

# SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 29TH - DECEMBER 3, 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Everyone,

We are so excited to see our students this week! We sure hope that everyone had a marvelous, safe, relaxing week spent with loved ones as we celebrated Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is such an important holiday to really stop and appreciate all that we have to be thankful for. At SGSC, we are especially thankful for the staff, students, parents, and community that support our special school!

As we return from the break, it is important that we continue to make efforts to improve the attendance rate at SGSC! As we return, please know that attendance will be a focus for SGSC. We have to make sure that our students are attending school each day in order to receive the focused instruction that has been prepared for them. Appropriate attendance plays many factors for our students. Among the lowest attendance rates are the middle and high school grades. We need your help to teach students that appropriate attendance is a life skill that they will need as they prepare for life after school within their chosen career fields.

We are also excited to begin Homecoming Week for all staff and students! We will have different dress up days throughout the week. We would love to see everyone show their school spirit by participating in the different dress up days. We will host the Homecoming game on Friday, December 3, 2021. We will have a Homecoming Court comprised of two freshmen representatives and three sophomore representatives. Although, we will not have a Homecoming Queen announced (we will have a Homecoming Queen once we add all grade levels through 12th), we are proud to have Asia Bland, Jaelyn Hunter, Kylee Osting, Kylie Deal, and Lyda Edwards representing 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](mailto:galmon@sowegastemcharter.org).

Sincerely,  
Ginger Almon

## **COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 11/29/21**

### **COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 11/29/21**

#### **Positive Cases:**

**Staff - 0**

**Students - 0**

#### **Quarantines:**

**Staff - 0**

**Students - 0**

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.



## **MORE COVID INFORMATION**

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

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER | 2021-2022 CALENDAR

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# SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

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NOVEMBER 2021					Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School					LUNCH				
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**BREAKFAST**

**LUNCH**





## **FROM MS. MCBRIDE...**

Out of all the things parents can do, having high aspirations and expectations of your child has the biggest impact on their grades. Parental expectations include how important school is, their attitude towards teachers, and the value of education. This includes developing and maintaining communication with children about their school life. This helps parents nip any potential problems in the bud before they manifest into bigger issues. Strategies to help improve communication include being approachable, asking open ended questions and listening more than talking.

Parents are encouraged to read frequently and regularly with their child. Parents can help their child develop good reading habits by reading with them as part of a night-time routine, especially books that capture their attention and imagination. Have clear rules to deal with how they divide their homework and leisure time. Explaining why these rules are in place can help them eventually make better decisions later in life. Given that students often do their homework with their mobile phones in front of them, which can have [a range of negative consequences](#), having a clear structure and set of rules can help

It's not easy being a parent. It's understandable that parents want the best for their child, but sometimes they don't know which strategies work best. What does seem clear is how having high aspirations, clear communication, good reading habits and clear homework rules can help students achieve success at school.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### November 29th - December 3rd - Homecoming Week

- November 29th - America Day: Wear Red, White, and Blue
- November 30th - Colorful Tuesday: See image below for your child's grade level color
- December 1st - Wild Wednesday: Dress like an animal or wear animal print
- December 2nd - Throwback Thursday: Dress like you are from a different decade
- December 3rd - Spirit Day Friday: Dress in Red and wear your Homecoming shirt if you purchased one

**December 2nd** - Middle School Girls and Boys and JV Girls and Boys vs. Webster County at 6:00. Games begin at 4:30 pm.



**December 3rd** - Homecoming Game - JV Girls and Boys vs. Miller County at SGSC - games begin at 6:00 pm

**December 4th** - Homecoming Dance at The Depot in Shellman for all 6th - 10th graders from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Tickets cost \$5.00 per person. Form must be completed if you are bringing a date that doesn't attend SGSC.

**December 13th** - STEM Christmas Night at SGSC with ChattFlint RESA at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**December 16th** - Parent Engagement Night that includes visit and picture with Santa Claus - begins at 6:00 pm

**December 17th** - Early Release Day @ 12:00 pm - Begin Christmas Break

**January 3rd and 4th** - Teacher Workdays

**January 5th** - Students return to school

# We are **WILD** about our first Homecoming!

Week of November 29 - December 3

## 'Merica Monday

Wear RED, WHITE, and BLUE



## Colorful Tuesday

Grade level Color Wars - wear the color for your grade level!  
PK: Lime green  
K: yellow  
1st: purple  
2nd: light blue  
3rd: orange  
4th: pink  
5th: royal blue  
6th: dark green  
7th: brown  
8th: grey  
9th: white  
10th: black

## Wild Wednesday

Dress up like an animal or wear animal print



## Throwback Thursday

Dress like you are from a different decade



## Spirit Day Friday

Dress from head to toe in RED and wear your Homecoming Shirt if you purchased one!

Cheerleaders will be selling spirit gear:  
Spirit tattoos: \$1  
Pom Poms: \$1

Pep Rally @ 1:00PM

JV Basketball Games starting at 6:00PM

# ***SGSC HOMECOMING COURT***

## ***2021***

### ***9TH GRADE***



**Asia Bland**



**Jaelyn Hunter**

### ***10TH GRADE***



**Kylie Deal**



**Lyda Edwards**



**Kylee Osting**



**SGSC**

# **Homecoming Dance**

**For 6th - 10th grade students**

**The Depot in Shellman, Georgia**

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**





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## FROM COACH CROWDIS...

Hey Aggie Family!

Wake up Aggie Nation! It's time to get WILD about Homecoming! I am super excited about our first homecoming this Friday night. Our students and staff are excited also. I am sure this will be one of the greatest weeks SGSC has seen in its short history! This week in basketball we host Webster County on Thursday for a four game set (MS and JV) and then we host Miller County on Friday for two JV games for our first homecoming game.

We have had a very successful fall and winter season in building our Aggie Athletics up to new heights, but we still have a long way to go! We have plans to update facilities, update equipment for sports we already have and to introduce our Aggies to new sports. As we near the end of 2021, I hope you will consider becoming an Awesome Aggie by sponsoring our athletic program through a financial donation. Our Awesome Aggies will receive great advertising throughout the school year with a banner, announcements at games, hats and

season passes depending on which option they choose. For more information on how you can become an Awesome Aggie email me at [bcrowdis@sowegastemcharter.org](mailto:bcrowdis@sowegastemcharter.org).

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HOMECOMING  
2021**



vs.



**Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:00 PM**

**Admission  
\$7 Adults \$5 Students**





**Monday, November 29th**

**MS and JV Girls Basketball Practice – 3:15 to 5**

**MS and JV Boys Basketball Practice—3:15 to 4:30**

**Tuesday, November 30th**

**MS and JV Girls Basketball Practice – 3:15 to 4:30**

**MS and JV Boys Basketball Practice—3:15 to 5**

**Cheerleading Practice—3:15 to 4:30**

**Wednesday, December 1st**

**MS and JV Girls Basketball Practice – 3:15 to 4:30**

**MS and JV Boys Basketball Practice—3:15 to 5**

**Cheerleading Practice—3:15 to 5**

**Thursday, December 2nd**

**MS Basketball vs. Webster - 4:30 Start**

**JV Basketball vs. Webster - 6:30 Start**

**Admission \$7.00, \$5.00 SGSC Students**

**Friday, December 3rd**

**“HOMECOMING”**

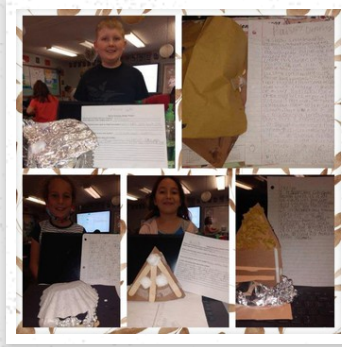
**JV Basketball vs. Miller County – 6:00 Start**

**Admission \$7.00, \$5.00 SGSC Students**


# Aggie Adventures








**FROM A COLLEAGUE**



MRS. KATY JACKSON



**GREAT JOB!**

**GREAT JOB!**

**SHOUT OUT FROM A PARENT**




Coach Rumble



Coach Bubba


**FROM A COLLEAGUE**



MRS. NICOLE HORN

**Positive Office Referral**


**Hank Heath**



Hank's teacher wrote, "Hank is one of the hardest working students you will ever find! He is proof that if you put your mind to something, you can accomplish it! He has improved his reading drastically already this year. He is a leader while in small groups and has such a big heart for helping others. I lose his silly self so much! Keep up the great work, Hank!"

**Positive Office Referral**

**Caleb Werling**



Caleb's teacher wrote, "Caleb is an excellent student and a great example of positive behavior. When faced with a difficult situation, he handled it with grace and sincerity. I am very proud to be his teacher and so happy he chose SGSC as his home."

**Positive Office Referral**


**Lori Grace Moore**



Lori Grace's teacher wrote, "Lori Grace is a phenomenal student! She is a very out-of-the-box thinker and always works hard. She has a wonderful work ethic and doesn't let anything beat her. She is kind, funny, outgoing, and thoughtful. She is such a fun student to teach!"

**Positive Office Referral**


**Lilian Lapeyrouse**



Lilian's teacher wrote, "Lilian has been working so hard on her school work. She's already grown a whole grade level since the beginning of the school year. She also recently completed her first AR goal of the year! She's also such a great helper in the classroom. Keep working hard Lilian!"

**Positive Office Referral**

**Ella Goza**



Ella's teachers wrote, "I am amazed at the progress Ella has made this year! Ella is such a hard worker. She constantly participates in class and works hard to have the best work. She is kind to everyone and also plays with everyone. We absolutely adore her!"

**Positive Office Referral**

**Sophie Lynch**



Sophie's teacher wrote, "Sophie comes to class every day ready to learn! Sophie is always making good choices, always working hard, and always has great manners. She is a model student in the classroom, and makes excellent grades on her schoolwork. I am so thankful to have her in our class this year!"

# **PARENTS ARE THE BEST**

The importance of reading to your children



**PLEASE READ TO AND WITH YOUR CHILD  
- NO MATTER THEIR AGE!**





## **FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...**

Hey Parents,

Have you ever heard of MTSS in schools? We want to make sure that you all know what it means and have some working knowledge in case it is brought up in any meetings that you attend!

A Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) integrates all students. It is a process that provides high-quality, research-based instruction targeted to learner needs. Needs are identified by monitoring students' progress. Adjustments to instruction and interventions are based on students' performance and rate of success. MTSS promotes a well integrated system, connecting general, gifted, and special education with intervention and enrichment services. MTSS provides high-quality, standards-based instruction and intervention that is matched to students' academic, social and behavioral needs. MTSS was previously referred to as Response to Intervention.

## Key Principles of MTSS

- Early intervention
- Multi-tiered model of service delivery that provides a continuum of support
- Instruction matched learners' needs
- Progress monitoring data collected regularly to ensure effectiveness of instruction
- Research-based interventions and instruction
- Interventions implemented consistently and correctly

## What is the role of the parent/guardian in MTSS?

Parents play a critical role in supporting what their children are learning in school. Research has demonstrated that the more parents are involved in student learning, the higher the student achievement. Parents can be involved in the process by communicating any concerns to the child's teacher, providing insight into their child's learning and development, and assisting with identified interventions at home.

**ONE TEAM.**

**ONE MISSION.**

**NO EXCUSES.**








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