

SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

————— AUGUST 30TH - SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2021 —————

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Everyone,

We are so excited to see our students this week! This past week marked our first FULL 5-day week in school since we began on August 4th! We are facing so many things daily, but one thing we can all agree upon is that our students deserve the very best education. I thank you all for making school a priority for your children!

Because we have had interruptions to the calendar since we began on August 4th, please note that your child's progress report (coming home on September 7th) may not include as many grades as we would normally have at this point in time. Disruptions to the calendar included closing in person learning for three days and closure for the tropical storm on another day. Many of your children have also had to quarantine due to direct contact or positive COVID test results, and they may have missing assignments from these factors. We are being understanding and are committed to working with the students to get these assignments completed. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please get in touch with their teachers! All teachers email addresses are listed on our Staff section of the website: <https://southwestgeorgiastem.schoolinsites.com/staff>

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 8-30-21

COVID INFORMATION FOR SGSC 8/30/21

Positive Cases:

Staff - 0

Students - 5

Quarantines:

Staff - 0

Students - 15

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, August 30th. We have a large number of students that will be returning to school from previous quarantines on the 30th. That has

effected the decrease in quarantines. 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!

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BREAKFAST

LUNCH

WE WILL POST NEW MENUS FOR
SEPTEMBER ON MONDAY



FROM MS. MCBRIDE...

As kids today are confronted with new and unfamiliar issues about returning to school when compared with kids in any recent years, it is apparent that we must identify different ways and strategies to help motivate them. The ups and downs of the pandemic has created a lack of consistency and routine, which can make it difficult for some to stay on task and be motivated.

Here at SGSC, we want to help our students stay engaged and motivated to learn, and we need parents help to achieve this goal. As a parent, your presence in the academic life of your child is crucial to their commitment to work. Here are a few tips of things that you can do to help motivate your child.

Get Involved

- Do homework with them, and let them know that you're available to answer questions. Get in the habit of asking them about what they learned in school. By demonstrating your interest in your child's school life, you're showing them school can be exciting and interesting. This is especially effective with young kids who tend to be excited about whatever you're excited about. Teenagers can shut down if they feel you are asking too many questions, so make sure you are sharing the details of your day, too. A conversation is always better than an interrogation.

Reward effort rather than outcome

- The message you want to send is that you respect hard work. Praising kids for following through when things get difficult, for making a sustained effort, for trying things they're not sure they can do successfully, can all help teach them the pleasure of pushing themselves. Praise for good grades that come easily can make kids feel they shouldn't have to exert themselves.

Help them see the big picture

- For older kids who have developed an understanding of delayed gratification, sometimes simple reminders of their long-term goals can help push them. Linking school up with their long-term goals can make the work feel more personally fulfilling.

Make the teacher your ally

- Another one of the most important things you can do for your child is to work with his teacher. The teacher might have additional insight about how to motivate your child, or what they might be struggling with. Likewise you can share any strategies or information that you have.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 1st: Middle School Softball Game @ PCA - 4:00 pm

September 2nd: JV Softball Game @ Furlow Charter School - 4:30 pm

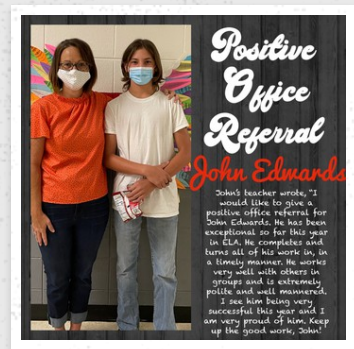
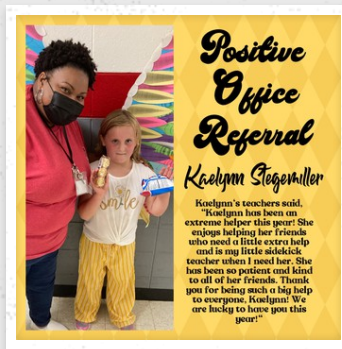
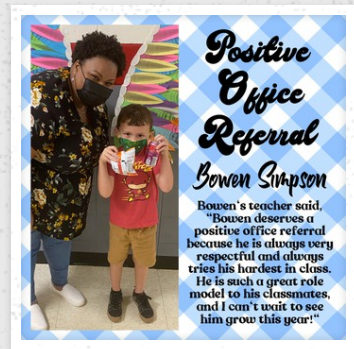
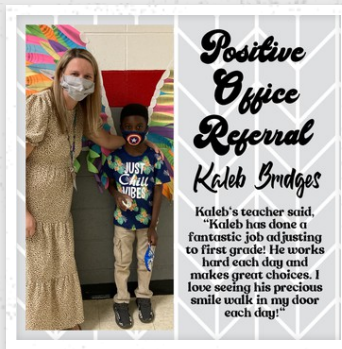
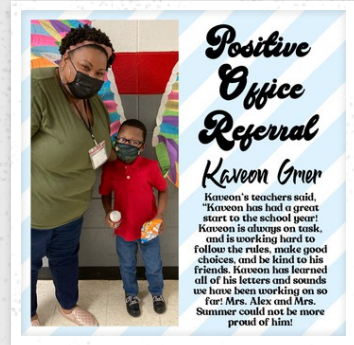
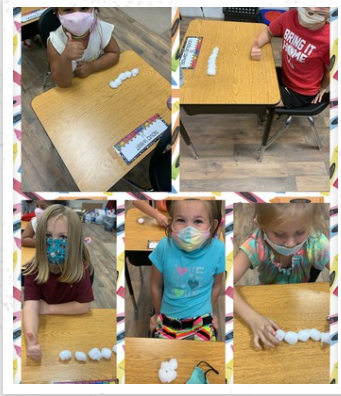
September 3rd: Teacher Workday - **No School for Students**

September 6th: Labor Day Holiday - **No School for Students or Staff**

September 7th: Q1 - Progress Reports Sent Home

Aggie Adventures





Positive Office Referral
Kaveon Omer

Kaveon's teachers said, "Kaveon has had a great start to the school year! Kaveon is always on task, and is working hard to follow the rules, make good choices, and be kind to his friends. Kaveon has learned all of his letters and sounds we have been working on so far! Mrs. Alex and Mrs. Summer could not be more proud of him!"

Positive Office Referral
Ann Redley

Ann's teacher said, "Ann is such a good friend! She always offers to lend a hand when someone needs a little extra help. She includes new students and shows them where to go! Ann always uses her manners and tries her best! Way to set the bar high! I am so proud of you!"

Positive Office Referral
Kaleb Bridges

Kaleb's teacher said, "Kaleb has done a fantastic job adjusting to first grade! He works hard each day and makes great choices. I love seeing his precious smile walk in my door each day!"

Positive Office Referral
Bowen Simpson

Bowen's teacher said, "Bowen deserves a positive office referral because he is always very respectful and always tries his hardest in class. He is such a great role model to his classmates, and I can't wait to see him grow this year!"

Positive Office Referral
Madelyn Burlison

Madelyn's teachers said, "Madelyn has already shown tremendous growth just from day one. She is a great friend and student who strives to do her best each day. She always has a smile on her face and is always positive. Words cannot explain how proud we are of you, Madelyn... keep up the great work!"

Positive Office Referral
Kaelynn Stogemiller

Kaelynn's teachers said, "Kaelynn has been an extreme helper this year! She enjoys helping her friends who need a little extra help and is my little siskieck teacher when I need her. She has been so patient and kind to all of her friends. Thank you for being such a big help to everyone. Kaelynn! We are lucky to have you this year!"

Positive Office Referral
John Edwards

John's teacher wrote, "I would like to give a positive office referral for John Edwards. He has been exceptional so far this year in ELA. He completes and turns all of his work in, in a timely manner. He works very well with others in groups and is extremely polite and well-mannered. I see him being very successful this year and I am very proud of him. Keep up the good work, John!"



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