

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 18TH-21ST, 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are having a marvelous Monday! I wanted to thank you all for being so supportive during these trying times. We are seeing an increase in COVID numbers, but are doing our best to continue in person learning. I think the biggest key to achievers remaining successful in school is communication. Please make sure that you or your achiever are in contact with teachers to ensure that they are still able to complete assignments when they are quarantined. Again, thank you for making sure that learning continues to happen!

As we take today off in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I will share one of my favorite quotes from Dr. King, *"Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."* Parents are such an important part in helping us build character in our achievers. Parents are such an integral part in building characters in our achievers! Please review the matrix for behaviors for our Aggie Achievers at home! We are really pushing these positive behaviors in school, and I think it would be awesome to have the parents speak the same language at home. I have included the matrix for elementary and the matrix for middle/high below. Thanks for all of the support!

Please remember to turn in your child's Letter of Intent to return to SGSC by Wednesday, January 19th. We need those forms to determine our numbers for next year. All students in grades Kindergarten through 10th grade received the forms last week. The deadline has been extended to January 19th. Thanks so much for sending thee important forms back in to ensure your child's position for the 22-23 school year!

REMINDER - We also need your help with making sure that the achievers are becoming responsible for logging into Infinite Campus and checking for their missing assignments. We will begin a school wide initiative on January 24th where achievers will begin checking their Infinite Campus during Monday morning homeroom in grades 6th - 10th grades to see which assignments are missing and check with their teachers to get these caught up. We need you to support our efforts if you can! Thank you!

Below, I have included an image of our newly 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!

We are so thankful for our staff at SGSC! 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.

Sincerely,
Ginger Almon

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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.

COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 1/18/2022

**COVID
INFORMATION
FOR
SGSC
1/18/22**

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.

**Positive Cases:
Staff - 3
Students - 4**



MORE COVID INFORMATION

If you have any further questions, please reach out to our school nurse, Kristen Roland - kroland@sowegastemcharter.org or 229.345.3033 or myself galmon@sowegastemcharter.org.



SOUTHWEST GEORGIA

S.T.E.M. CHARTER SCHOOL

What to do if you test positive for COVID-19 (Regardless of vaccination status)

WITH SYMPTOMS

ISOLATE

At least 5 days from start of symptoms
and

Stay away from others in the household as much as possible during isolation
and

Isolate until at least **24 hours with NO FEVER** without fever reducing medications
and

You have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving
and

After ending isolation, you should continue to **WEAR A MASK** around others for 5 days

NO SYMPTOMS

ISOLATE

At least 5 days from date of positive test
and

Stay away from others in the household as much as possible during isolation
and

Isolate until at least **24 hours with NO FEVER** without fever reducing medications
and

You have no COVID related symptoms
and

After ending isolation, you should continue to **WEAR A MASK** around others for 5 days

What to do if you have been EXPOSED to COVID-19:

VACCINATED

Boosted, or have become fully vaccinated within the last 6 months (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or within the last 2 months (J&J vaccine):

NO QUARANTINE REQUIRED

You should **wear a mask** around others for **10 days**
and

If possible, get **tested on day 5**
and

If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance to test results.

UNVACCINATED

or became fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or more than 2 months ago (J&J vaccine) and have not received a booster:

QUARANTINE AT HOME FOR 5 DAYS

After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days
and

If possible, get tested on day 5
and

If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance to test results.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER | 2021-2022 CALENDAR

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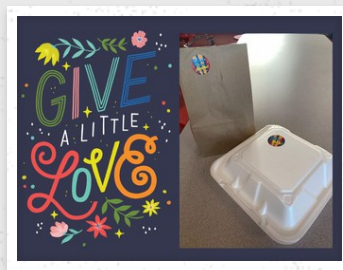
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SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

JANUARY 2022 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter **BREAKFAST**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Breakfast: Buttermilk Pancakes, Hash, Choice of Milk	Breakfast: Bagels or Cakes, Hash, Choice of Milk	Cheese Fritter or Pancake, Hash, Choice of Milk
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JANUARY 2022 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School **LUNCH**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Chicken orzo soup, Bread, Fruit, Choice of Milk	Chicken Salad or Pasta, Bread, Fruit, Choice of Milk	Pasta Salad, Bread, Fruit, Choice of Milk
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BREAKFAST

LUNCH



FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

We can teach children compassion and kindness starting from a very early age and help them to develop a heart for serving others. It doesn't even have to be difficult. There are SO many easy ways parents can help raise kids who serve others.

The thing about service is, it's not really a one time deal, like something to do around the holidays or when you join a walk-a-thon once a year. **Service is a lifestyle.** In fact, there are probably several ways you're already modeling this lifestyle and may not even realize it.

Holding the door for others = Service.

Taking a meal to a friend in need= Service.

Setting the neighbor's newspaper by the front door = Service.

Service is just one of those things that seems like it needs to be planned, put on the calendar, and shown up for wearing a special T shirt. I get it. I like actually enjoy BIG productions

sometimes, things with planning and decorations and hoopla, they're fun and it's exciting to be part of a group of people all working towards a **goal for the greater good!** But service is more about a heart condition and a state of mind rather than an event.

A great way to cultivate a passion for volunteer work is to align it with their existing interests. Do they love animals? How about giving time to the local shelter. Do they love making crafts? How about taking supplies to the hospital and leading a workshop with sick children? Do they love to read? How about having them pick out books to donate to a shelter.

There are TONS of ways kids can give back in their school and community, they just have to be willing to share their time.





Help SGSC reach our Attendance Goal of:

96%

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?

More time in school =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!

Equates to
4 school days
off each year

Equates to
7 school days
off each year

Equates to
9 school days
off each year

Equates to
11 school days
off each year

Equates to
18 school days
off each year

Equates to
2 months
off each year

100%
Perfection

98%
Impressive

96%
Good

95%
Nearly There

94%
Needs to Improve

90%
Danger Zone

80%
Danger Zone

On Track

Referral to
School Counselor

At Risk

Truancy Referral to
Pataula Judicial Court

Off Track

Absence letter to parent

Referral to Student Support Team

STUDENT WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED CLASSES.

For every day your child is absent from school,
over 6 hours of instructional time is lost.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 17th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL for staff or Aggie Achievers

January 18th - Middle School Baseball Tryouts from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (closed to spectators)

January 20th - Parent Baseball meeting in SGSC Auditorium at 6:00 pm

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FROM COACH CROWDIS...

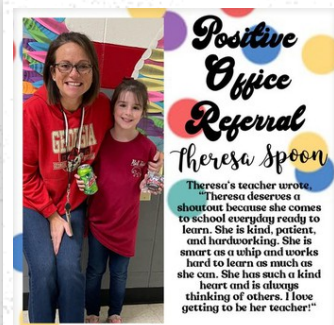
After putting off baseball tryouts for middle school to give students a chance to get back to school the day is finally here! Tuesday we will have tryouts from 3:30 to 5:30. Achievers have to have a physical on file with the school to try out. I would recommend that they bring warm clothes to try out in and a glove if they have one. Tryouts are closed to spectators so please do not plan to get to the school before 5:15. Please park at the athletic field parking area and your child will walk out to you at 5:30. It takes great courage for a young boy to try out for a team knowing that they may not make the roster. We need to be proud of each boy for trying out whether or not they make the team this year.

I cannot stress enough the importance for our student athletes to be in school everyday. To be eligible to participate in athletics a student cannot be failing more than one content. As I have looked at grades and had to give some students the news that they are not eligible to play I have noticed a heavy trend. Many of these students are missing a lot of class time by being absent from school. Achievers that really want to participate in Aggie Athletics need to be present each day so that they can achieve in the classroom first. Sports come in seasons, but

an education will last a lifetime! We want to make the difference of a lifetime for each of our Achievers!

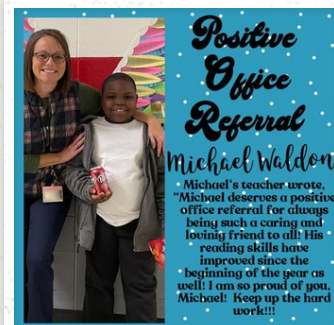
*Contact me through email bcrowdis@sowegastemcharter.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Aggie Adventures




Positive Office Referral
Theresa Spoon

Theresa's teacher wrote, "Theresa deserves a shoutout because she comes to school everyday ready to learn. She is kind, patient, and hardworking. She is smart as a whip and works hard to learn as much as she can. She has such a kind heart and is always thinking of others. I love getting to be her teacher!"



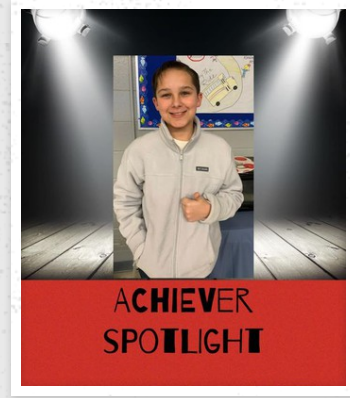
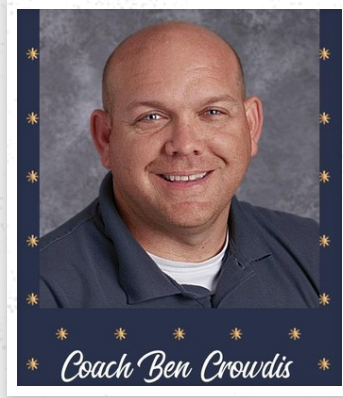
Positive Office Referral
Michael Waldon

Michael's teacher wrote, "Michael deserves a positive office referral for always being such a caring and loving friend to all! His reading skills have improved since the beginning of the year as well! I am so proud of you, Michael! Keep up the hard work!!"



Positive Office Referral
Lillian Owens

Lillian's math teachers wrote, "Lillian has been showing great perseverance in her math work. When she faces a tough challenge she keeps working to try and finish the task. We are so proud of her efforts! Keep up the awesome work, Lillian!"



KIDS CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE....

A Letter to the Future From Kid President





FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...

Dear Parents,

Is math not your “thing”? Do you cringe when your achiever asks you for help with his or her math homework? If so, we have some resources you may find helpful. The first link below was created by Georgia Public Broadcasting to provide parents with overviews of the mathematical expectations for each grade level. The second website is a free tutorial website for all mathematical concepts. Simply type in the desired skill in the search box and you will be given a list of helpful resources, including short tutorial videos and practice problems for numerous concepts in math. If these resources still do not help, please feel free to contact us and we will do everything we can to help support you and your Aggie achiever!

<https://www.gpb.org/education/make-mathematics-count-ga>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

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




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