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APG Family Bulletin

10/5/2022

A.P. Giannini Middle School
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San Francisco, CA 94122
Main: 415-759-2770
Counseling/Attendance: 415-759-2773
[A.P. Giannini MS](#)
[SFUSD](#) * [PTSA](#)

Upcoming Events

[SEE CALENDAR at APGSF.COM](#)

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10/4-10/7: Girls Soccer Tryouts

10/6: Baseball Championship Game, 3:00PM at West Sunset Diamond 1

10/7: Staff Breakfast

10/10: No School, Indigenous People's Day Holiday

10/12: 2024 East Coast Trip Meeting

10/14: 8th Grade Student Sweatshirt Designs Due

10/16: Garden Workday

10/17: APG Logo Design Contest - Submission Deadline at 9:00PM

10/20: Lights On Afterschool

10/21-10/30: Growing up Green Garden Fundraiser

10/28: School Picture Day

* [APG Staff Wishlists](#): [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase much-needed items for our classrooms

* [Volunteers Needed](#): [CLICK HERE](#) to help; [Email](#) if interested in being the RAFFLE CHAIR



MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

**INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES' DAY**



IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY



Athletics Announcements

Physical Packets are now being submitted electronically using homecampus.com

Please see [Giannini Athletics Home Campus Digital Instructions 2022-2023](#) for detailed instructions on how to submit the physicals electronically. All students trying out for any school athletic team(s) must submit an electronic physical packet through homecampus.com prior to the tryout dates. The student-athlete will not be allowed to try out until they have submitted their packet electronically and been cleared by the Mr. Cheng.

Even if you have already turned in a physical packet earlier this school year, please submit another one [electronically](#). Thank you!

CHAMPIONSHIP Games- Boys Baseball & Coming Up Soon

Cheer on our Baseball Team playing vs. Presidio this Thursday, October 6th at 3:00pm at West Sunset Diamond 1 - go Jaguars!

Congrats to our Boys Soccer and Softball teams on an awesome season! The Boys Soccer Team played very well in the championship game this past Monday, but lost 3-2 to Presidio in double-overtime sudden death. They played a total of 82 minutes.

Boys and Girls Basketball Games begin October 18th.

10/4-10/7: Girls Soccer Tryouts Schedule ~ please read carefully for grade-level and indiv/team play details

7th Grade (Team-Based Play) - Wednesday 10/5 from 7:30-8:45am at South Sunset Soccer Field (41st Ave & Wawona Street)

6th Grade (Individual Play) - Wednesday 10/5 from 2:30-4:00pm at West Sunset Soccer Field (next to Giannini MS)

6th Grade (Team-Based Play) - Thursday 10/6 from 7:30-8:45am at South Sunset Soccer Field (41st Ave & Wawona Street)

8th Grade (Team-Based Play) - Thursday 10/6 from 4:10-5:15pm at West Sunset Soccer Field (next to Giannini MS)

By Invitation After Initial Tryouts - Friday 10/7 from 4:00-5:30pm at West Sunset Soccer Field (next to Giannini MS)

APG Athletics 2022-2023 Google Classroom (for students)

For all students interested in receiving information and updates about Giannini Athletics for the 2022-2023 school year, please join the Giannini Athletics 2022-2023 Google Classroom. The class code is: **qkkt7vl**; visit [this webpage](#)

APG Athletics Website & Tryouts Information

For more information regarding Giannini Athletics, please visit: [APG Athletics Website](#)

Tryouts Information - [APG Athletics Tryout Information](#)

Please email Mr. Cheng (Athletic Director) chengc1@sfusd.edu if you have any questions.

For all Game Schedules, [please visit the APG Athletics Instagram Account](#) OR the [CIS Website](#)

We'd like **YOUR HELP**
providing items for our next
Staff Breakfast on
Friday, October 7th!

We need more FOOD items;
please sign up online here:
signup.com/go/kvfgG6c

Please drop off your item in our
APG Garden or Office from
8:00-8:20am on 10/7.

Thank you!



East Coast Trip ~ 2024



Hello Parents and Guardians!

Exciting news! For our Spring Break, 2024, I will be leading the bi-annual East Coast trip. Even years are East Coast and odd years are International. This trip is for **current 6th and 7th grade** students (who will be in 7th & 8th Grade in 2024). Since the trip is more than 18 months away, this gives families the opportunity to save up for this incredible trip & experience.

I will be hosting a Zoom meeting October 12 @ 7pm where I will provide details on the itinerary, pricing, inclusions and answer any questions. After the meeting I will open up a limited number of spots to join the trip. The **2024 trip will be limited to ONE bus**. **Please RSVP** for the meeting by clicking the link below or by visiting the website on your attached invite.

[Online Meeting for Trip Info](#)

Wednesday, October 12th

7:00pm – 7:30pm

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

This is an excellent opportunity for your student to expand their horizons and grow confidence and independence. We will fill the spaces on a first come, first serve basis after the Zoom meeting. We look forward to amazing adventures and hope that your student can join us!

Best ~ Kevin Terjesen (APG Teacher)

Student Travel and Trip Leader kterj@yahoo.com

DESIGNS DUE OCTOBER 14TH

8th grade students are welcome to submit a design for their *Class of 2023* sweatshirt by Friday, October 14th!

The 8th grade class will be voting on which design will be made into this year's sweatshirt.

Students may email their design to Mr. Jang (jangj1@sfusd.edu) by 10/14. Please see the flyer for details. All our 8th graders will get a free class sweatshirt, provided by our PTSA.



8th Grade Hoodie Design Submission

REQUIREMENTS:

- Vector + digital graphic
- Selection of a base color for the hoodie
- Maximum of two additional colors for the design

**SUBMIT your hoodie design
NO LATER than
Friday October 14th**

Email Mr Jang & Ms Beth
jangj1@sfusd.edu
guye1@sfusd.edu
for submissions + any questions!

ALL 8th Graders will receive a FREE hoodie!!





AP GIANNINI

GARDEN

WORKDAY

OCTOBER 16TH

9AM-2PM



BRING YOUR TOOLS AND GLOVES

EAT SNACKS, BEAUTIFY OUR GARDEN

AND MEET THE CHICKENS

AT 10AM AND 11 AM MEET AT THE CHICKEN COOP TO LEARN HOW TO BECOME CHICKEN TENDERS

DO YOU HAVE SUCCULENTS TO SHARE? BRING SUCCULENT CLIPPINGS TO BEAUTIFY THE APG GROUNDS!

HOSTED BY APG BEACON AND PTSA

JOIN US ON SUNDAY 10/16!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

to join us to help beautify our garden space. No green thumb required ~ there are plenty of tasks for all abilities. The more helpers we have, the more we can accomplish in our garden. See you at our Workday!

We welcome donations of succulents and soil for our garden from our community anytime. Thank you!

QUESTIONS? DONATIONS? JOINING OUR GARDEN TEAM?

EMAIL sbrown@bacr.org

HELP WITH WATERING AND CHICKEN CARE IN OCTOBER

[CLICK HERE](#)

APG DESIGN CONTEST

**See your school-related design printed
and win up to \$200 in cash prizes!**

4 Winning Categories:

- **APG Jaguar/Lettering Logo** [head, partial, or full body]
- **T-Shirt Design - Realistic Style**
- **T-Shirt Design - Cartoon Style**
- **APG Students' Choice**



A student designed logo from over
25 years ago.

How To Submit Your Design:

- **Paper Submission - Drop off at Beacon (RM 130)**
[no larger than 8.5" x 11" and
on the back include full name, advisory RM, email address]
- **Digital Submission - <https://forms.gle/VZ9tRYEBz2bQ57s49>**

Contest Timeline:

- **NOW, start working on your designs.**
- **9PM Monday, October 17, 2022 - Submissions DUE!**
- **Student Government and APG Administration will choose the top 10 designs to be voted on.**
- **{October 20/21 or 27/28} - Voting for winning designs.**
- **November 3, 2022 - Winning Designs Announced.**

[Be free to express yourself in the design. Any designs that include offensive material not following SFUSD policy will be eliminated from the contest]

2022-23 Design Contest an APG Student Government & PTSA Collaboration

Questions? Email Ms. Aileen at sara@sfusd.edu

Calling all 6th - 8th Grade Students!

APG Logo and T-shirt Design Contest

Deadline to submit is Oct. 17 at 9:00 PM

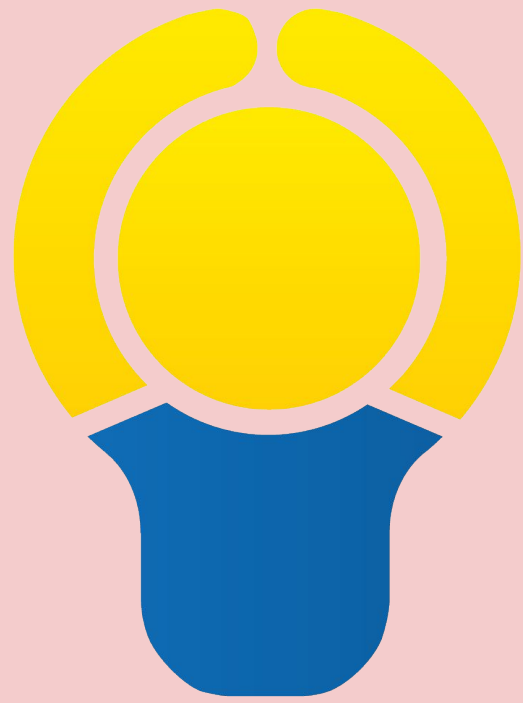
We want to see YOUR new designs on our new AP Giannini PTSA merchandise this Winter.

If chosen, your design could win you up to
\$200 worth of prizes from our PTSA!

← Check out this flyer for more information on how to participate. APG Students may submit more than one Jaguar logo/ t-shirt/ choice design.

Submit Your Design by 10/17

If you have any questions about our APG Design Contest, please email **Ms. Aileen** at sara@sfusd.edu. Let's do this!



THURSDAY 10/20 LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

On Thursday, October 20, we will be celebrating *Lights On Afterschool*, a nationwide celebration of afterschool programs. AP Giannini Beacon is one of more than 8,000 sites across the nation sending the message that afterschool is key to children's success. Please join us!

Has the Beacon Program positively impacted you and your family? [If so, we would love to hear about it here!](#)

If you are interested in volunteering or donating to this event, [please sign up here.](#)

SPOTS OPEN AFTERSCHOOL

There is a spot for YOUR student in our Beacon afterschool program. The program fee is only \$300 a year. For info, email Crystal at ccervantes@bacr.org or [Register Here](#). Don't miss our great program!



Dear AP Giannini Families:

As a school district, we are committed to creating and sustaining a comprehensive, coordinated effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students, educators, administrators, and the community at large. To do this, we believe this must involve community-wide programs and initiatives involving parents, teachers, administrators, local law enforcement, mental health and wellness professionals, and elected officials to take meaningful action to protect our students.

Today, I am happy to announce the district-wide launch of the *Say Something Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS)*. This program teaches students, teachers, and administrators how to recognize warning signals and threats, on social media, in school, or in their community, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and *Say Something* to a trusted adult OR use its anonymous reporting system. Specifically, the program educates students and adult participants to:

- **Recognize the signs and threats of at-risk behaviors**
- **Take every sign and signal seriously and act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult, OR**
- **Report it anonymously to the SS-ARS 24/7/365 Crisis Center via a mobile app, website, or telephone hotline**
- **Respond to and manage the submitted tips using a tip management system overseen by a designated school team**
- **Sustain the curriculum and awareness via student clubs, in-school activities, and call-to-action weeks**



Our students are often aware of the problems their peers are facing, so we must empower them to recognize the danger signs and give them the tools to help each other with the assistance of trained and caring adults. As you know, most conversations take place on social media; therefore, we must teach our students to look out for one another as these digital conversations are taking place. SS-ARS teaches them what to look for in the text, video, and photos while empowering them to act quickly to help a fellow student. The program also teaches students to recognize at-risk behaviors in friends and classmates at school and in their local community.

The SS-ARS program is provided by Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a national non-profit organization. SHP's programs are in 50 states – with 14,000+ schools and over 12 million students and adults trained. They have a track record, reputation, and knowledge of how to work effectively with kids, parents, and teachers to improve school safety and culture. The program is age-appropriate and research-based. To date, SS-ARS and other SHP prevention programs have helped stop multiple school shootings, suicides, and gun threats. In addition, the program has reduced bullying and cyberbullying and intervened in cutting, drug use, and other violent acts. We know this program will do the same for our district.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call, or email me directly.

Sincerely,
Tai Schoeman, Principal
schoemant@t.sfusd.edu

Thanks to our teachers and students for reviewing & discussing SS-ARS videos!

APG has its own Comprehensive School Safety Plan for these scenarios:

- **COVID-19**
- **Air Quality Guidance**
- **Student Discipline**
- **Emergency Drills**
- **Title IX & Bullying**
- **Student Injuries/ Incidents/ Health Information**
- **Student Walkouts**
- **Evacuations**
- **Sandy Hook Promise**

Questions? Email schoemant@t.sfusd.edu or smooth@sfusd.edu

ABSENCES, EARLY DISMISSAL, & LATE ARRIVAL PROTOCOL

Absences

When a student is absent, please do one of the following:

1. The student's parent or guardian may call the Counseling/Attendance Office at **415-759-2773**.
2. Email your grade-level counselor ([6G Mr. McDaniel](#); [7G Ms. Mei](#); [8G Mr. Jang](#)) AND Counseling Secretary, **Ms Dawson**: DawsonS@sfusd.edu
3. Students may drop off parent/doctor written notes for absences to the counseling office the day they return back to school.
 - **Notes should include:** Date of Note, Student Name & Grade, Dates of Absence, Reason for Absence, Parent Name & Signature

Early Dismissal

It is recommended that medical, dental, or other appointments be scheduled after school, on school holidays, or during vacation periods.

1. **Obtaining a permit to leave pass in advance:** Please have your child come to the counseling office to pick up a Permit to Leave Pass before school, start of school or after school with a written note or email.
 - a. Students without a written note or email from a parent will not be allowed to leave the school campus. Parents will be called to verify.
2. **Parents on-site pick up:** Please sign out your child using the sign-out book. Counselor or secretary will call students out of class. We recommend that parents do not come during school lunch hours as it is very hard to find students during lunchtime ([see bell schedule](#)).

Late Arrival to School - Tardies

1. Students who arrive late to school should first go to the Counseling Office to get a tardy pass, then they can go to their class with their pass.
2. **Excusing Tardies:** Students should bring a written note with them to the office from their parent or a note from their medical provider, especially if their parent is not with the student during drop-off.

SFUSD COVID-19 and All Illness Protocol

What to do if your student does not feel well?

If your student is exhibiting any of the symptoms below, please have your student stay home and rest. In order to return to school, your student will need a negative test result for Covid-19. Both PCR/NAAT/molecular and antigen tests are acceptable for testing for Covid-19.

Fever of 100.4° F or higher, body chills/shivers	Sore throat	Shortness of breath	Headache	New loss of smell or taste
Nausea or Vomiting	Diarrhea	Body aches	Fatigue	Cough

What to do if your student tests positive for Covid-19?

SFUSD continues to work with the SF Department of Public Health to implement health and safety protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in schools. Based on [updated public health guidance](#) on December 31, 2021:

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 can return after 5 days of isolation if:

- They no longer have a fever, AND
- Their symptoms are getting better, AND
- They have a negative test collected on or after day 5.

Both PCR/NAAT/molecular and antigen tests are acceptable.

To report a positive case:

- Please call 415-660-9850 or email covidreporting@sfusd.edu
- If unable to perform the above, please contact the school directly.

Families may be contacted for further follow up if needed. If you have any questions regarding the SFUSD Covid protocol, please visit webpage [HERE](#) or contact Principal (SchoemanT@sfusd.edu) or School Nurse, Judy (ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu).

PARAEDUCATORS



WHY SFUSD?

Para is a prefix that comes from the Greek meaning "side by side or beside". Paraeducators play a fundamental role in supporting teachers in the classroom.

Paraeducators include family liaisons, noon monitors, security aides, teachers' assistants, to name a few. The positions could range from working in the classroom to monitoring the students during their lunch to supporting the students and families when conflicts arise.

Our SFUSD Core Values resonate deeply with our paras. They remain student-centered, staying focused on our students and their goals. Paraeducators are fearless because they are always willing to take on anything to best support the students. Paraeducators unite the classroom by serving as liaisons between the teachers, students and their families. They advocate for their students. And most of our paraeducators come from the same communities our students call home - bringing the knowledge and willingness to best reflect and support our diverse student population.

GROW IN SFUSD

SFUSD's Office of Professional Growth and Development (PGD) supports high quality, student-outcomes-based, and equity-focused learning for teachers, paraeducators, site leaders and central office leaders. Some opportunities include:

- Teacher Learning and Leadership
- Paraeducator Learning and Leadership
- Instructional Coaching

Paraeducators can also grow within the district through programs like Pathway to Teaching or the Paraeducator-to-Teacher Program. Please feel free to contact the Paraeducator Team with any questions you may have.

JOB ALERT!
We would like more Paraeducators
at APG. See Info at [SFUSD's
Webpage Here.](#)

[**CLICK HERE FOR PARA
JOB DESCRIPTION**](#)

We're

HIRING