

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

January 29th-February 2nd, 2024

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow 1/29/24! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

Parents - please speak with your children about the dress code. We are specifically having problems with the following portions of the dress code at the middle and high school levels:

7. Leggings, jeggings, tights, yoga pants, stretch pants, and spandex pants are not permissible to be worn as stand-alone apparel.

8. Leggings, jeggings, or tights can only be worn under clothing that already meets dress code requirements in length and appropriateness (i.e. leggings, jeggings, and tights should not be worn under shorts or dresses that do not already meet length requirements).

17. Hats, caps, bandanas, headbands, and sweat bands, and hoods attached to hoodies, and all other head coverings are not allowed to be worn in the classroom or in any other part of the building.

The following clothing apparel and accessories are prohibited: Pants: Torn jeans or jeans with holes which expose skin more than 4 inches above the knee, cut-offs, pajama pants, sagging pants, leggings, jeggings, tights, yoga pants, stretch pants, and spandex pants worn as stand-alone apparel, sweat pants, and pants with writing across the seat of the pants.

We are working together to address these violations, but we need your help. Lately, when addressing the dress code violations - particularly hats - students have been showing a level of disrespect toward the staff members addressing the violation. We want our focus to be on education and academics when students are in school. We need your help in making sure that students are dressed appropriately each day, so we can all keep our focus where it needs to be. Thank you for your help with this matter!

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.

Please speak with your child about behavior as we begin the third quarter of school. We would like to have a lesser amount of referrals as we work toward the end of the year. Some of the most prominent behaviors that we saw during the first nine weeks included - vapes, disrespect toward others, and disruption of the classroom and learning. There are some non-negotiable behaviors that will not be tolerated on the first offense to include drugs and credible threats to others. It is imperative that we speak about these behaviors, so students will understand that consequences will be applied.

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

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.	*Wash hands thoroughly *Follow all posted signs in the classroom *Report unsafe conditions to a teacher or staff member	*Wash hands, feet, and body of the walls *Take a break before opening an outside door *Stay with your line *Walk on the right side	*Follow class expectations *Pack to leave the classroom *Place things on the floor *Place hands, feet, objects, and unkind comments to yourself	*Keep hands and feet to yourself *Place seat *Sit in seat correctly *Return 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 *Get goals for your learning		
R Be Respectful Be polite and take the other people's feelings into consideration.	*Use others' personal items *Clear the staff desk *Throw your trash and personal items in the garbage	*Stand forward *Place your hands, feet and body off the walls *Respect privacy to self and others	*Respect environment and private property *Respect other students *Place and monitor *Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas *Welcome new students	*Respect environment and private property *Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas *Watch others when playing *Watch others the way that you would want to be treated	*Follow your teacher's directions *Include others when playing *Watch others the way that you would want to be treated
R Be Responsible Always strive to do the right thing.	*Put back what you borrow *Report broken items and lost items *Report trash and items that are not yours	*Place a request for the work you need to do *Use supplies in an appropriate way	*Put trash and items in the trash *Put books and supplies in the proper area *Use supplies in an appropriate way *Report broken items and lost items *Report problems right away to a teacher *Put things in the proper area	*Put a broken item in the trash *Report broken items and lost items *Report problems right away to a teacher *Put things in the proper area	*Put a broken item in the trash *Report broken items and lost items *Report problems right away to a teacher *Put things in the proper area
Legend	0 - Silent	0 - Silent	0 - Silent	1 - Personal Talk	0 - Outside Voice

Aggies are reasonable, respectful, safe and perseverant.

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 hands thoroughly *Keep hands to self *Leave cell phone in the classroom	*Walk on the right *Maintain safe distance *Plum-free zone	*Follow class expectations *Ask to leave the classroom *Place their legs on the floor *Cell-Free Zone	*Keep hands to self - No touch zone *Stay 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.	*Use others' personal items *Throw your trash and personal items in the garbage	*Stand forward *Place your hands, feet and body off the walls *Respect privacy to self and others	*Respect environment and private property *Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas *Welcome new students	*Respect environment and private property *Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas *Watch others when playing *Watch others the way that you would want to be treated
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Aggies are responsible, respectful, safe and perseverant.

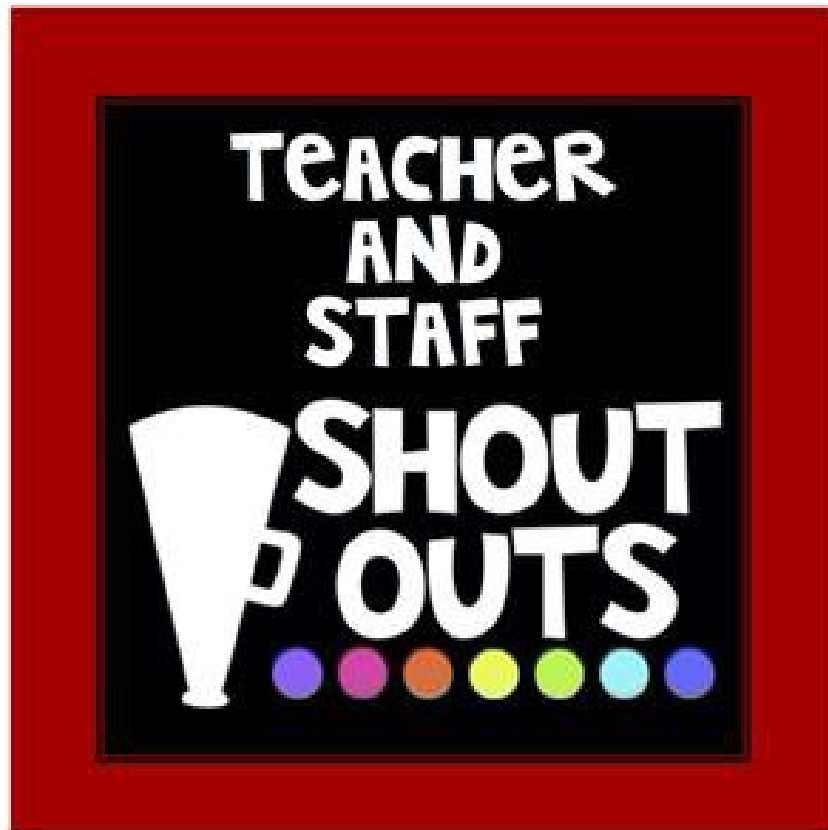
SGSC Vision

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/A8UaB1268TKqx6N17>. 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!



23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2023-24

July 2023							August 2023							September 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024						
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April 2024							May 2024							June 2024						
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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!

JANUARY 2024 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School					BREAKFAST
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
New Year's Break	New Year's Break	Teacher Workday	Banana/Waffle or Cereal	Strawberry Bagel or Cereal	
Super Honey Bun or Cereal	Chicken/Waffle or Cereal	Banana/Waffle or Cereal	Sausage Biscuit or Cereal	Strawberry Bagel or Cereal	
Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	
Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	
M.E.E. Holiday	Chicken/Biscuit or Cereal	Pancake/Sausage Stick	Sausage Biscuit or Cereal	Super Honey Bun or Cereal	
	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	
	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	
Banana/Waffle or Cereal	Sausage Biscuit or Cereal	Strawberry Bagel or Cereal	Chicken/Waffle or Cereal	Super Honey Bun or Cereal	
Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	
Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	
Banana/Waffle or Cereal	Chicken/Biscuit or Cereal	Pancake/Sausage Stick	Pancake/Sausage Stick		
Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit	Choice of Fruit		
Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk		

AGS SCHOOL FOODS MENU for the week of: January 29th - February 2nd, 2024				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
Strawberry Bagel	Chicken Biscuit	Pancake/Sausage Stick	Sausage Biscuit	Super Honey Bun
Cereal	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Pizza or PBJ	Hamburger Steak or PBJ	BBQ Rib Sandwich or PBJ	Chicken Nuggets or PBJ	Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich or PBJ
Corn	Mashed Potatoes	Baked Beans	Mac-N-Cheese	Chips
Side Salad	Green Beans	Broccoli Florets/Ranch	Steamed Broccoli	Sweet Peas
Carrot Sticks/Ranch	Roll	Fruit	Black-eyed Peas	Carrot Sticks/Ranch
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk

JANUARY 2024 Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School					LUNCH
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
New Year's Break	New Year's Break	Teacher Workday	Turkey	Hot/Cheese Sandwich	
Pizza or PBJ	Chicken Sandwich or PBJ	Pasta Salad or PBJ	Hot/Cheese Sandwich	Chicken Potatoes	
Corn	Mac & Cheese	Green Beans	Chips	Mac & Cheese	
Side Salad	Sweet Potato	Garlic Bread	Mac & Cheese	Green Beans	
Carrot Sticks/Ranch	Choice of Milk & Fruit	Choice of Milk & Fruit	Choice of Milk & Fruit	Choice of Milk & Fruit	
M.E.E. Holiday	Pizza or PBJ	Orange Chicken or PBJ	BBQ Rib Sandwich or PBJ	Hamburger Steak or PBJ	
	Corn	Roll	Mac & Cheese	Mashed Potatoes	
	Carrot Sticks/Ranch	Broccoli	Choice of Milk & Fruit	Roll	
Pizza or PBJ	Chicken Sandwich or PBJ	Chicken Potatoes	Hot/Cheese Sandwich	Hot/Cheese Sandwich	
Corn	Mac & Cheese	Green Beans	Chips	Chips	
Side Salad	Sweet Potato	Garlic Bread	Mac & Cheese	Mac & Cheese	
Carrot Sticks/Ranch	Choice of Milk & Fruit	Choice of Milk & Fruit	Choice of Milk & Fruit	Choice of Milk & Fruit	
Pizza or PBJ	Hamburger Steak or PBJ	Pasta Salad or PBJ	Hot/Cheese Sandwich	Hot/Cheese Sandwich	
Corn	Mashed Potatoes	Green Beans	Chips	Chips	
Side Salad	Green Beans	Garlic Bread	Mac & Cheese	Mac & Cheese	
Carrot Sticks/Ranch	Roll	Choice of Milk & Fruit	Choice of Milk & Fruit	Choice of Milk & Fruit	

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

Mark your Calendars

January 22nd - February 9th - SGSC Open Enrollment for the 24-25 school year

January 30th - Middle and Varsity Basketball Pictures

February 1st - Varsity Basketball games at SGSC vs. CHESS - 6:00 pm - Senior Night

February 6th - 8th grade PARENT MEETING from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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

AGGIES VARSITY 2024 BASEBALL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16	AWAY	@ QUINN	3:30-6:30 PM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20	AWAY	@ BACONTON	4:30 PM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22	AWAY	@ WEBSTER	4:30 PM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23	HOME	VS. BACONTON	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 (DH)	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	@ TERRELL	4:30 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 26	AWAY	@ WEBSTER	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	5:30 PM



AGGIES SERVICE PROJECT

SGSC GIFTED CLASSES
benefitting the **HOLDING HOPE ANIMAL RESCUE**

SGSC students in our gifted classes are sponsoring a service project to gather items for the local animal rescue program, Holding Hope.

HERE ARE A LIST OF ITEMS THAT CAN BE **DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL:**

BLUE DAWN DISH DETERGENT	MOP BUCKETS
DRY DOG FOOD (Purina Pro Plan - NOT chicken and rice as our dogs are allergic)	ANY DOG MEDICATIONS YOU NO LONGER NEED: (Flea/Tick prevention (Doravomer - Panacur, pyrantel, ivermectin, Heartworm prevention (Iberol supplements
PURINA ONE (NOT chicken due to allergies)	XXL OR XL PUPPY PEEPER PADS
DRY PUPPY FOOD (Purina Pro, Purina One Puppy or Hill and Science Diet Puppy)	RESBIE DISINFECTANT
WET DOG FOOD (cans or trays)	PROBIOTICS
CLEANING SUPPLIES (paper towels, rags/sponges, scrub brushes, etc)	HEATERS, HEAT LAMPS, & FANS for Outdoor Kennels
OLD TOWELS & BLANKETS	SUNSHADES or COVERS for Outdoor Kennels
DOG TOYS & TREATS	
GARBAGE BAGS	
LAUNDRY DETERGENT (Any HE approved)	
6 FT OR GREATER LEASHES or SLIP LEADS	
MOPS	

WE NEED YOU

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT SGSC BY FRIDAY, FEB 2



AGGIES MIDDLE SCHOOL 2024 BASEBALL

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





8TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA
STEM CHARTER SCHOOL**

TUESDAY, FEB 6

WHO: 8th grade students and their parents/guardians

WHERE: SGSC Auditorium

TIME: 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

- Review your child's current progress with academics and behavior.
- Learn about Georgia Milestones Assessment expectations.
- Discuss upcoming requirements for high school and graduation.

*Light refreshments will be served

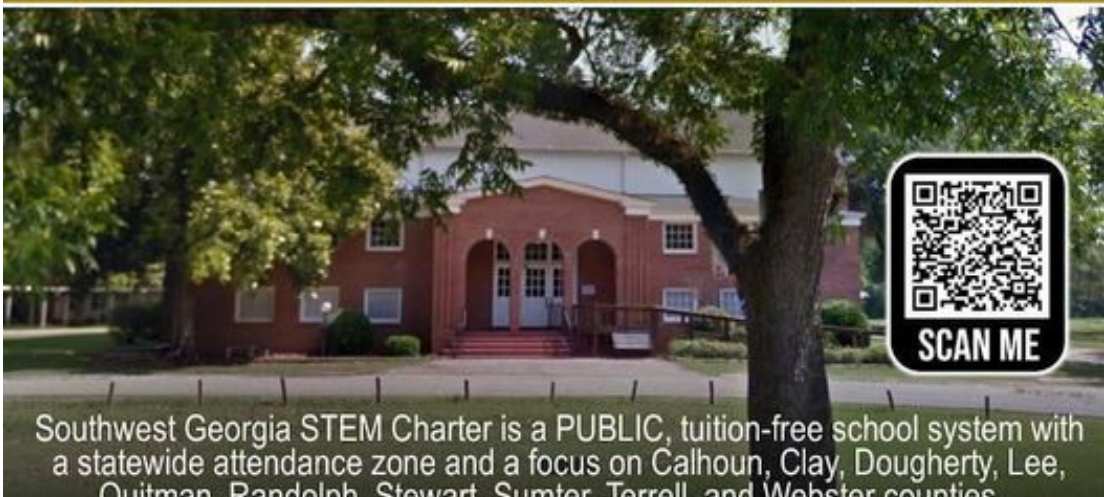


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Register any **NEW** students in grades Kindergarten - 12th grade

REGISTRATION FORMS: [HTTPS://WWW.SWGEORGIASTEMCHARTER.COM/ADMISSIONS](https://www.swgeorgiastemcharter.com/admissions)



Southwest Georgia STEM Charter is a PUBLIC, tuition-free school system with a statewide attendance zone and a focus on Calhoun, Clay, Dougherty, Lee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell, and Webster counties.

Aggie Adventures



AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

Alex's teacher wrote: "Alex is an excellent student! He is working very hard this year for all of his teachers. He is making a lot of growth in reading and math. He is always helping those around him, including his teachers. Thank you, Alex, for being an awesome Aggie Achiever!"

ALEX HATLEY

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

Michael's teacher wrote: "MJ has earned this positive office referral for so many reasons. The amount of growth he has made this year is incredible! He is reading independently, and I couldn't be prouder of him. His behavior has improved as well. He is embodying the Aggie Way! Keep it up, MJ!"

MICHAEL JOHNSON

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

Kohen's teacher wrote: "Kohen has been rocking our measurement unit in math. He has been speeding through his work with ease. He offers to help his classmates with their work when they need it! I am so proud of him and love seeing him so confident!"

KOHEN THOMPSON

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

Kenzie's teacher wrote: "Kenzie is always willing to work with anyone I ask her to, and even when I don't ask her she always offers to help others. The other day I put her beside a new student and she was very sweet to help her out when she needed it. I am so thankful to have Kenzie in my class to be an example of how an Aggie Achiever should act!"

KENZIE CROWDIS

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIES POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

Madeline's teachers wrote: "Madeline is a delight to teach. She works very hard in the classroom. She is also very polite and loves to help others. Another teacher recently commented on how Madeline was walking in line with her class and she stopped to allow the teacher to walk by. Also, every afternoon Madeline takes the time to help a classmate get his belongings organized and together before he goes home. She is showing all the Aggie ways: responsible, respectful, and safe everyday. Way to go, Madeline!"

Another teacher wrote: "Madeline Jackson is an outstanding example of an Aggie Achiever. I wanted to give her a public 'Thank You' for showing up with her respect for others. As I was trying to return to my room, the fifth grade class was walking right across the route. I was waiting patiently for them to pass when Madeline noticed and stopped and allowed me to pass. I can tell you I really appreciated her kindness and manners. Way to go!"

MADELINE JACKSON

AGGIE ACHIEVERS

AGGIE STAFF SHOUT OUT

MS. HALEY KINTZINGER

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL

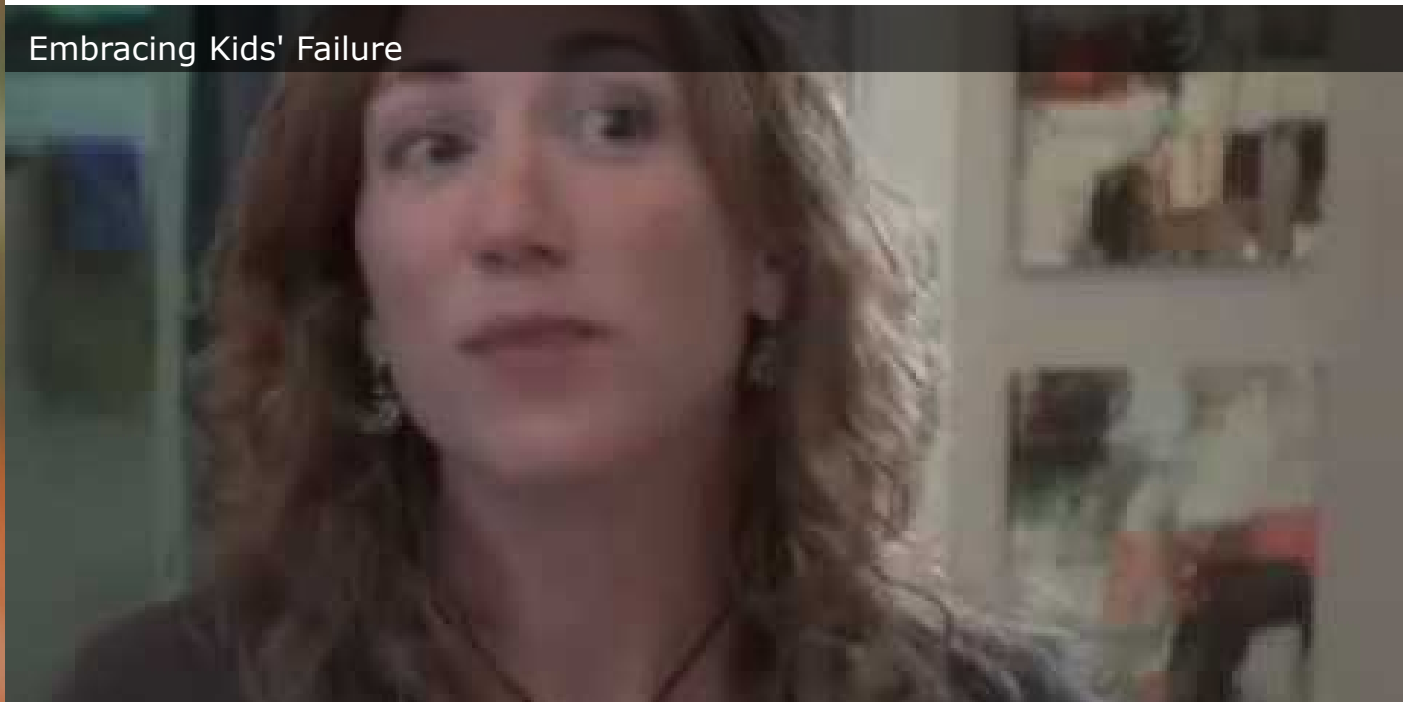




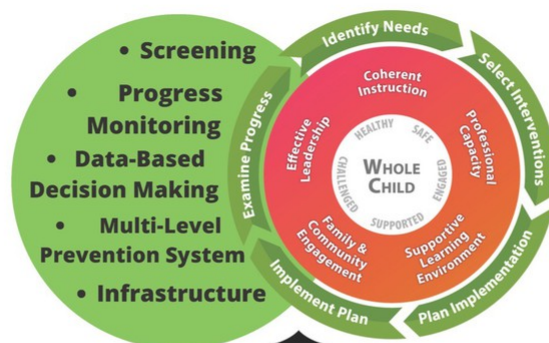
Video of the Week

Embrace your child's failure...

Embracing Kids' Failure



From the MTSS Coordinator



From our MTSS Coordinator...

Hope you all have been communicating with your child regarding what it means to be respectful. It is my hope that all of our students are being safe, respectful and responsible. As we know, sometimes all it takes is a conversation to make a child aware of the importance of being respectful to others. Just a reminder that our next PBIS celebration will be here before we know it! Students must earn 100 points to attend the celebration. I have heard that this next celebration will have something to do with hot chocolate. Your kids won't want to miss that! This week, let's all focus on modeling responsibility. We certainly are not perfect people, but what if we really focus on the modeling piece of teaching our kids to be responsible? What would that look like? We can start by showing up for events on time and honoring the promises we make. Children will learn that responsible people are also reliable people, people they can trust. We should demonstrate responsibility in our actions and then talk to our children about the things we do as a responsible adult. I would LOVE to hear how these conversations are going with your child. Please feel free to email me at lpresley@sowegastemcharter.org to share what those conversations were like at your house.

It takes a village,

Leslie Presley



News from the Graduation Coach...

I will continue to share important reminders below. The focus for all high school achievers should be to show up daily, be prepared, and work hard in the classroom. This will keep them on track to reaching their goals.

Here are some friendly reminders for our seniors:

- I had three students return forms for our FAFSA assistance appointments. If you meant to turn that in and did not, please contact me on Monday by the end of the day.
- If you are meeting with Katie Minich, please see below what you must bring. I will confirm your appointment time with you this week.

Both the student and the parent will need to establish their FSA ID at least three days before the meeting if they do not already have one established. Here is the link from Federal Student Aid to establish their FSA ID. <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

Here is a list of items they may need to complete their FAFSA form.

Gathering the Documents Needed To Apply

2024–25 FAFSA® Form

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the 2024–25 FAFSA form:

- Your parents' SSNs if you're a [dependent student](#)
- Tax returns **2022**
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farm

I am here to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out. Have a great week!

Courtney Greenway



Hey Aggie Parents!

I have heard many teachers share that parents are curious and interested in helping their child increase his or her MAP scores by the end of the year. Well, I have just the thing that is proven over and over throughout the years to do just that!

Research shows that people (not just students) who read 20 minutes a day have a stronger vocabulary, a deeper ability for comprehension, and are more skilled in writing. A book is the best example a child can have when it comes to how words are correctly spelled, how sentences are formed, how stories are structured (beginning, middle, end, plot, conflict, resolution, etc), and how stronger vocabulary is used appropriately. Reading books is also proven to help a child think independently and make predictions by using the stories clues along the way.

In addition, a child who shares what they just read to another person, strengthens the child's ability to sequence details in order, and restate the main ideas of what the author is trying to say. All of the skills mentioned above are skills that our MAP test assesses our students on throughout the year. I promise that if you set aside 20 minutes Monday - Friday for your child to read, you will see growth in their end of the year MAP and Milestones assessments.

To help support our student population's growth of reading, students in grades K-12 participate in Accelerated Reader. Each time a student reads a book, he or she can take an AR test and are awarded points or words towards their classroom goals. Students who meet their goals at the end of each semester are awarded with a cost free field trip!! Our teachers have updated the AR goals for this semester, which are listed below. Please share these goals with your child and as a family, work at encouraging your child to meet his or her goal.

Grade Level	Semester Goal
Kindergarten	5000 words
First Grade	18,000 words
Second Grade	38,000 words
Third Grade	60,000 words
Fourth Grade	80,000 words
Fifth Grade	250,000 words
Middle and High School	40 points (This is different than word count)

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