

Southwest Georgia Academy
October/November 2011
Newsletter

The 2011-2012 school year is off to a good start and is moving along at a fast pace. We are closing in on the end of our first nine weeks. I am very proud to be a part of such a fine school with hard working parents and staff members. Thank you for a great beginning to a great school year!

We recently completed our magazine sale and surpassed last year's amount by nearly \$10,000.00. I appreciate everyone that sold or purchased magazines. This is an outstanding accomplishment considering our economy. This money is vital to the operation of our school.

Our annual fall festival is coming up shortly October 13th. The magazine holiday is still set for October 14th for those students that sold seven magazines.

In the next few weeks we will be trying a new information system call Alert Now. This system is affiliated with Information Now and will be a phone based system. Alert Now uses the phone numbers listed to send messages or texts to notify parents of school closings, cancelled ballgames, or upcoming events.

I am very excited about the success of our athletic teams so far. Please keep up with all events on the school's website. SGA will be hosting CFCA Oct. 8th at 11 AM in a best 2 out of 3 series. Please come and show your support.

Thank you, GO WARRIORS!

David Bell
Headmaster

PTO Presidents' Comments

October? Yes, Warriors, it is already October! As Warriors, we all know how busy October can be. Thanks to everyone for your hard work and support....SGA is successful because of you! A Warrior welcome to our Vice-Presidents, Todd & Lacey Godfrey. They have already been a tremendous help to us, and we appreciate it.

Fall concessions is in full swing! We have had 2 varsity games thus far, and homecoming & Senior night is right around the corner. There are fewer home games this year, so we need everyone's support. Thankfully, we have many home 5-6/JV/B-Team games which will take up the slack. Please check the sports schedule website for games. Some have changed &/or been added. If you have not signed up yet, please go to the SGA website, click on the athletics page, click on the red highlighted link. This is the link to sign up online. If you do not have access to a computer, please give us a call. Remember, if you do not show up, you will be subject to a \$200 fine per person! There are still many slots to be filled for Buck Daze & basketball. For Buck Daze, servers are needed for 2 of the 3 evening meals. We will be checking the list for those that have not signed up soon, so please sign up now. A huge thanks for the extended cooking shelter! It has been a great asset for our concession stand.

A huge thanks to Michelle Worthy for overseeing basketball concessions! Thank you, thank you, thank you! She will get us going for every game. Basketball is right around the corner, so if you see Michelle, thank her for her dedication to our school.

Talk about dedication, Melanie Sheppard most definitely is dedicated to SGA! Thanks to Melanie & the Fall Festival committee. We have a feeling that this is going to be a great Fall Festival. They are bringing back many booths that SGA had "in the past" such as, the Haunted House, Country Store, Wreath Wall Silent Auction, Jacob's Ladder....just to name a few! This brings back so many memories for SGA alumni, grandparents, & teachers. If you see Melanie or any of the committee, please tell them how much you appreciate their hard work. The Fall Festival will be Thursday, October 13 from 3 until 9. Invite friends, family, & neighbors to help support our school.

Buck Daze, as mentioned earlier, is coming up as well. It is scheduled for December 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. A good number of hunters has already signed up, but we need as many as possible. If you know of any interested hunters or anyway to help promote this event please contact Scott Cochran. Buck Daze is an excellent fundraiser for our school, & we need to do all we can to continue its success. A huge thanks to Scott Cochran for chairing this committee. He does a great job, and please thank him for all of his hard work!

Our school needs COMPUTERS! If you have any old computers or if you know of a company that may be upgrading, please let us know. We have some promised to us, but their upgrade is going slower than they thought. Also, if you have any Microsoft Software, we can surely use that as well.

Our next PTO meeting will be Monday, November 7 at 6:30. The One Act play will be performed under the direction of Mrs. Debbie Sloan. SGA has a tremendous amount of talent, and these students & Mrs. Debbie have been working hard....at 7am! Now, that is dedication! Please come out & support SGA's theatrical team. Also, remember room counts! The competition is on! The room with the highest percentage of students for all 4 PTO meetings, will win a HUGE prize!

Please continue to send in your Coke Rewards, Labels for Education, & Box Tops for Education. We get double points on the Labels until the end of the year. Also, sign up for your Harvey's Rewards card & link it to SGA. We have over 110 so far. Sign up your grandparents, aunts, friends, neighbors....anyone with a card! They do not have to be a current SGA family. This is a way your great-aunt can help our school. Just ask! Also, Target cards are a great way to support SGA. Link your Target card to SGA, & our school received 1% cash for all purchases!

Thanks again for all of your encouragement & support. Believe us when we say your words of encouragement are greatly appreciated. We love SGA and want all of the fundraisers to be successful because

that makes SGA successful....which helps all of our children. What a win win for us all! God Bless all of you, & may God Bless our school!

Sincerely,

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Anthony & Janna Cobb 416-5501

Booster Club Comments

Warrior and Lady Warrior teams are off to a great start this year! Our Lady Warrior softball team ended their regular season as Region Co-Champions and will be competing in the first round of state playoffs on Saturday, October 8th. They will be playing Central Fellowship here on our home field - first game is at 11am. Come out and show your school spirit!

Our Varsity Warrior football team has been giving us outstanding football games and we are excited about what they will bring to the field for the rest of their season! Our next home game is Homecoming, October 21st at 7:30 - so come out to watch an awesome game and see who will be crowned our 2011 Homecoming Queen.

Congratulations to our Junior Varsity softball team on being undefeated this season! Our Junior Varsity football team and our 5th-6th grade football team are giving their fans a lot to cheer about on Thursday afternoons! Come and see what all the excitement is about! Our Varsity and JV Cross Country teams are having good seasons, with our runners getting physically stronger and showing a lot of potential. Congratulations to Lindsey Smith, who finished in the top ten at the Brookwood meet! Our Varsity runners will compete in their last region meet October 20th at Brookwood and our Junior Varsity will have their last meet this Thursday, October 6th. Good Luck to our Cross Country teams as they finish up their seasons!

The Booster Club spirit sales have been good thus far. We have navy short sleeved t-shirts, windbreakers, insulated tumblers, noisemakers and caps available for purchase at each home game and you can still order your golf shirts, crew neck shirts, stadium blankets, and charms. Please go to the booster club link to download the order form for these items. Thanks to all of our great moms, grandmothers, sisters and girlfriends who bought jerseys! We are working on some new items

and will have long sleeved t-shirts that will be available beginning later this month and throughout basketball season.

Come by our table at each home game to buy your chance to win a delicious homemade cake. It's a great way to support our athletic program and take home a wonderful dessert!

Poinsettia sales will begin soon, so start figuring out how many poinsettias you will need to decorate your home and church for the Christmas Season and check our web page often for the order form! Dates of Booster Club meetings are posted on our web page and on the school calendar, so check those sites for upcoming meetings. We would love to have you come join us and share your comments and suggestions!

We would like to thank the SGA fans for their continued support!

Steve & Peggy Jackson, Presidents

Chane & Rhonda Rathel, Vice-Presidents

April Massey, Treasurer

Jeannie Lee, Secretary