic devices such as smart watches, earbuds, etc. during school hours.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices should be turned off upon school arrival and students should store cell phones and other electronic devices in their locker or backpack, open during the morning.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices may not be kept in clothing pockets.
- Phones and other electronic devices must be turned off at all times while in the school building. If a phone/watch rings during class, the teacher will enforce the Cell Phone Use Policy. If a phone/watch rings during class, the teacher will enforce the Cell Phone Use Policy.
- Use of a cell phone/watch during a test will be considered cheating and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.
- Students are prohibited from using a cell phone or any other electronic device 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 or other electronic device and take it to the office.
- First offense - the phone/watch device is taken away until the end of the day and kept in the front office.
- Second offense - the phone/watch device 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.
- Additional offenses - will result in the student not being allowed to have a cell phone/watch device on school property.
- Students who do not follow these guidelines will be subject to disciplinary actions.
- A student is required to hand over the cell phone/watch device and all of its individual parts, including but not limited to the battery and memory cards, to a school staff member when requested. Failure to do so will result in a 10-day suspension.
- The student assumes all risks in bringing such cell phones and other electronic devices onto school property or to school-related functions.

www.sswgegiastemcharter.com

YOU can make a DIFFERENCE

Are you looking for a flexible job with the ability to determine your own schedule?

Perhaps you would like to make extra money while your kids are in school, and still have your evenings, nights, weekends and holidays free?

Become a **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

• Competitive Salary • Supportive, collaborative and caring environment

APPLY TODAY Email: Ginger Almon, galmon@sowgegiastemcharter.org
<https://www.sswgegiastemcharter.com/employmentopportunities>



JOB OPENING: STUDENT DATA CLERK

Student Data Clerk Job Responsibilities include:

- Work closely with the district data reporting and Student Information System (SIS) staff to ensure accurate and timely data reporting.
- Monitor data reporting trends in the student information system (SIS) - Infinite Campus.
- Update student data.
- Serve as Parent Portal.
- Assist in the report keeping and management of student transfer process.
- Monitor integrity of confidential information related to students and staff.
- Assist in management of student scheduling.
- Facilitate the maintenance and entry of transfer student transfer process.
- Monitor a system of record keeping for transfer entry.
- Assist in processing transfer (T) entry.
- Perform data entry for state and local reporting purposes, ensuring data is accurate and complete.
- Support student scheduling activities.
- Maintain integrity of confidential information related to students and staff.
- Collaboratively work with other school personnel.
- Attend and participate in assigned meetings, trainings, and workshops.
- Create user-friendly reports to assist scheduling.
- Follow professional practices consistent with school policies.
- Be responsible for any other duties as assigned.

APPLICATIONS can be submitted to:
 Attention: Lori Wilson
lwilson@sowgegiastemcharter.org
 165 Peach Street, P.O. Box 300, Shelman, GA 30088



SCHOOL PICTURE PROOFS

have arrived and will be **SENT HOME TODAY**

All purchases must be made by **OCT 28**.

Purchases AFTER this date will be charged a **\$15 late fee**.

Please read Order Form carefully and include **EXACT CHANGE ONLY** with order.



22-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter

2022-2023 School Calendar

July 2022							August 2022							September 2022						
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School Closed/Holiday

Students Return From Holiday Break

Employee Planning (no school for students)

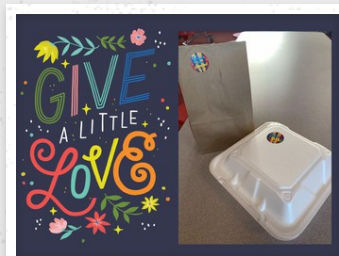
First and Last Day of School

Aug 3-9	Pre-Planning for Teachers	Jan 3-4	Employee Planning (no school for students)
Aug 10	First Day of School for students	Jan 16	Martin Luther King Jr Birthday
Sept 5	Labor Day - School Closed	Feb 20	Presidents Day
Oct 10	Columbus Day - School Closed	March 31	Employee Planning (no school for students)
Nov 11	Veterans' Day - School Closed	April 3-7	Spring Break - School Closed
Nov 21-25	Thanksgiving Break	May 25	Last Day of School for Students
Dec 19- Jan 4	Christmas Break - No School	May 26	Post-Planning for Teachers

SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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BREAKFAST

LUNCH



FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

Red Ribbon Week was created to bring awareness to tobacco, drug, and alcohol prevention. This week represents more than taking a stand against alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. It also means that people all over the country are dedicating themselves to healthy lifestyles. This includes exercising, eating right, getting plenty of rest, and trying to help your friends stay free of drugs.

10 Quick Steps for PARENTING FOR PREVENTION:

- Talk with your child about alcohol and other drugs.
- Learn to really listen to your child.
- Help your child feel good about him/herself.
- Help your child develop strong values.
- Be a good role model or example.
- Help your child deal with peer pressure.
- Make family rules.
- Encourage healthy, creative activities.
- Team up with other parents.

- Know what to do if you suspect a problem.

6 WAYS PARENTS CAN PREVENT DRUG ABUSE

Research shows the main reason kids don't use alcohol, tobacco or drugs is because of their parents' positive influence. Here are a few ways you can build a positive relationship with your kids and talk to them about drugs.

- 1 Communicate early, often**
 The longer you know your children, the easier it will be to guide them toward positive activities and knowledge. Talk to your kids every day. Ask questions that require more than "yes" or "no" and listen to answers without judgment.
- 2 Get involved in their lives**
 Young people are less likely to get involved with drugs when adults are part of their lives. Spend time doing things they want to do, support their activities, attend their events and help with their problems.
- 3 Make and enforce rules**
 Research shows that when parents set hard rules or don't set any rules, kids are more likely to try drugs. Discuss expectations and enforce the consequences. Give praise when they follow through.
- 4 Be a role model**
 Children notice when parents use ways to solve problems, have fun and manage stress that don't involve alcohol or drugs. Parental examples of irresponsible behavior, like not wearing seat belts, don't make and never use drugs.
- 5 Know their friends**
 When children have friends who don't engage in risky behaviors, they are likely to resist them, too. Make sure your kids are comfortable in social situations, and involve them in group activities.
- 6 Have a drug talk**
 Keep the talk short and do your research. Explain the effects of drugs, the legal issues and the dangers of use. Make it clear you don't want them to try drugs.

Source: University of Michigan. Graphic Source: The Great Lakes.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 24th-28th - Book Fair

October 24th-28th - Red Ribbon Week

- Monday - School gear or school colors (red, black, white, gray)
- Tuesday - Tacky Tourist
- Wednesday - Future Career
- Thursday - Camouflage or Camping Gear
- Friday - Halloween Costume (No blood/gore, nothing too risqué) - Trick or Treat for grades Pre-K - 2nd.

October 27th - Fall Festival

October 28th - Student Flu and/or Covid Vaccine Clinic (forms must be returned to participate)
- 6th and 8th grade Scoliosis Screening (forms were sent home)



SGSC

SPORTS

SECTION

FROM COACH CROWDIS...

What's Up Aggie Nation!

Tomorrow our Cross-Country teams will compete in the Region 1A Division II Championship. If any of the high schoolers place high enough they will be qualified for the state Cross

Country championship meet. Coach Haley has done a great job in her first year as our Cross-Country coach.

Our Bass Fishing Team has come together well. We have two high school teams and one middle school team. The first tournament is coming up quick on November 5 th at Lake West Point. Right now, the teams are working hard to find sponsors. If you would like to sponsor the Bass Fishing Team you can email me at bcrowdis@sowegastemcharter.org and I will be glad to walk you through the process.

Basketballs bouncing and whistles can be heard everyday after school now as our basketball teams are preparing for their seasons. We have a few new coaches this year for our basketball and cheerleading programs. Tessa Bell is our new head coach for girls' basketball and her assistant coach is Riley Craft. For the boys' program Coach Bubba has a new assistant in Harrison Bell. Our JV cheer coach is Velvet Scoggins and Ashley Perryman is coaching the middle schoolers. All of these coaches are working really hard and we are looking forward to continued progress for our winter sports.

November is coming so please be ready to sell, sell, sell some pizza and cokes! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year for athletics. As we continue to grow and expand we have to be able to fund our programs with the tools that they need to compete at a high level. I hope you will find a way to support Aggie Athletics this week!

 2022-23 SGSC JV Basketball Schedule Girls Head Coach: Tessa Bell Assistant Girls Coach: Riley Craft Boys Head Coach: Bubba Redding Assistant Boys Coach: Harrison Bell Junior Varsity Cheer: Velvet Scoggins			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 14	St. Teresa's	SGSC	6:00PM
Nov. 15	Sherwood	SGSC	6:00PM
Nov. 17	CHESS Academy	SGSC	5:00PM
Nov. 28	Quitman County	SGSC	6:00PM
Dec. 2	Furlow Charter (Homecoming)	SGSC	6:00PM
Dec. 5	St. Teresa's	Albany	6:00PM
Dec. 6	CHESS Academy	Tifton	5:00PM
Dec. 8	Terrill Academy	SGSC	6:00 PM
Dec. 12	Quitman County	Georgetown	6:00PM
Dec. 15	Furlow Charter	Americus	6:00PM
Jan. 5	Sherwood	Albany	6:00PM
Jan. 6	SGA	Damascus	6:00PM
Jan. 10	SGA	SGSC	6:00 PM


 2022-23 SGSC MS Basketball Schedule Girls Head Coach: Tessa Bell Assistant Girls Coach: Riley Craft Boys Head Coach: Bubba Redding Assistant Boys Coach: Harrison Bell MS Cheer: Ashley Perryman			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 1	Calhoun County	Edison	4:30PM
Nov. 10	Calhoun County	SGSC	5:00PM
Nov. 14	St. Teresa's	SGSC	4:00PM
Nov. 15	Sherwood	SGSC	4:00PM
Nov. 17	CHESS Academy (Boys Only)	SGSC	4:00PM
Nov. 28	Quitman County	SGSC	4:00PM
Nov. 29	Webster County	Preston	5:00 PM
Dec. 2	Furlow Charter	SGSC	4:00 PM
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Dec. 6	CHESS Academy (Boys Only)	Tifton	4:00PM
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Jan. 6	SGA	Damascus	4:00PM
Jan. 10	SGA	SGSC	4:00PM

Aggie Adventures

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

BRANDI HEATH


Brandi's Spanish teacher wrote:
"Brandi is consistently on task and willing to help an achiever or teacher. She perseveres even when the work is hard—without complaining. Brandi can always be counted on to do what is asked of her: what a great character trait! Thanks for all you do to make our classroom better. I appreciate you!"



AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

JORDYN HUNTER


Jordyn's music teacher wrote:
"Jordyn has been doing an amazing job at participating in music. She's been on task and answering questions, as well as assisting other students. I am so proud of her!"

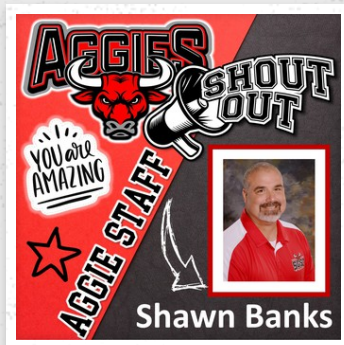
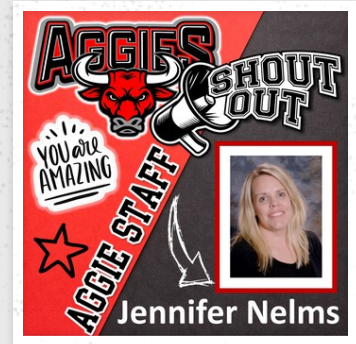
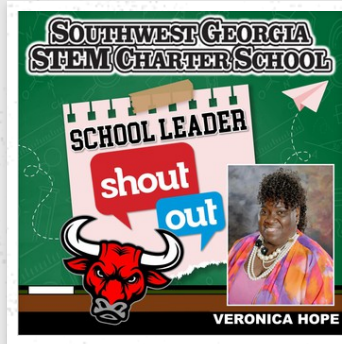
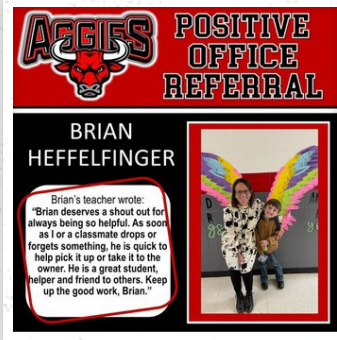


AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

LILY JACKSON

Lily's teacher wrote:
"Lily deserves a positive office referral for being the perfect example of an Aggie Achiever. She comes to school every day ready to learn. She tries her very best, is friendly to others, is always willing to help someone, has positive behavior, and always follows the rules. You are awesome, Lily! I appreciate you so very much!"





THIS WEEK'S VIDEO

How can you help your child experience humility?

How You Can Help Your Children Experience Humility



An illustration of four children in a school hallway. On the left, a boy with brown hair, wearing a red shirt and a blue backpack, waves his right hand. In the center, a boy with dark skin and short black hair, wearing a blue shirt and a grey backpack, stands with his hands at his sides. To his right, a girl with dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue shirt and a red vest, stands with her hands at her sides. On the far right, a boy with blonde hair, wearing a yellow shirt, is seated in a red wheelchair. A large black play button is overlaid on the boy in the center. The background shows yellow lockers and a white door.



FROM MRS. KIM CROWDIS...

Hey Parents!

Now that the 2nd nine weeks are in full swing, I wanted to remind each of you about the AR word count goals for each grade level. The following goals have been set by the SGSC teachers to encourage achievers to read. Research shows that the more a child reads, the higher his or her Lexile level will be. This also results in better writers, and stronger comprehension skills. Please support our initiative, by consistently asking your child how many words he or she has read this 9 weeks. Students who reach their goal, will be rewarded at the end of the 9 week grading period.

Kindergarten: 2,500 words

1st: 6,000 words

2nd: 15,000 words

3rd: 15,000 words

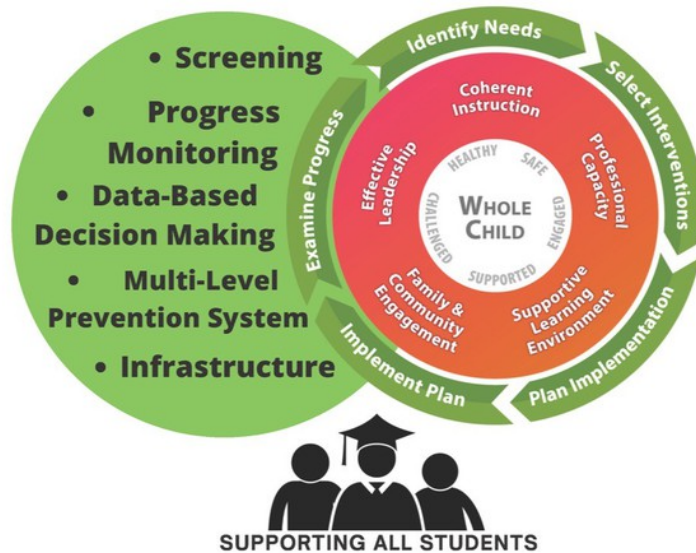
4th: 50,000 words

5th: 125,000 words

6th—11th: 250,000 words

Enjoy Reading Aggies!

From the MTSS Coordinator



FROM MRS. LESLIE PRESLEY...

How to help with homework....

7 Things to Do Before Homework

1. Feed your child's tummy and brain - food is fuel!
2. Allow lots of fresh air and play time first to let them unwind, but without screens.
3. Have a designated place for all school things, like the same spot by the door.
4. Have a designated place for doing homework with everything they need within arm's reach.
5. Clear your schedule if possible so you can be available when they are doing their homework in case they need help.
6. Stay calm so that if your child hits a roadblock, they can express themselves and you can address the issue together as a team.
7. Make sure your child is getting enough sleep.

ONE TEAM.

ONE MISSION.

NO EXCUSES.




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