

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

November 27th - December 1st, 2023

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow 11/27/23! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

We hope you all had a wonderful week spending quality time with your family. We have a busy few weeks before we get out for Christmas Break. Please make sure that your child is at school each and every day possible as we wrap up the remaining part of the first semester of school.

Reminder - 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.

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

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.	Follow all signs and posted directions. Follow all phone use policies. Report unsafe conditions to a teacher or staff member.	Follow hand and foot hygiene. Walk in a hallway before opening an outside door. Place your feet on the floor. Place your hands, feet, and personal belongings to prevent clutter.	Follow hand and foot hygiene. Walk in a hallway before opening an outside door. Place your feet on the floor. Place your hands, feet, and personal belongings to prevent clutter.	Follow hand and foot hygiene. Walk in a hallway before opening an outside door. Place your feet on the floor. Place your hands, feet, and personal belongings to prevent clutter.	Follow hand and foot hygiene. Walk in a hallway before opening an outside door. Place your feet on the floor. Place your hands, feet, and personal belongings to prevent clutter.
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SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix				
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus
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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 ten days of the phone is taken away for ten school days to be kept at the school (parent's choice).
Additional offenses - all 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.swgeorgiastemcharter.com

JOIN THE SGSC TEAM

SCHOOL NUTRITION WORKER

COMPETITIVE SALARY
APPLY TODAY!

Must have:

- Minimum of High School Diploma or GED
- Ability to work with others
- Ability to learn school food procedures
- School nutrition experience is preferred

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: 185 Pecan Street, Shellman, Ga 39886 or <https://www.swgeorgiastemcharter.com/employmentopportunities>
 Contact Ginger Almon galmon@swgeorgiastemcharter.org or Lori Wilson lwilson@swgeorgiastemcharter.org for more information

JOIN THE SGSC TEAM

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

NOW HIRING!
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
APPLY TODAY!
COMPETITIVE SALARY

Must have:

- High School Diploma or GED
- Ability to work well with others

Experience:

- 2 or more years of work experience in law enforcement in a traditional law enforcement agency or school environment

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23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2023-24

July 2023							August 2023							September 2023							
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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 8	Fall Break/Professional Dev	Dec 18, 2023	Christmas Break	May 17, 2024	Last Day of School

SGSC Cafeteria Information

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

NOVEMBER 2023 Southwest Georgia Stem Charter School **BREAKFAST!**

Choice of Milk & Fruit Offered
Choice of Cereal Offered

SGSC offers Offer vs. Serve at breakfast.
Offer vs. Serve is a USDA approved form of meal service established to help decrease plate waste and give more freedom of choice to students.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Super Donut Juice	Chicken Biscuit Juice	Pancake on Stick Juice	Chicken and Waffle Juice	Super Donuts Juice
Strawberry Egghat Juice	French Toast Sausage Juice	Breakfast Pizza Juice	Pancake on Stick Juice	No School Holiday
Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break
Super Donuts Juice	Chicken Biscuit Juice	Pancake on Stick Juice	Sausage Biscuit Juice	

AGGIES **SCHOOL FOODS MENU**
for the week of:
November 27th-December 1st, 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST Super Donut Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST Chicken Biscuit Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST Pancake on a Stick Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST Sausage Biscuit Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST Super Donut Cereal of Choice Fruit Milk
LUNCH Chicken Sandwich or PBJ Fries Green Beans Black-eyed Peas Fruit Milk	LUNCH Hot Dog or PBJ Fries Mac and Cheese Broccoli w/ Ranch Fruit Milk	LUNCH Cheeseburger or PBJ Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Lettuce/Tomato Fruit Milk	LUNCH Chicken Nuggets or PBJ Mashed Potatoes Pinto Beans Roll Fruit Milk	LUNCH Pizza or PBJ Corn Chips Carrots w/ Ranch Fruit Milk

NOVEMBER 2023 Southwest Georgia Stem Charter School **LUNCH**

Thanksgiving & Holy Days/ Holidays are closed daily.
Milk & fruit varieties are varied daily.

SGSC offers Offer vs. Serve at lunch.
Offer vs. Serve is a USDA approved form of meal service established to help decrease plate waste and give more freedom of choice to students.
Menu Subject to Change

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Nuggets on the Bone Beans Sweet Potato Fries Roll	Chicken Nuggets on the Bone Hot Dog Roll	Chicken Nuggets on the Bone Beans Sweet Potato Fries Roll	Chicken Nuggets on the Bone Beans Sweet Potato Fries Roll	Chicken Nuggets on the Bone Beans Sweet Potato Fries Roll
Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break
Chicken Sandwiches on the Bone Beans Sweet Potato Fries Roll	Hot Dog on the Roll Mac & Cheese Broccoli w/ Ranch Sweet Potato Fries Roll	Chicken Nuggets on the Bone Beans Sweet Potato Fries Roll	Chicken Nuggets on the Bone Beans Sweet Potato Fries Roll	Chicken Nuggets on the Bone Beans Sweet Potato Fries Roll

Breakfast

Lunch

**UPCOMING
EVENTS
AT SGSC**

Mark your Calendars

November 27th - Middle School Basketball Games at SGSC vs. Stewart County at 4:00 pm

November 27th - Varsity Basketball Games at Webster County at 6:00 pm

November 28th - Varsity Basketball Games at Seminole County at 6:00 pm

November 29th - Honoring Renee Gill as a Champion of Education at Luncheon at SGTC

December 1st - Accelerated Reader (AR) cut-off for all points/words for incentive

December 4th - MAP Assessment (reading) K-12

December 4th - FAFSA Night for parents of students wishing to attend college - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

December 5th - MAP Assessment (math) K-12

December 6th - Progress Learning (science) 5th-12th

December 6th - Spelling Bee (3rd-8th)

December 7th - Progress Learning (social studies) 6th-12th/High School Finals (1st and 3rd periods)

December 8th - AR Incentive Field Trip/Kindergarten to Nursing Home/High School Finals (2nd and 4th periods)

December 9th - Middle Grades Dance at Shellman Depot - Students must not receive any disciplinary referrals from November 27th - December 8th in order to attend

December 11th - End of Course Test - American Lit/Middle Grades mid-terms (reading and social studies)

December 12th - End of Course Test - American Lit and Biology/Middle Grades mid-terms (math and science)

December 13th - End of Course Test - US History

December 14th - End of Course Test Make-Up Day/Elementary Christmas Program (Pre-k-2)/STEM Night

December 15th - 1/2 Day release at 12:00 pm

January 3rd - Teacher Work Day - staff returns

January 4th - Students Return

January 5th - First Semester Honor's Day

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA
STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**

**CANNED
FOOD
DRIVE**

**PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING BACK
TO THE COMMUNITY!**

Our Aggie Achievers will collect CANNED GOODS
NOVEMBER 13TH-17TH for Thanksgiving
and again on
DECEMBER 11TH - 15TH for Christmas

**CLASSES AT THE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL
LEVEL WITH THE MOST CANS WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE!**

SHARE WHAT YOU CAN.

Grades 6-8

winter wonderland Dance

Saturday, Dec 9

6:00pm - 8:00pm

The Depot, Shellman, GA

*Dress: Casual/Semi-Formal

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA
STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**

SGSC

SPORTS

SECTION

We enjoyed recognizing and honoring the members of middle grades softball, varsity softball, and cross country at the awards program on November 17th! Thank you all for coming out to support these wonderful student athletes! Please remember to come out and support our student athletes during their basketball season! Thank you for all of the support!

AGGIES VARSITY BASKETBALL
2023-2024 SEASON

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	OPPONENT	TIME
FRIDAY	NOV 10	AWAY	QUITMAN	5:00 PM
MONDAY	NOV 13	HOME	PCA	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	NOV 14	AWAY	BAKER	6:00 PM
FRIDAY	NOV 17	HOME	SEMINOLE	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	NOV 27	AWAY	WEBSTER	6:00 PM
THURSDAY	NOV 30	HOME	BAKER	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	DEC 5	HOME	FURLOW	6:00 PM
MONDAY	DEC 11	HOME	FURLOW	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	DEC 12	HOME	WEBSTER	6:00 PM
THURSDAY	DEC 14	AWAY	ABBEVILLE	TBA - CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT
FRIDAY	DEC 15	AWAY	ABBEVILLE	TBA - CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY	DEC 16	AWAY	ABBEVILLE	TBA - CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT
THURSDAY	JAN 4	AWAY	PCA	6:00 PM
FRIDAY	JAN 5	AWAY	CHESS	6:00 PM
MONDAY	JAN 8	AWAY	ST TERESA'S	6:00 PM - BOYS
TUESDAY	JAN 9	HOME	ST TERESA'S	6:00 PM - BOYS
THURSDAY	JAN 11	HOME	QUITMAN	6:00 PM
THURSDAY	JAN 16	HOME	CHESS	6:00 PM
THURSDAY	JAN 25	AWAY	TERRELL ACADEMY	6:00 PM (JV)

AGGIES MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL
2023-2024 SEASON

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	OPPONENT	TIME
MONDAY	NOV 13	HOME	PCA	4:00 PM
TUESDAY	NOV 14	AWAY	BAKER	4:00 PM
MONDAY	NOV 27	HOME	STEWART	4:00 PM
THURSDAY	NOV 30	HOME	BAKER	4:00 PM
TUESDAY	DEC 5	HOME	FURLOW	4:30 PM - BOYS
THURSDAY	DEC 7	AWAY	WEBSTER	4:30 PM
MONDAY	DEC 11	AWAY	STEWART	4:30 PM
TUESDAY	DEC 12	HOME	WEBSTER	4:00 PM

Lady AGGIES Congratulations
LADY AGGIES SELECTED TO ALL-REGION 1A-D2 SOFTBALL TEAM

1ST TEAM:
 KYLEE OSTING - SENIOR #11
 SHYLA CRAFT - SOPHOMORE #44

HONORABLE MENTION:
 HALLIE ALMON - JUNIOR #25
 CHRISTIE GILL - JUNIOR #7
 AYDDAN CRAFT - FRESHMAN #9

2ND TEAM:
 HAILEY LUGO - FRESHMAN #5
 DAIYANNA STARLING - SOPHOMORE #13

2023

Aggie Adventures

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Paisley's teachers wrote: "Paisley is being recognized by Mrs. Duke and Mrs. Bell for being an achiever of excellence inside and outside of the classroom. Paisley is very conscientious about everything she does. She works hard on all of her assignments. She is also kind to everyone she is around. Paisley is always looking for ways she can help her teachers as well as her classmates. Thank you, Paisley, for being a fabulous fifth grade achiever!"

PAISLEY DENNEY

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Nathan's teachers wrote: "Mrs. Duke and Mrs. Bell would like to recognize Nathan for being an outstanding achiever. He is always on task and giving his very best on all of his assignments. He is well-behaved and a great role model for others. Keep up the good work, Nathan. We are proud of you!"

NATHAN PAGE

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Maddie's teacher wrote: "Maddie is an amazingly consistent student. She consistently works hard, consistently does her best, is consistently helpful, and is consistently reliable. Maddie also consistently has a smile on her face and consistently makes my day! Thank you, Maddie, for being consistently AWESOME and someone your classmates can look up to!"

MADDIE DRING

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Hadley's teacher wrote: "Hadley is such a great student! She is so smart, so hard-working, and so thoughtful! She is my right-hand girl for anything I need done. She is always willing to lend a helping hand. I am so impressed with all she knows. She is just a perfect role model for her peers! Keep being you, Hadley!"

HADLEY HOLLOWAY

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Anna's teachers wrote: "Anna is such a sweet girl who tries super hard to always make green choices. She comes in every single morning ready to learn and help others. Thank you Anna for being a great model student for other achievers to look up to!"

ANNA LYNCH

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL



Trish's teacher wrote: "Trish has made great progress on her multiplication facts, becoming a member of our class's 100 CLUB for making a perfect score on her complete facts check multiple weeks in a row! She is smart and spunky, thoughtful and kind, always willing to lend a helping hand to her classmates and me, and works so hard to give her best at all times. I am so proud to have Trish in our class! Keep up the great work!"

TRISH GERMANY

AGGIE ACHIEVERS



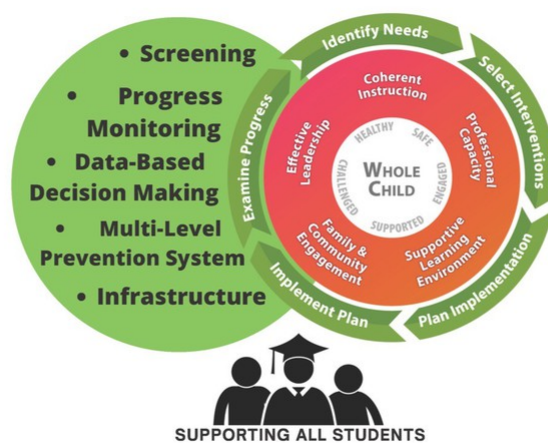
This Week's Video

Color the world with kindness!

Color Your World With Kindness



From the MTSS Coordinator



From our MTSS Coordinator....

Thank you to our SGSC parents for your continued support in your child's education! I echo everything mentioned in this letter.

November 1, 2023

Dear Georgia families,

As we celebrate November as Family Engagement Month, it's important to take a moment to thank Georgia parents and caregivers who make our communities stronger. Your dedication to your children's education and well-being is truly appreciated.

Recently, I traveled to elementary schools across the state to recognize their literacy achievements. I know these achievements are only possible with the support you give your children. I wish it were possible to recognize each of you for reading to your children at bedtime, helping them practice spelling and sight words, taking them to the library, and encouraging them to be lifelong learners.

As one team, we can raise our children to new heights. I have seen firsthand the impact that engaged and involved families can have on their children's educational success. Whether by

reading to your students, helping with homework, attending conferences, or volunteering at school events, every family has unique and valuable roles they can play in their child's education.

Thank you, parents and families, for all you do to support your children's learning and schools this month and all year. As educators, we need you because we can accomplish nothing without you. Together, we can help students explore the possibilities and opportunities available to them.

Sincerely,

Richard Woods
State School Superintendent



News from the Graduation Coach...

Parents of seniors wishing to attend college:

It's November of your achiever's senior year, and you probably know what that means. There are several items requiring their (and your) attention, and you can address them all with these essential steps:

- **Prospective Colleges:** By now, you hopefully have a solid list of colleges your achiever is considering attending. Make sure you visit campuses, gather valuable information on each, and compare all to help narrow down your options. **Congratulations to several of you who have seniors who have already been accepted to a college!**
- **FAFSA® Form:** The FAFSA® form is crucial for government and college-based financial aid. *It opens in December 2023.* Don't assume you won't qualify for aid. **We will host a FAFSA night**

here at SGSC on Monday, December 4th from 6-8. There will be more information to come.

- **Standardized Tests:** Your achiever has probably taken either the SAT or ACT. If you feel it might benefit you, now would be a good time for your achiever to retake one or both. Check with the college your achiever is interested in to see if they are considering test scores for admission.
- **Apply for Scholarships:** There are so many scholarships available for high school seniors right now. Help your achiever apply for scholarships, especially those with earlier deadlines. Sign up with [Scholarships.com](https://www.scholarships.com) to safely and confidently search for and apply for these opportunities.

The college application process might feel overwhelming, but if you stay organized, you and your child will be fine. Parents find the [Scholarships.com College Prep and Planning Timeline](#) document incredibly useful. Print it out and mark off each task as you complete it. Have your achiever open our senior Google Classroom for a calendar full of scholarship opportunities that are hyperlinked and marked with deadlines.

Thanks,

Courtney Greenway



FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH...

Hey Parents!

Below you will find the December Academic Calendar for our middle of the year assessments and End of Course high school tests. The data from these assessments will help teachers understand what each student knows, understands and needs extra help with. Parents, we need your help throughout the next several weeks!! It is very important that students arrive at school on time and have had plenty of rest the night before. Thank you for your support in helping us provide the best education possible for your child.



DECEMBER CALENDAR



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	December 1
				AR Cut Off (last day to test in order to meet the field trip requirements)
December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8
MAP Reading Benchmark Grades K - 12	MAP Math Benchmark Grades K-12	Spelling Bee: Grades 3-8 Progress Learning: Science Grades 5-12 PLC @ 3:30 PM in Auditorium	Progress Learning: Social Studies Grades 6-12 High School Finals: 1st and 3rd Periods	High School Finals: 2nd and 4th Periods AR Field Trip
December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15
EOC: American Lit Middle School Midterms: Reading and Social Studies	EOC: American Lit EOC: Biology Middle School Midterms: Math and Science	EOC: US History	EOC: Make Up Day Christmas Program: Elementary Only STEM Night with Santa: 5PM - 7PM	½ day December 15

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