### SGSC PARENT NEWSLETTER

January 8th-12th, 2024

### From the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to see all of our Aggie Achievers tomorrow 1/8/24! We are ready for another exciting week of instruction!

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 me (galmon@sowegastemcharter.org) or Dr. Heather Page (hpage@sowegastemcharter.org) to get your login information for your child.

As we begin the second half of the school year, we are excited to announce that we now have a School Resource Officer on staff - Officer Kyle Williams. He will be attending SRO training and Chief School soon. We are excited to have him on board.

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 creditable 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 liter

We will be monitoring the weather for Tuesday and will keep you all informed if there are any changes to the school day.

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 <a href="mailto:transportation@sowegastemcharter.org">transportation@sowegastemcharter.org</a> 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

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 - <a href="https://forms.gle/JiFECdiizhq7YSdj9">https://forms.gle/JiFECdiizhq7YSdj9</a> - 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

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R Be Responsible Navyn strive to do the right thing.					

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	Bathrooms	Hallways	Classroom	Bus
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R Be Responsible Always strive to do the right thing. Volice Level	"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 0 - Silent	*Attend daily and be on time *Stay on task *Be prepared *Complete make-up work within time limit Varies	*Remember your belongings *Follow your bus driver's rules *Report problems right away to an adult 2 - Partner Talk

Aggies are responsible, respectful, safe and persevere.

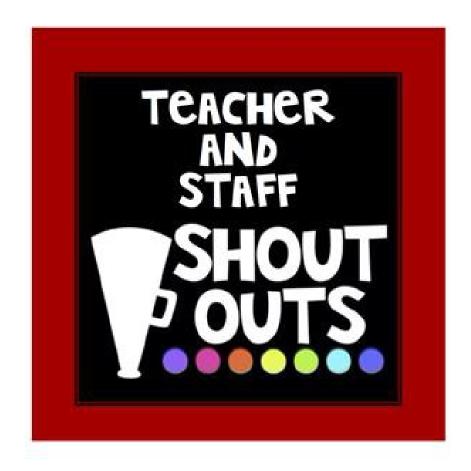
#### SGSC Vision

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.





**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: <a href="https://forms.gle/A8UaB1268TKqx6N17">https://forms.gle/A8UaB1268TKqx6N17</a>. 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

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### **SGSC Cafeteria Information**

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Cereal	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
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LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Pizza or PBJ	Chicken Sandwich	Pasta Bake or PBJ	Cheeseburger or	Chicken Nuggets
Com Side Salad	or PBJ Mac-n-Cheese	Green Beans Garlic Bread	PBJ Fries	or PBJ Baked Beans
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### **Mark your Calendars**

January 8th - Varsity BOYS only game vs. St. Teresa's in Albany at 6:00 pm

January 9th - Varsity BOYS only game vs. St. Teresa's @ SGSC at 6:00 pm

January 11th - Varsity Girls and Boys vs. Quitman @ SGSC at 6:00 pm

January 16th - Varsity Girls and Boys vs. CHESS Academy @ SGSC at 6:00 pm (Senior Night)

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

January 25th - 100th Day of School (more info to come)

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

### SGSG

# SPORTS

# SECTION

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

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FRIDAY	NOV 17	HOME	SEMINOLE	5:00 PM
MONDAY	NOV 27	AWAY	WEBSTER	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	NOV 28	AWAY	SEMINOLE	6:00 PM
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FRIDAY	DEC 15	AWAY	ABBEVILLE	TBA - CHRISTMAS TOURNAMEN
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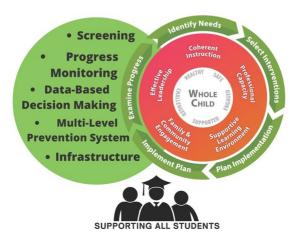


### Video of the Week

Work with urgency - continuous growth for students



### From the MTSS Coordinator



### From our MTSS Coordinator....

Parents,

We are off to a great start with this being the second semester of the school year! Lots of positive things went on these past few days, with Honor's Day and PBIS celebrations for those achievers making the grades and/or attaining the required points. I believe this sets the tone for all of us in that we are not remaining too bundled up and cold, but rather warmed up and ready to make the grades and earn the points in order to be the best we can be! Our PBIS celebration was a successful one! Students were given the opportunity to purchase snacks and even participated in a fun, directed painting activity! We had lots of faculty and staff members involved in making both of these events successful, and that should be encouraging to us all! SGSC is a great place to be, and please continue to encourage your children to earn those grades AND PBIS points! We want all achievers to be rewarded for their hard work. More to come on our next PBIS celebration.....Have a great week!

Leslie Presley



### News from the Graduation Coach...

I am excited to be back working with our high school achievers after a nice break! All achievers need to be ready to work hard this second semester and finish strong. Remember, all course grades (specifically, the final average) are recorded on your child's transcript and count toward their GPA.

Here are some friendly reminders for our seniors:

- Make sure you are on track to graduate. I will begin meeting with each senior this week to review what you need to graduate in May.
- Make sure you have completed your FAFSA or at least applied for your FSA ID. Remember, both the parent and the student have to have their own ID. We are working on a date in February to bring Mrs. Katie Minich back to assist with this—more information to come.
- Pay attention to deadlines for admission, financial aid, testing, and housing applications/deposits.
- Contact the admissions offices of schools you have applied to making sure they have received everything they need from you.

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

Mrs. Greenway



### FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH...

Hey Aggie Parents!

I hope this year has started well for each of your families! We are excited to be back in the groove and teaching your precious children each day.

As many of you know, students in grades K-12 took Reading and Math Middle of the Year Assessments in December. I wanted to let you know that there has been a glitch in the parent report online, and I will be contacting the company Monday morning to resolve the issue. As soon as it is resolved, teachers will send home reports with each student so you can see how much your child has grown so far this year.

I am sorry for the inconvenience, please know we are doing everything on our end we can to get these results to you in a timely and accurate manner.

Have a great week!

Kim Crowdis





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