



APG Family Bulletin

11/18/2022

A.P. Giannini Middle School

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Upcoming APG Events

[SEE CALENDAR at APGSF.COM](#)

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11/14 - 12/9: Black Bird Bookstore Fundraiser [[ONLINE, USE 'APG2022'](#)]

11/21 - 11/25: Fall Break, No School

11/29 - 12/1: Girls Volleyball Tryouts; Music Man Jr Auditions

12/2: Staff Breakfast [[SIGN UP](#)]

12/4: Garden Workday

12/8: Holiday Craft Night

12/9: Picture Retake Day

12/10 - 12/18: Sports Basement Holiday Event Fundraiser

12/19 - 1/2: Winter Break, No School

December: Various Performances, see [APG Art Dept Newsletter](#)

* **Volunteers Needed:** [CLICK HERE](#) to help at lunchtime; see Volunteer slide for helping at Field Trips

* **Cheer on our student athletes at our Girls Soccer and Girls & Boys Basketball games** ([schedules here](#))



Dear APG Families,

As a reminder, the parent/caregiver-teacher conferences are this week, November 14-18 (2:15-4:00pm). We have 1,200 students and holding an individual parent/caregiver conference for every child within the PTC window is not possible. However, you may have received a request from the grade-level counselor to meet with your child's teachers, or you may be interested in requesting a conference to find out how your child is doing and what you can do to partner with your child's teacher to make sure they have a successful school year. We encourage your children to participate in the conference. For your convenience, the conferences will be virtual, unless you prefer an in-person meeting.

If you did NOT receive a request to meet for a conference from the counselors and you are interested in connecting with your child's teachers to see how things are going for your child this semester, you may schedule a conference later this Fall by contacting the grade-level counselors (see below). Our goal is to have teachers meet with all families interested in having a conference. Thank you!

❖ **Contact your child's grade-level counselor to schedule a conference:**

- 6th Grade - Mr. McDaniel (McdanielS@sfusd.edu)
- 7th Grade - Ms. Mei (meib@sfusd.edu)
- 8th Grade - Mr. Jang (JangJ1@sfusd.edu)

OTC COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits

APG received OTC Covid-19 Antigen Test Kits for school-wide distribution for all our students and staff. There is an allotment of TWO (2) test kits per student and staff members. The test kits will be distributed during Advisory this week before we all leave for the Fall Break Holiday (*No School 11/21 - 11/25*). APG Students and Staff may use these Covid-19 test kits before returning to school on Monday 11/28.

[CLICK HERE for OTC COVID19 testing resources](#) for families - available

in multiple languages.



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 our Principal (SchoemanT@sfusd.edu) or School Nurse, Judy (ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu).

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NOVEMBER 21 - 25, 2022

FALL BREAK

NO SCHOOL THIS WEEK

SHOP ONLINE from 11/14 - 12/9

Visit: blackbirdsf.com, go to the “SHOP” section, add an item or many items to your cart; on the Checkout page, enter 'APG2022' in the '*add a gift message to your order*' text box. Proceeds from all purchases using this code [online](#) will go to our school.

**doesn't apply to gift card purchases*

Please share with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Anyone can shop [online](#) and books are wonderful holiday gifts! From Nov 14-Dec 9, 20% of proceeds from purchases online using “APG2022” will go to our PTSA Jag Fund to support our students and staff. Spread the word. We are excited to partner with a local business – by shopping at Black Bird Bookstore, you support our school and a small, local business. It's a win-win for all!

THANK YOU!



Athletics Announcements

Physical Packet

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. Even if you have already turned in a physical packet earlier this school year, please submit another one 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 Mr. Cheng. [APG Physical Packet Information](#)

Girls Volleyball Team Tryouts will start on Tuesday 11/29.

All Tryouts will be in the APG Gym

8th Grade - Tuesday 11/29 7:30-9:00am

7th Grade - Wednesday 11/30 7:30-9:00am

6th Grade - Thursday 12/1 7:30-9:00am

Second Round by Invitation (dates might change):

8th Grade by Invitation - Friday 12/2 7:30-9:00am

7th Grade by Invitation (maybe 6th Grade) - Monday 12/5 7:30-9:00am

6th Grade by Invitation - Tuesday 12/6 7:30-9:00am

Final Tryout by Invitation

All Grades - Thursday 12/8 7:30-9:00am

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** [or Click on Webpage Here](#)

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.

Come Cheer on our Student Athletes!
For all Game Schedules, [please visit the APG Athletics Instagram Account](#) OR
the [CIF Website](#) .

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO APG TODAY](#)

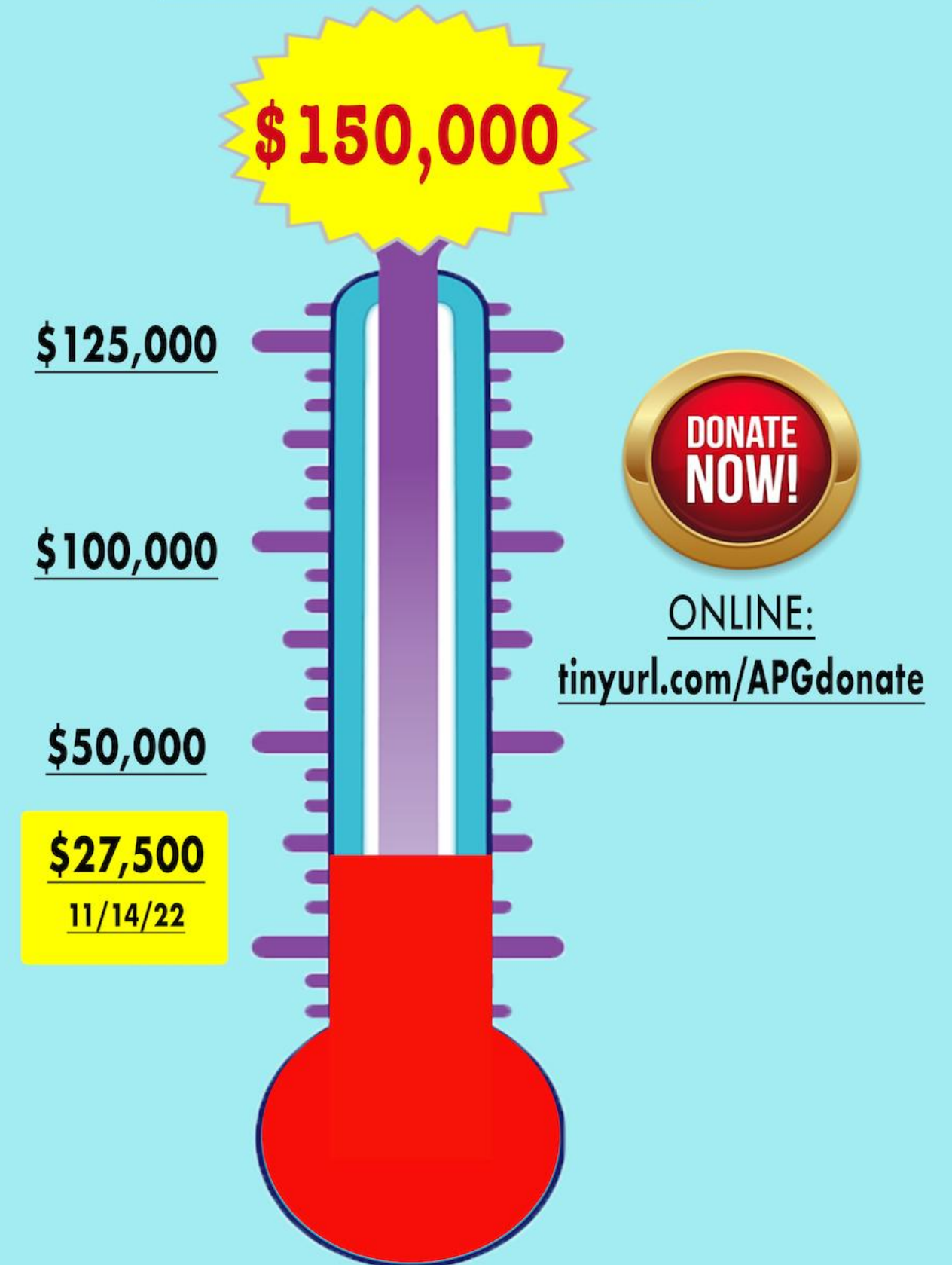
APG FAMILIES - WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!

We're only at \$27K of our \$150K fundraising goal for our wonderful public school as of mid-November. Please [give any amount](#) you're able to support our 1,200 students and 120+ staff. Every dollar goes back to our school to help with:

- Funding our Outdoor Science Educator and Garden Program
- Providing teachers with stipends to improve teaching materials/classrooms
- Providing more grants and online program subscriptions for departments
- Providing more supplies in all our classrooms for our students to use
- Beautifying the front of our school to make it more welcoming
- Stocking our Wellness Center with supplies and nutritious snacks for students
- Building our classroom ELA libraries
- Purchasing P.E. uniforms for students (each student gets one at no cost)
- Reinstating our P.E. Learn-to-bike program with new bicycles & helmets
- Year-round staff appreciation
- Community events, and more!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL!

APG PTSA 2022 -2023 FUNDRAISING GOAL



LET'S DO THIS, JAGUARS!



Calling all Bicycle Enthusiasts!

Did you know APG has a bike-riding program for our students? Our Board Members and Mr. Cheng (Athletic Director) have been busy doing bike audits to check up on our stored bikes & helmets.

We could use YOUR help with:

- ➔ **Cleaning up Bikes** (we'll pick a day to do this, TBD);
- ➔ **Tuning up Bikes** – experienced bike fixers or local businesses needed; and
- ➔ **Wholesale bike and helmet sellers** to purchase new bikes, handlebar grips & helmets.

If you're able to help, please email us asap at

GianniniPTA@gmail.com

Updated: ABSENCES, EARLY DISMISSAL, & LATE ARRIVAL PROTOCOL

Absences

1. To report an absence, please call our Counseling Office at **415-759-2773** or email our attendance clerk, **Stacey Dawson**, at dawsons@sfusd.edu
2. Written notes or emails from parents will be required for excusing absences.
 - a. Notes should include:
 - i. Date of Note, Student Name & Grade, Dates of Absence, Reason for Absence, Parent Name & Signature
3. Students should drop off written notes to the counseling office the day they return back to school.

Please allow a few days for attendance to be updated on the attendance system. Thanks for your patience.

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 to attendance clerk Stacey Dawson at dawsons@sfusd.edu.
 - 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 hard to find students ([see bell schedule](#)).

Late Arrival to School - Tardies

1. **Students who arrive late** to school should first go to the Counseling Office (room 231) to obtain a tardy pass, then they go to their class with their pass.
2. **Excusing Tardies:** Students should bring a written note to the Counseling Office from their parent **or** a note from their medical provider, especially if their parent are not with the student during drop-off.



School Safety Reminder



Please do not block our school buses or Muni buses during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up times every day from 9:15-9:35am and 3:45-4:10pm; and, 2:00-2:20pm on Wednesdays.

The parking lots are for STAFF use only; please do not use them for student drop-off/pick-up as our staff are trying to park or leave safely every day.

Be sure to STOP at all the Stop Signs and slow down near the crosswalks!

Please remind your student(s) to use marked crosswalks to cross all the streets near school.

We do not have enough staff to manage or supervise all of the school front drop-off or pick-up areas at APG; we welcome parent/caregiver volunteers to help us at those times - [email Mr. Backstrom](#).






Parent and Caregiver SEL Workshop Series

- What skills should all parents and caregiver have in their toolkit as they navigate the ups and downs of their children's social and emotional development?
- How can we better support our children and ourselves through difficult times?
- What are the long-term benefits of developing a high level of Emotional Intelligence?

Come together as a community to uncover a range of practical tools and insights to nurturing the SEL wellbeing of your whole family. Sessions are led by facilitators from [The Institute for Social and Emotional Learning](#). We recommend joining the entire Workshop Series, but each session also works as a standalone experience.

Getting Started with Social & Emotional Learning

 The first session pre-recorded on [YouTube](#) available anytime! Watch this foundational video on the basics of social and emotional learning. The video sets the context by providing frameworks, language, and research about SEL, and how it intersects with critical work of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Live Zoom Workshops

6:30 - 8:00 PM

October 26 **Big Moments: Bringing Calm When Emotions Run High**

This session offers parents an opportunity to reflect on the full range of emotions that parents and children might experience, particularly during this pandemic. We will offer a framework and practical strategies for managing and regulating our own emotions as well as coaching our children to better manage theirs.

November 8 **Communication and Conflict: Building and Repairing Relationships and Getting to Peace**

This session offers parents practical tools to build and maintain positive approaches to communication within the family and explores ways to repair and heal relationships when conflict arises or communication falters. We will focus on active and reflective listening, styles of communication, and practices for conflict transformation.

December 6 **Coaching for Compassionate Decision Making and Problem Solving**

This session will offer parents and caregivers practical tools for guiding their children to make compassionate and responsible decisions, for themselves and in their relationships with others. We'll offer some insights for navigating complex or challenging conversations that can arise, and share an easy-to-use problem solving protocol to use in coaching your child to greater resilience and independence.

SFUSD invites **parents/caregivers with middle school students** to join the last December 6th workshop for social emotional learning, sponsored by SFUSD. The event is available in multiple SFUSD languages.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Please review the fliers [HERE](#) for more details.

SFUSD looks forward to welcoming all middle school parents and caregivers to this series of free workshops. This work supports the SFUSD priority of social emotional learning in the middle school advisory classes.