SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

December 4th-8th, 2023

From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow 12/4/23! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

We will be sending out information as the semester is ending to update the parents of students who are missing an abundance of school. As the year has gone on, we are seeing an uptick in number of days missed without any excuse being submitted to the front office. Remember, you only have three days to turn the excuse in to the office from the date that the student misses. Please make sure you are keeping up with days missed because they add up much quicker than you think.

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 liter

As the weather begins to cool off and your children are wearing sweaters and jackets, please write their names (first and last) in the outerwear because they will often leave them lying around. This will make it easier to get the items back to their rightful owners instead of ending up in Lost and Found items.

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 <u>transportation@sowegastemcharter.org</u> 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

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: <u>https://forms.gle/9j7sXcukTL8Gh9Uw8</u>. 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 - <u>https://forms.gle/JiFECdiizhq7YSdj9</u> - 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 <u>galmon@sowegastemcharter.org</u>.

Sincerely, Ginger Almon

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	SGSC Middle/High School PBIS Matrix									
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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	*Face forward *Allow students to learn while passing classrooms *Admire walls and work with your eyes only	*Use time wisely *Be an active learner (read, write, speak, or listen) *Set goals for your learning *Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas *Welcome new students	*Respect environment and private property *Walk in appropriate areas *Monitor your surroundings *Respect your bus driver and monitor						
R Be Responsible Always strive to do the right thing.	*Keep it clean, quick, and quiet *Report any issues immediately to an adult	*Get where you're going *When walking with your class, stay in line	*Attend 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						
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Aggies are responsible, respectful, safe and persevere.

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.





 A student is required to hand over the cell phone and all its individual parts, including but not limited to the battery and memory card(s), to a teacher or school staff member when requested. Failure to do so will result in ISS or OSS. The student assumes all risks in bringing such cell phones an school related functions. electronic devices onto school pro



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

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APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: 185 Pecan Street, Shellman, Ga 39886 (arter.com/employme topportunities Contact Ginger Almon galmon@sowegastemcharter.org or Lori Wilson lwilson@sowegastemcharter.org for more information



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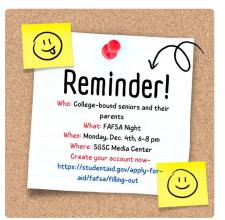
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Mark your Calendars

December 4th - MAP Assessment (reading) K-12 December 4th - FAFSA Night for seniors (and their parents) who plan to attend college - 6:00-8:00 pm in the media center **December 5th - MAP Assessment (math) K-12** December 5th - Middle School Basketball (Boys only) beginning at 4:30 pm and Varsity Girls and Boys beginning at 6:00 pm at SGSC December 6th - Progress Learning (science) 5th-12th **December 6th -** Spelling Bee grade 3rd-8th December 7th - Progress Learning (social studies) 6th-12th/High School Finals (1st and 3rd periods) December 7th - Middle School Basketball games at Webster County beginning at 430 pm **December 8th -** AR Incentive Field Trip/High School Finals (2nd and 4th periods) December 8th - Kindergarten sings Christmas Carols to the nursing home in Cuthbert from 1:00 -1:30 pm December 9th - Middle Grades Dance at Shellman Depot from 6:00 - 8:00 pm **December 11th -** End of Course Test - American Lit/Middle Grades mid-terms (reading and social studies) December 12th - End of Course Test - American Lit and Biology/Middle Grades mid-terms (math and science) December 13th - End of Course Test - US History December 14th - End of Course Test Make-Up Day/Elementary Christmas Program (Pre-k-2)/STEM Night

December 14th - Christmas STEM Night in SGSC Gym
December 15th - 1/2 Day release at 12:00 pm
January 3rd - Teacher Work Day - staff returns
January 4th - Students Return
January 5th - First Semester Honor's Day













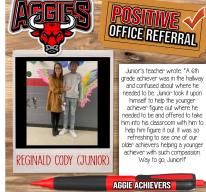
Come out and support our basketball teams this week if you can!







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Video of the Week

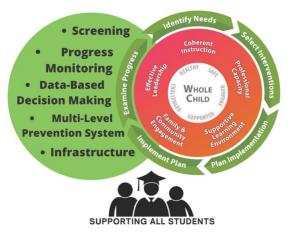
Vape information for parents

Teen vaping causing concerns for parents & school





From the MTSS Coordinator

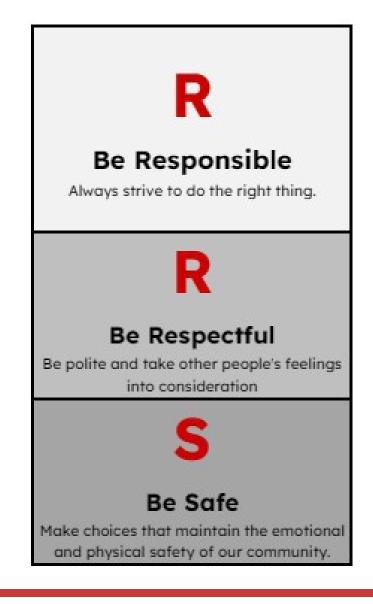


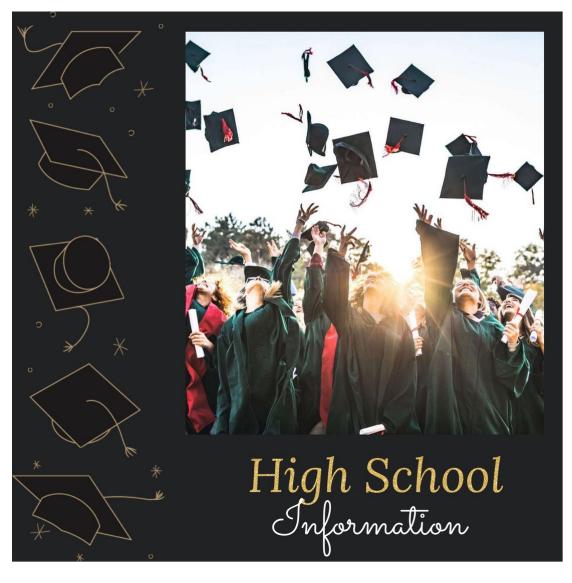
From our MTSS Coordinator....

Parents,

Please remember that our PBIS Paint Party will occur on January 4th and 5th for those students who have earned at least 100 points! They do not want to miss this! December 15th is the cutoff date for earning those points. You'll want to remind your children to follow the PBIS Expectations (below) in order to continue earning points. Remind them also to show up the "Aggie Way!" Have a great week!

Leslie Presley





News from the Graduation Coach...

Parents of seniors wishing to attend college:

The **FAFSA will not open until December 31st.** In the meantime, you and your child can apply for your FSA ID using the link attached. We will have an **informational meeting about all things FAFSA next Monday night, Dec. 4th, from 6-8 in the media center**. If your child plans to attend college, please plan to attend the meeting. Hope to see you there!

https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out

Courtney Greenway





FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH...

Hey Parents!

Just a reminder that this week students will be taking their middle of the year benchmark assessments. The data from these assessments will help teachers understand what each student knows, understands and needs extra help with. Please know that the reports for these assessments will be sent home on January 4th with report cards.

It is very important that students arrive at school on time and have had plenty of rest the night before. Thank you for your support in helping us provide the best education possible for your child.

December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	
MAP Reading Benchmark Grades K - 12	MAP Math Benchmark Grades K-12	Spelling Bee: Grades 3-8 Progress Learning: Science Grades 5-12 Progress Learning SS: Grades 9-12 PLC @ 3:30 PM in Auditorium	Progress Learning: Social Studies Grades 6-8 High School Finals: 1st and 3rd Periods	High School Finals: 2nd and 4th Periods AR Field Trip	
December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	
EOC: American Lit Middle School Midterms: Reading and Social Studies	EOC: American Lit EOC: Biology Middle School Midterms: Math and Science	EOC: US History	EOC: Make Up Day Christmas Program: Elementary Only STEM Night with Santa: SPM - 7PM	½ đay	

ONE TEAM. One mission. No excuses.





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