

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

February 12th-16th, 2024

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow 2/12/24! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

Parents - we truly want your child(ren) at school each and every day; however, we are recently seeing the stomach virus in the school. Our school nurse would like to remind all parents that students need to be fever free and/or vomit free for at least 24 hours before returning to school after an illness. Thanks for helping us to control the spread of illness in the school.

Hopefully, you all had a chance to review your child's progress reports that were sent home last week. Teachers have been and will continue to reach out to the parents of the students that are in their homeroom classes to touch base regarding your child's performance. We need to work together to finish the year out strong!

We are getting a higher number of bus referrals than usual. Please remind your child to follow the instructions of the driver and monitor on the bus. Riding the bus is a privilege and that privilege can be taken away if students do not follow the rules.

Parents - please stay on top of your child's academic grades by checking the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to see their grades. If you do not have a login, please email Dr. Heather Page (hpage@sowegastemcharter.org) to get your login information for your child.

Parents of students that ride buses - PLEASE adhere to the requirements at each location because we cannot afford to lose the places that we are allowed to drop off and pick up at! If you cannot follow the rules, your child will not be able to ride the bus:

- Do not park on the grass or drive on the grass (already received a warning from Miller Supply Co in Cuthbert)

- Do not park near the gas pumps or block entrance of customers (already received 2 warnings from LocStop in Dawson)
- Do not speed through the location
- Be mindful of students exiting the buses
- Do not use profanity or disrespectful language to the drivers, monitors, or other parents and students
- Do not litter

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

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.

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.	*Keep it clean, clean and quiet. *Leave cell phone in the classroom. *Report unsafe conditions to a teacher or staff member.	*Keep hands, feet, and back off the walls. *Pick up trash before getting on another bus. *Play with your feet. *Walk on the right side.	*Follow class instructions. *Pick to leave the classroom. *Keep chair legs on the floor. *Keep hands, feet, belts, and unbelts tucked in yourself.	*Keep hands and feet to yourself. *Play seated. *Sit in seat correctly. *Bottom to bottom and back to back.	*Keep hands and feet to yourself. *Use the playground equipment correctly.
P Persevere Continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty.			*Complete assignments from start to finish. *Do your best complete classwork and homework. *Be proud for your work.		
R Be Respectful Be polite and take the other people's feelings into consideration.	*Give others privacy. *Clean the spill area. *Throw your trash and litter into the garbage.	*Pick forward. *Keep your hands, feet and body off the walls. *Personal property to staff and students. *Pick and hand. *Respect other students, parents, teachers, and staff.	*Respect the way they would want to be treated. *Respect your work. *Pick and hand. *Respect other students, parents, teachers, and staff.	*Respect environment and private property. *Monitor your phone. *Respect your bus driver and monitor. *Respect others when playing. *Follow others the way that you would want to be treated.	*Follow your teacher's directions. *Include others when playing.
R Be Responsible Always strive to do the right thing.	*Pick up trash, keep things in order, clean, and quiet. *Keep your hands and feet to yourself.	*Pick up a straight line. *Pick up trash and litter. *Pick up trash and litter. *Pick up trash and litter. *Pick up trash and litter.	*Keep hands and feet to yourself. *Pick up trash and litter. *Pick up trash and litter. *Pick up trash and litter. *Pick up trash and litter.	*Pick a region before playing. *Pick a region before playing. *Pick a region before playing. *Pick a region before playing. *Pick a region before playing.	*Pick a region before playing. *Pick a region before playing. *Pick a region before playing. *Pick a region before playing. *Pick a region before playing.
Visual Email: 0 - Silent	0 - Silent	0 - Silent	0 - Silent	2 - Aggie Talk	0 - Outside Voice

Aggies are responsible, respectful, safe and persevere.

SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix					
	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus	
S Be Safe Make choices that maintain the emotional and physical safety of our community.	*Wash your hands thoroughly. *Keep hands to self. *Leave cell phone in the classroom.	*Walk on the right. *Maintain safe distance. *Run free zone.	*Follow class expectations. *Ask to leave the classroom. *Keep chair legs on the floor. *Cell-Free Zone.	*Keep hands to self - No touch zone. *Play seated. *Sit in seat correctly - Bottom to bottom and back to back.	
P Persevere Continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty.			*Complete assignments - start to finish. *Do your best - complete classwork and homework.		
R Be Respectful Be polite and take the other people's feelings into consideration.	*Give others privacy. *Throw your trash and personal items in the garbage.	*Pick forward. *Allow students to learn while passing classrooms. *Administer walls and work with your eyes only.	*Be an active learner (read, write, speak, or listen). *Set goals for your learning. *Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas. *Respect your classmates.	*Respect environment and private property. *Walk in appropriate areas. *Monitor your handbagging. *Respect your bus driver and monitor.	
R Be Responsible Always strive to do the right thing.	*Keep it clean, quiet, and safe. *Report any issues immediately to an adult.	*Get where you're going when walking with your class, stay in line. *Avoid duty and be on time. *Stay on task. *Be prepared. *Complete make-up work when it's due.	*Respect your bus driver's rules. *Request problems right away to the adult.	*Remember your belongings. *Follow your bus driver's rules. *Request problems right away to the adult.	
Visual Email: 0 - Silent	0 - Silent	0 - Silent	0 - Silent	2 - Partner Talk	

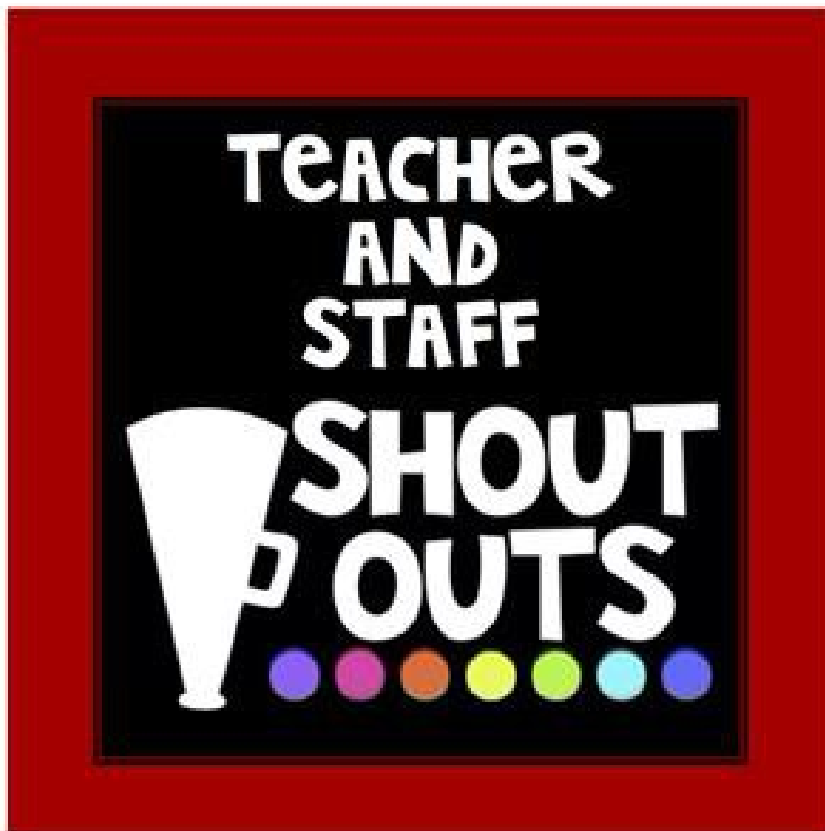
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SGSC Vision

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.



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/A8UJaB1268TKqx6N17>. 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!

AGGIE STAFF SHOUT OUT



MRS. LEIGH ANN
WALTON

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA
STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**



23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2023-24

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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 6-9	Fall Break/Columbus Day	Dec 18- Jan 2	Christmas Break	May 17, 2024	Last Day of School
Oct 9, 2023	Columbus Day	Jan 15, 2024	Martin L. King Day		

SGSC Cafeteria Information

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



SCHOOL FOODS MENU

for the week of:

February 12th-16th, 2024



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><u>BREAKFAST</u></p> <p>Strawberry Bagel w/ Cream Cheese</p> <p>Cereal Fruit Milk</p>	<p><u>BREAKFAST</u></p> <p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Cereal Fruit Milk</p>	<p><u>BREAKFAST</u></p> <p>Banana Loaf w/ Yogurt</p> <p>Cereal Fruit Milk</p>	<p><u>BREAKFAST</u></p> <p>Pancake and Sausage Stick</p> <p>Cereal Fruit Milk</p>	<p><u>BREAKFAST</u></p> <p>TEACHER WORK- DAY</p> <p>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</p>
<p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Rib Sandwich or PBJ Black-eyed Peas French Fries Carrot Sticks/Ranch Fruit Milk</p>	<p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Salisbury Steak or PBJ Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Fruit Milk</p>	<p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Chicken Sandwich w/ Lettuce or PBJ Baked Beans Tater Tots Broccoli w/ Ranch Fruit Milk</p>	<p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Pizza or PBJ Corn Carrots w/ Ranch Fruit Milk</p>	<p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>TEACHER WORK- DAY</p> <p>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

Mark your Calendars

February 12th-16th - Pre-K Registration for the 24-25 school year

February 14th - Valentine's Day deliveries will be made

February 15th - Soccer Game @ SGSC vs. Furlow Charter - 5:00 pm

February 16th - Teacher Workday - No School for Students

February 16th - Varsity Baseball Game @ Quitman County - 3:30 pm/5:30 pm

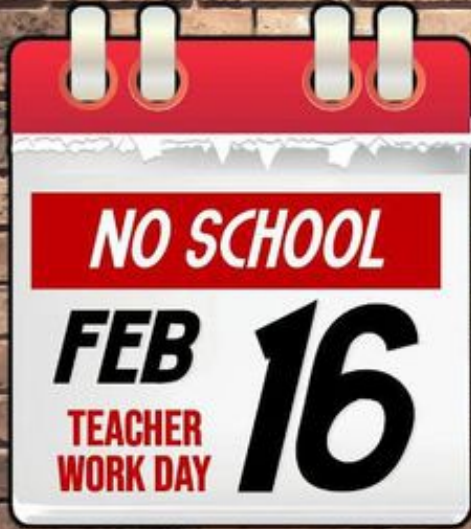
February 16th - Middle School Baseball Game @ SGSC vs. Early Co. - 4:30 pm

February 17th - Pre-K through 5th Grade Dance - Ties and Tiaras - Shellman Depot (girls and adult date)

February 19th - President's Day - NO SCHOOL



Reminder:
NO SCHOOL
Friday & Monday



We will see our Achievers on Tuesday, **FEB 20**

AGGIES VARSITY 2024 BASEBALL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16	AWAY	@ GUTMAN	3:30-5:00 PM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20	AWAY	@ BACOTTON	4:30 PM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22	AWAY	@ WEBSTER	4:30 PM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23	HOME	VS. BACOTTON	4:30 PM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27	HOME	VS. PCA	4:00 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 1	AWAY	@ PCA	6:00 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 5	AWAY	@ EARLY	5:30 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 8	HOME	VS. EARLY	4:30 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 12	AWAY	@ MILLER (DRI)	4:30-6:30 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 15	HOME	VS. TERRELL	4:30 PM
MONDAY, MARCH 18	HOME	VS. CALHOUN	4:30 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 19	HOME	VS. STEWART	4:30 PM
THURSDAY, MARCH 21	AWAY	@ STEWART	4:30 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 26	AWAY	@ TERRELL	4:30 PM
THURSDAY, MARCH 28	HOME	VS. WEBSTER	4:30 PM
TUESDAY, APRIL 9	HOME	VS. SEMINOLE	4:00 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 12	AWAY	@ SEMINOLE	5:30 PM
TUESDAY, APRIL 16	HOME	VS. RANDOLPH	4:30 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 19	AWAY	@ RANDOLPH	5:00 PM

AGGIES MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL

2024

FRIDAY, FEB 16	HOME	VS. EARLY	4:30 PM
TUESDAY, FEB 20	HOME	VS. MILLER	4:30 PM
TUESDAY, FEB 27	AWAY	@ TERRELL	4:30 PM
FRIDAY, MAR 1	AWAY	@ PCA	4:00 PM
TUESDAY, MAR 5	AWAY	@ CLAY	4:30 PM
TUESDAY, MAR 12	HOME	VS. CLAY	4:30 PM
THURS, MAR 14	HOME	VS. TERRELL	4:30 PM
MONDAY, MAR 18	AWAY	@ EARLY	4:30 PM
MONDAY, MAR 25	HOME	VS. PCA	4:00 PM
THURS, MAR 28	AWAY	@ MILLER	4:30 PM

AGGIES 2024 SOCCER

Varsity Girls

THURSDAY	FEB 15	5:00 PM	HOME	FURLLOW CHARTER
TUESDAY	FEB 20	6:00 PM	HOME	CHATTCO
TUESDAY	FEB 27	5:00 PM	AWAY	BACOTTON CHARTER
WEDNESDAY	MAR 6	5:00 PM	HOME	FURLLOW CHARTER
THURSDAY	MAR 7	6:00 PM	HOME	SOUTHLAND ACADEMY
TUESDAY	MAR 12	5:00 PM	HOME	BACOTTON CHARTER
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	6:00 PM	AWAY	SOUTHLAND ACADEMY
THURSDAY	APRIL 11	6:00 PM	AWAY	CHATTCO

AGGIES Reminder: NO SCHOOL Friday & Monday

We will see our Achievers on Tuesday, **FEB 20**

and Ties and Tiaras Dance

Sat, FEB 17
6:00-8:00pm
at The Depot in Shellman

Tickets: \$10 per couple
*Send money to school with student or stop by the SSC Front Office to pay

*Light refreshments will be served.

We invite all of our little ladies in grades Pre-K through 5th grade to bring a special adult of their choice (Daddy, Grandpa, Uncle, etc.)

AGGIES VALENTINE NOTICE:

Students may receive deliveries on Valentine's Day.
We just ask that you be mindful of how student will get the items home at the end of the school day.

BUS RIDERS ARE REMINDED:
NO BALLOONS may be taken home on the bus (safety hazard)
NO LARGE STUFFED ANIMALS on the bus (space limitations)



JOIN THE SGSC TEAM

SCHOOL NUTRITION MANAGER



COMPETITIVE SALARY

APPLY TODAY!

Must haves:

- 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@sowegastemcharter.org or
Lori Wilson lwilson@sowegastemcharter.org for more information

Aggie Adventures



AGGIES **POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL**



LYDA EDWARDS

Lyda's teacher wrote: "Lyda is thoughtful, respectful, and personable. She quietly gets her work done and gets along with others in her class with grace."

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES **POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL**



NATALIE HICKS

Natalie's teacher wrote: "Natalie is such a joy to teach! She comes in each morning with a smile on her face - ready to learn! She is very respectful and kindhearted. Natalie is also very helpful in class. She represents the model student daily. I am proud to be her teacher; she is doing an outstanding job in my class!"

AGGIE ACHIEVERS



I ❤️ SCHOOL I ❤️ SCHOOL

8TH GRADE PARENT MEETING
TUESDAY, FEB 6

WHO: 8th grade students and their parents/guardians
 WHERE: 1024 Auditorium
 TIME: 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm
 * All parents/guardians must sign in at the entrance.
 * All students must be present for high school and a student ID card is required.
 * High schoolers are not permitted.



A collage of photos from an 8th grade parent meeting. The photos show students and parents interacting at tables, with a sign in the background that reads "I ❤️ SCHOOL".





Video of the Week

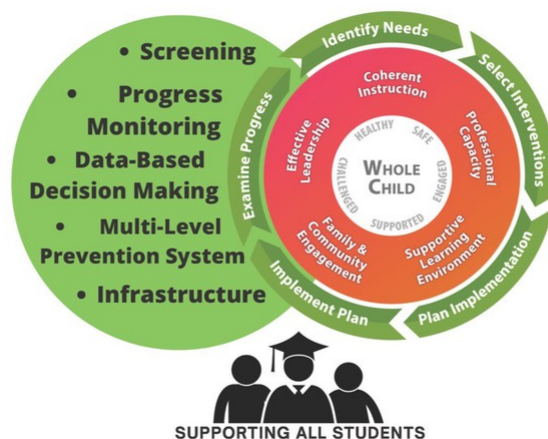
A simple lesson for your child related to their Self Worth...

A Clever Lesson In Self Worth





From the MTSS Coordinator



From our MTSS Coordinator....

Parents,

We've had a great week at SGSC! We've celebrated behavior the Aggie Achiever way by having a PBIS celebration for those students earning 100+ points. Achievers attending the celebration have demonstrated behaviors that are safe, respectful and responsible. The past two weeks, you've been able to read some examples for being respectful and responsible. But what about being safe? I know that being "safe" sounds pretty straight forward, but there may be some things that you haven't thought of.

1. **Learn the school's emergency procedures.** Emergency plans and phone numbers are usually included in school handbooks. Taking a few extra minutes to familiarize yourself and your

child with emergency information can give him the confidence he needs to act quickly in emergency situations.

2. **Know and follow school security and safety measures.** These might include signing in when visiting the school, being escorted when walking through the building, or wearing a visitor pass. Following these procedures also sets a great example for your kids.
3. **Inform school staff about health and emotional concerns.** Whether your child has a food allergy, a physical disability, or has been subject to bullying make sure to keep your child's teachers and principal in the loop.

Safety First,

Leslie Presley

"Be safe, Be respectful, Be responsible."



News from the Graduation Coach...

Happy Sunday! We are excited to start another week with our achievers. This semester is flying by, and we want all our achievers to succeed! Please continue to ask about and check grades in Infinite Campus. I am sharing some things below for seniors to consider during February-

- Check with the financial aid offices of the colleges where you have applied and ensure they have everything they need from you.
- Ensure you know the deposit deadlines for the college you will commit to

- Check your selective service status for those of you heading into the military.

As always, please reach out if I can help with anything! Have a great week!

Courtney Greenway

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



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