

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 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 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 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 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 - <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

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, clean and sneeze *Please call phone in the classroom *Report unsafe conditions to teacher or staff member	*Keep hands, feet and body off the walls *Push a locker before opening or outside door *Play with your feet *People on the right side	*Follow class expectations *Push to leave the classroom *Keep chair legs on the floor *Keep hands, feet, tables, and artwork clean *Commitments to yourself	*Keep hands and feet to yourself *Stay seated *Sit in seat correctly *Bottom 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 *Begin start to finish *Play your best *Complete classwork and homework *Set goals for your		
R Be Respectful Be polite and value the other people's feelings into consideration.	*Give others privacy *Close the stall door *Throw your trash and personal items in the garbage	*Face forward *Wash your hands, feet and body off the walls *Personal talking to staff and students	*Give others the way you would want to be treated *Personal items hand *Personal other students' comments, opinions, and ideas *Welcome new students	*Request permission and private property *Monitor your surroundings *Treat others the way that you would want to be treated *Request your bus driver and monitor	*Follow your teacher's directions *Include others when playing *Treat others the way that you would want to be treated
R Be Responsible Always strive to do the right thing.	*Keep it clean, quick, and sneeze *Keep your hands and feet clean	*Wash hands, feet and body off the walls *Keep things to yourself *Personal talking to staff and students	*Responsible and respectful *Follow class expectations *Push to leave the classroom *Keep chair legs on the floor *Keep hands, feet, tables, and artwork clean *Commitments to yourself	*Keep it clean, quick, and sneeze *Report any issues immediately to an adult	*Attend daily and be on time *Play on task *Be prepared *Complete make-up work within time limit

Aggies are responsible, respectful, safe and persevere.

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 your hands thoroughly *Keep hands to self *Leave cell phone in the classroom	*Walk on the right *Maintain safe distance *Aim-free zone	*Follow class expectations *Ask to leave the classroom *Keep chair 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 value the other people's feelings into consideration.	*Give others privacy *Close your trash and personal items in the garbage	*Face forward *Allow students to learn while passing classrooms *Address 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
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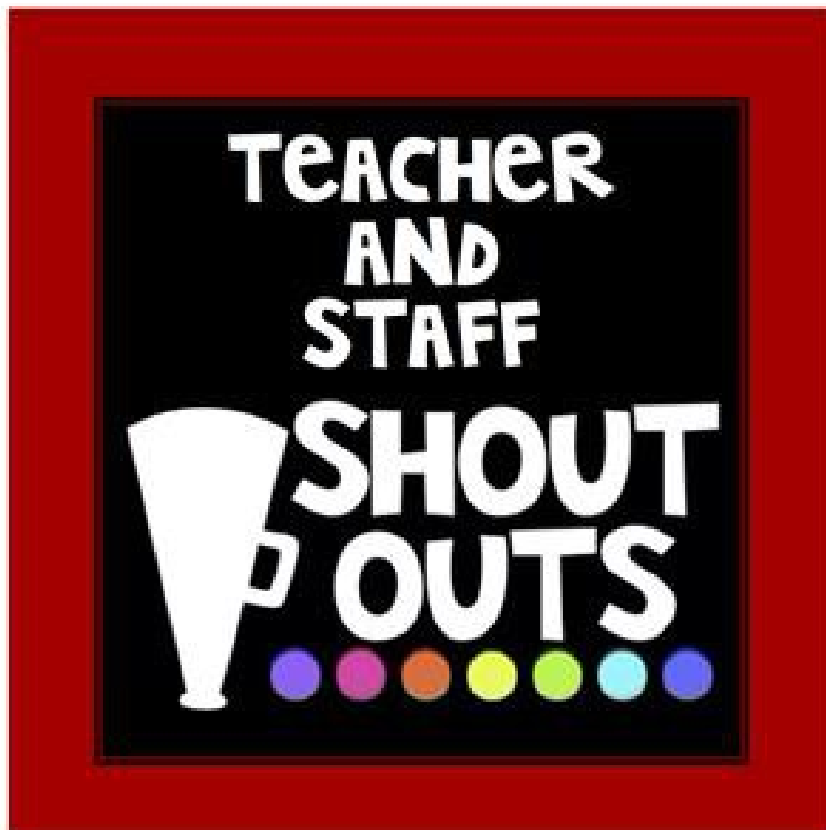
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SGSC Vision

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SGSC

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

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SPORTS

SECTION

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

AGGIES VARSITY BASKETBALL
2023-2024 SEASON

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	OPPONENT	TIME
FRIDAY	NOV 10	AWAY	QUITMAN	5:00 PM
MONDAY	NOV 13	HOME	PCA	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	NOV 14	AWAY	BAKER	6:00 PM
FRIDAY	NOV 17	HOME	SEMINOLE	6:00 PM
MONDAY	NOV 27	AWAY	WEBSTER	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	NOV 28	AWAY	SEMINOLE	6:00 PM
THURSDAY	NOV 30	HOME	BAKER	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	DEC 5	HOME	FURLOW	6:00 PM
MONDAY	DEC 11	HOME	FURLOW	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	DEC 12	HOME	WEBSTER	6:00 PM
THURSDAY	DEC 14	AWAY	ABBEVILLE	TBA - CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT
FRIDAY	DEC 15	AWAY	ABBEVILLE	TBA - CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY	DEC 16	AWAY	ABBEVILLE	TBA - CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT
THURSDAY	JAN 4	AWAY	PCA	6:00 PM
FRIDAY	JAN 5	AWAY	CHES	6:00 PM
MONDAY	JAN 8	AWAY	ST. TERESA'S	6:00 PM - BOYS
TUESDAY	JAN 9	HOME	ST. TERESA'S	6:00 PM - BOYS
THURSDAY	JAN 11	HOME	QUITMAN	6:00 PM
THURSDAY	JAN 11	HOME	CHES	6:00 PM
THURSDAY	JAN 16	HOME	CHES	6:00 PM
THURSDAY	JAN 25	AWAY	TERRILL ACADEMY	6:00 PM (JV)

AGGIES MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL
2023-2024 SEASON

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	OPPONENT	TIME
MONDAY	NOV 13	HOME	PCA	4:00 PM
TUESDAY	NOV 14	AWAY	BAKER	4:00 PM
MONDAY	NOV 27	HOME	STEWART	4:00 PM
THURSDAY	NOV 30	HOME	BAKER	4:00 PM
TUESDAY	DEC 5	HOME	FURLOW	4:30 PM - BOYS
THURSDAY	DEC 7	AWAY	WEBSTER	4:30 PM
MONDAY	DEC 11	AWAY	STEWART	4:30 PM
TUESDAY	DEC 12	HOME	WEBSTER	4:00 PM

Lady Aggies Congratulations
LADY AGGIES SELECTED TO ALL-REGION 1A-D2 SOFTBALL TEAM

1ST TEAM:
 KYLEE OSTING - SENIOR #11
 SHYLA CRAFT - SOPHOMORE #44

HONORABLE MENTION:
 HALLIE ALMON - JUNIOR #25
 CHRISTIE GILL - JUNIOR #7
 AYDDAN CRAFT - FRESHMAN #9

2ND TEAM:
 HAILEY LUGO - FRESHMAN #5
 DAIYANNA STARLING - SOPHOMORE #13

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Aggie Adventures



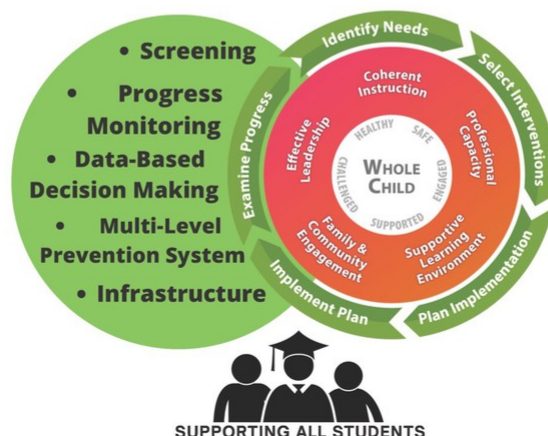
Video of the Week

Work with urgency - continuous growth for students

Kara Lawson on Urgency and Growth



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

ONE TEAM.

ONE MISSION.

NO EXCUSES.



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