SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 5TH-8TH, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow on 9/5/23! We hope you all were able to enjoy your child(ren) an extra day this week. We will be ready for them all to return on Tuesday and pick up where we left off - with the best instructional practices around!

Parents - I need your help! It is sad to see that we have Achievers damaging our school property. We have had items such as toilets, Chromebooks, bathroom doors, and towel dispensers broken. I intend to crack down on these offenders. There will be automatic suspensions and payment due for items damaged as we move forward. Please support our efforts by speaking with your child about the importance of school pride. Thanks for your help with this!

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.

Cell phones are not allowed to be used at school. They must remain in your child's backpack or bag. Please see information below. On the buses, your child may use his/her cell phone if they follow these rules: No pictures or videos should be made on the bus, no pictures or videos should be uploaded to social media on the bus, no loud noises from phones - must have ear buds or headphones. IF our Achievers can follow those rules, cell phones will be permitted on the bus. IF our Achievers cannot follow those rules, we will not allow cell phones on the bus. So, please encourage your child to follow the bus rules regarding cell phone usage. Thank you!

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/BxUiUi5vjRDb92sj9. 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

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R Be Responsible iways strive to do the right thing.	"Keep it clean, quick, and quiet "Report any issues immediately to an adult 0 - Silent	"Get where you're going "When walking with your class, stay in line	*Amend daily and be on time *Stay on task *Be prepared *Complete make-up work within time limit	*Remember your belongings *Follow your bus driver's rules *Report problems right away to an adult 2 - Partner Talk





23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR



SGSC CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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





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FROM DR. SMITH...

September is School Attendance Awareness Month!!

School attendance is a powerful predictor of student outcomes. In fact, irregular attendance can be a better predictor of whether students will drop out of school before graduation than test scores, according to the US Department of Education. When children are absent from school, they miss out on consistent instruction that is needed to develop basic skills. Children in early grades are particularly susceptible to falling behind in fundamental reading skills, which can have a snowball effect that impacts future learning.

Poor attendance can also have a negative effect on social and emotional development. For example, students who are chronically absent in the early years of their education may not learn crucial school readiness skills (abilities such as critical thinking, problem solving, and creative thinking), and can fall behind their peers in social-emotional development. Excessive absences are also associated with lower scores on standardized tests, which typically assess primary skills and concepts.

While students pay the highest cost if they miss too much school, high absence rates also put a burden on teachers. Making up for lost instruction adds to their workload, and the valuable classroom time it takes up is a detriment to all students.

This year SGSC wants to make it our goal for our school wide attendance rate to be at least 97%. Please join us in helping us reach our goal by ensuring that your child comes to school on time every day. Let's make sure our Aggie Achievers attend today, so that they can Achieve tomorrow.



GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



PRESCHOOLERS
Build skills and develop
good habits for showing
up on time



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS Read well by the end of third grade



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS Stay on track for graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS Earn their degrees



WORKERS Succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 4th - Labor Day - No School

September 5th - All Boston Butt orders and money are due

September 6th - Aggie T-Shirt Orders are due with form and money

September 7th - Middle School Football Game in Shellman against Baconton Charter @ 5:00 pm

September 7th - Middle School and Varsity Softball Games in Shellman against Baconton Charter @ 4:00 pm

September 8th - Lunch with a Loved One for grades Pre-K through 5th (Grandparent's Day)

September 8th - Middle School and Varsity Softball in Edison against PCA @ 4:00 pm

September 9th - Cross Country in Leesburg @ 7:30 am check in

September 11th - Boston Butt pick up at the Concession Stand from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

September 12th - Junior Class Ring Ceremony in Auditorium @ 1:30 pm

September 19th - School Pictures for grades Pre-K - 5th











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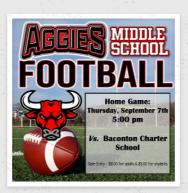




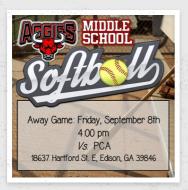
















The 2023-24 school year is starting off with a great line up of softball games, football games, and cross country events. We are trying to get enough students signed up to begin One Act Play! We are excited about all of these opportunities and surely appreciate all of the support from the parents. Please try to make it to some of our upcoming games to support our Achievers who are working so hard on and off the field to be successful!

Congratulations to our Players of the Week for Varsity sports: Brad Jordan, Caiden King, Daiyanna Starling, and Hailey Lugo! We are proud of you!

Thank you to those who voted for Kylee Osting in Cashwell Photography's give away. She won a personalized softball - a great gift for her senior year!

<u>Unless there is a game or the coaches tell you differently, the players will follow the practice schedule below:</u>

Middle School and Varsity Football will practice Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school until 5:30 pm

Middle School and Varsity Softball will practice Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school until 5:15 pm.

Cross Country - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Cheerleaders - Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm



































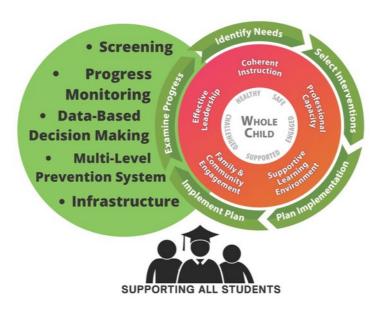


THIS WEEK'S VIDEO

20 things we should say more often!



From the MTSS Coordinator



FROM OUR MTSS COORDINATOR....

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month....

They will miss 20 DAYS a year.

They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of reading and writing over the school year.

They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month....

They will miss 40 DAYS a year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 120 HOURS of reading and writing over the school year.

They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

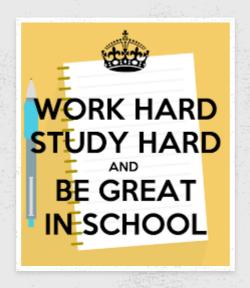
Leslie Presley



NEWS FROM MRS. GREENWAY AND DR. PAGE

Good grades aren't just about numbers on a report card; they are a reflection of dedication, hard work, and the foundation for future opportunities. A solid academic record can open doors to scholarships, college admissions, and career options.

Please discuss academic goals, time management, study techniques, and seeking help with your achievers. Your partnership is invaluable in nurturing well-rounded individuals prepared for success. Thank you for your help!



ONE TEAM.

ONE MISSION.

NO EXCUSES.





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