

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 13TH-17TH, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Everyone,

We are so excited to see our students this week! We are seeing such great improvement from the students throughout each grade level. We will continue to push forward through these hard times to be able to make those gains with all students!

Parents - please make sure that you are attempting to reach out to the teachers before emailing or calling myself or Ms. McBride with issues related to your child's behavior and academics. The relationship between the parent and teacher is SO important. They are the ones that are spending the most time with your child each day, grading their assignments, and monitoring their behavior. They will be able to help you much quicker than we will. We want to strengthen the important relationship between the parent and teacher. Of course, we will always be there, but our first question will be "Have you spoken to the teacher?"

This week, we had a much lower number of COVID cases in the school (only adding 1 positive case to the existing 2 cases from the previous week) and much lower quarantines due to a large number of students returning on Monday, September 13th. Thank you for all of the support as we move forward!

If your child has to quarantine due to COVID exposure, please have your child complete their assignments in Google Classroom. The teachers are adding items into these classrooms, but so far - hardly any students are completing the work. The teachers are working really hard to keep the content moving along while students are quarantining - please make sure your child is logging in and getting the assignments completed! Also, the Google Classroom assignments are for those students that are quarantined due to COVID exposure or a positive test, the Google Classroom is not an option for students that have an appointment or go out of town, etc. and will be out of school. Thank you all and if there are questions, please email me: galmon@sowegastemcharter.org.

We are so thankful to our staff for all that they are doing to serve those in person and those that are quarantining! 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

COVID UPDATE FROM SGSC FOR 9-13-21

COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 9/13/2021

Positive Cases:

Staff - 0

Students - 3

Quarantines:

Staff - 0

Students - 3

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

These figures are based on what will happen on Monday, September 13th. Also, please keep in mind that some of the positive cases are remaining on the count because we leave them up for the two weeks - these are not necessarily new COVID cases - some may also be from last week. 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.

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!

age of COVID, many students are experiencing environmental stress (wearing masks, social distancing), new pressures (inconsistent schedules, family stress), and academic expectations (online learning, navigating digital platforms) - they are anxious and stressed out! Other contributing factors may include a combination of school, family, and child dynamics. All of these big feelings may present themselves as emotional distress (crying, begging, worrying), somatic complaints (sleep issues, headaches, stomach pain, etc) or as behaviors (clinginess, tardiness, classroom disruptions, skipping school, etc). The good news is there are ways to identify and work through the anxiety that presents itself in school refusal and avoidance!

Talk It Through

- Externalize the anxiety - How does the get in the way of you attending school? When is in charge and when are you in charge?

Home Help

- Establish routines (bedtime, wake time, mealtime, homework time, etc.)! It is helpful for weekday routines to mimic routine at school. If it is a home-learning day routine should still be followed.
- Set clear expectations. Students must go to school or be doing your home learning during school times unless physical symptoms are severe enough to warrant a doctor visit.

School Strategies

- Make it a team approach. Who are the people who should be involved and working together for this student? Differing perspectives are important in considering the root causes!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 13th - Middle School Softball @ Clay County at 4:30 pm

September 14th - Middle School Softball against Clay County in Shellman at 4:30 pm

September 15th - Varsity Softball against Terrell County in Shellman at 4:30 pm (Double Header)

September 16th - Middle School Softball @ Terrell County at 4:30 pm

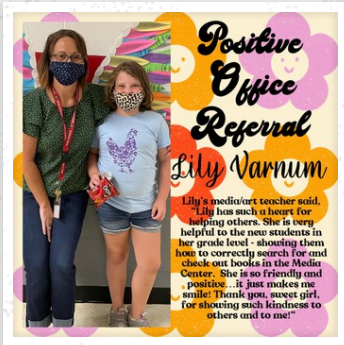
September 18th - Middle School Softball @ Spring Creek Charter School at 10:00 am

September 18th - Cross Country @ Marion County XC Invitational at 8:00 am

September 29th - School Picture Day - all grades

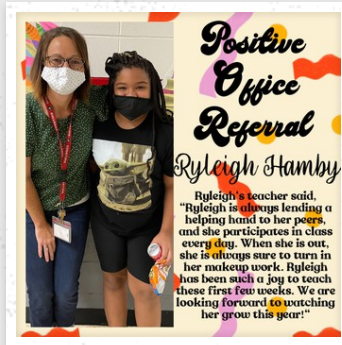
October 8th-11th - Fall Break

Aggie Adventures



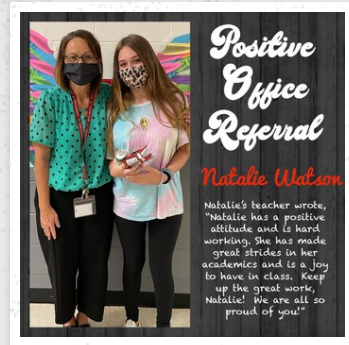
Positive Office Referral
Lily Varnum

Lily's mediant teacher said, "Lily has such a heart for helping others. She is very helpful to the new students in her grade level - showing them how to correctly search for and check-out books in the Media Center. She is so friendly and positive...it just makes me smile. Thank you, sweet girl, for showing such kindness to others and to me!"




Positive Office Referral
Ryleigh Hamby

Ryleigh's teacher said, "Ryleigh is always lending a helping hand to her peers, and she participates in class every day. When she is out, she is always sure to turn in her makeup work. Ryleigh has been such a joy to teach these first few weeks. We are looking forward to watching her grow this year!"




Positive Office Referral
Natalie Watson

Natalie's teacher wrote, "Natalie has a positive attitude and is hard working. She has made great strides in her academics and is a joy to have in class. Keep up the great work, Natalie! We are all so proud of you!"




Positive Office Referral
Jason Hicks

Jason's teacher wrote, "Jason has been a model student from day one. He comes to school daily ready to learn! He is kind, respectful and cooperative. He is polite to his teachers and classmates. Jason also does an outstanding job with his art work. He is such a joy to teach! I am very proud of his progress."



Positive Office Referral
Joni Fuller

Joni's media arts teacher wrote, "Joni is such a helper. She is always helping others find books they might enjoy. She has also learned all the different genres and is great at filling the returned books. Thank you, Joni, for all you do!"



Positive Office Referral
Rose Barley

Rose's teacher wrote, "Rose comes to class with a smile and a kind word for everyone. Her work is exemplary. Every day she is focused and works hard at the tasks given to her by her teachers. She has a kind and caring nature that sets her apart."




Positive Office Referral
Natalie Hunter



Natalie's teacher wrote, "Natalie has done great in first grade so far. She is so sweet to her classmates and is always looking to do the right thing. She works so hard each day. I love being her teacher!"



Miss Julie

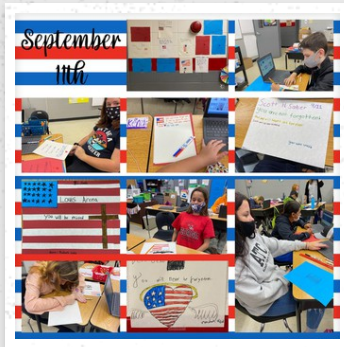
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GRANDPARENT'S DAY VIDEO

Grandparent's Day





FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES...

Hello Parents,

We know that when students are quarantined, it can be difficult for them to get their school work complete. Oftentimes, this is because a school day is more structured than a student's typical summer or weekend day at home. Which is absolutely understandable!

There are several different ways that you can schedule your student's day during quarantine periods to ensure they get their school work completed and don't fall behind due to being absent. Below are a couple of websites that provide schedules that may be helpful for the academic success of your child. Of course, these can be adapted to meet your family's needs.



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