

Upcoming APG Events

SEE CALENDAR at APGSF.COM

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Through 12/9: Black Bird Bookstore Fundraiser [ONLINE, USE 'APG2022']

Through 12/15: Clothing Drive [FLIER]

12/1: Girls Soccer Semi-Finals Match; Volleyball Tryouts Continue

12/2 - 12/15: Various Orchestra, Choir & Band Performances; see dates in APG Art Dept Newsletter

12/2: Staff Breakfast

12/4: Garden Workday, Volunteers Needed [FLIER]

12/5 - 12/9: Inclusive Schools Week

12/8: Holiday Crafts Social [RSVP]

12/9: Picture Retake Day

12/10 - 12/18: Sports Basement Holiday Event Fundraiser [FLIER]

12/14: Winter Concert

12/15: Last Day for Clothing Drive; Candyland Winter Dance [Volunteer Sign Up]

12/17 - 1/2: Winter Break, No School. See you back at School on 1/3/23

UPDATE: COLOR PCR Testing Extended

COLOR Testing Continues Through March 2023

COLOR self-swab test kits will continue to be available through the end of March, 2023. These are not rapid test kits, but RT-LAMP testing that requires submitting a swab sample to be tested in a clinical lab.

Test kits are available at **school sites** (**drop off before 10:00am**) and central office locations (drop off before 4:30pm). Pick-up times vary so be sure to check the sticker on the bin to see if samples have been picked up for the day. Testing is not mandatory.

- Please see the <u>COVID testing options</u> on the SFUSD website for central office locations. Information about testing options for the Spring semester will be provided prior to the winter break.
- For city testing options, please visit <u>sf.gov/drop-testing</u>.

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 <u>updated public health guidance</u> 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).





December, 2022

We'll accept NEW and GENTLY-USED warm coats, jeans, sweats, jackets, socks, and underwear for women, children of all ages, and men.



DONATE NOW THROUGH Thursday, December 15th

DROP-OFF DONATIONS
In the Beacon Office (Rm 130)
8:30AM - 4:00PM

Donations will go to Urban Angels SF urbanangelssf.org

THANK YOU

IT'S NOT HOW MUCH WE GIVE, BUT HOW MUCH LOVE WE PUT INTO GIVING.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL BETH GUY: GUYE1@SFUSD.EDU

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, and 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 purchases of gift cards!

Please share with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Anyone can shop <u>online</u> 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 <u>and</u> a small, local business. It's a win-win for all!

THANK YOU!





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. 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 Soccer Semifinal Game ~ Giannini vs. TBD on Thursday 12/1 at 3:30pm at the Beach Chalet Soccer Field

Girls Volleyball Team Tryouts start on Tuesday 11/29 in the 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

Come Cheer on our Student Athletes!
For all Game Schedules, <u>please visit the APG Athletics Instagram Account</u> OR the <u>CIF Website</u>.

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: <u>APG Athletics Website</u>
Tryouts Information - <u>APG Athletics Tryout Information</u>

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

Join us at our lovely school Garden on Sunday, 12/4 from 9a to 2p to spruce it up for the Winter. SIGN UP HERE

No green thumb is needed, your enthusiasm to help out is great. Bring tools, and your own gloves, and wear clothing that can get dirty. We welcome donations of soil, succulents, mulch, and bark.

Light snacks will be provided.

Please email Sara Brown at sbrown@bacr.org with any questions or to coordinate garden donations.

Thank you!

*In case of heavy rain, we will postpone



"BRING YOUR TOOLS AND GLOVES"
"ENJOY COFFEE AND DONUTS"
"COMMUNE WITH THE CHICKENS"

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

HOSTED BY APG BEACON AND THE APG PTSA

SFUSD Celebrates Inclusive Schools Week, December 5-9!

SFUSD is once again celebrating Inclusive Schools Week, December 5-9, 2022. This annual event celebrates the progress schools have made toward providing an inclusive education for our diverse student population and our students marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economics status, cultural heritage, language preference and other factors. This is a wonderful opportunity for ALL of our teachers, staff, families and students to celebrate and raise awareness and sense of belonging in our schools.

Things you can do:

- 1. Check out <u>sfusd.edu/sped</u> for activities, reading materials and other resources that celebrate inclusion.
- 2. Encourage students to submit art to the <u>Inclusive Arts Showcase</u>. We are accepting submissions of visual and performing arts including paintings, sketches, photography, song, dance, music, spoken word, creative writing and more.
 Use the theme as your inspiration! <u>Click here to submit your work!</u>
- 3. December 5th-9th, 2022: Celebrate inclusive practices!





You and your family are invited to our Holiday Crafts Social! We will be making gifts you can bring home and give to your loved ones just in time for the holidays.

Snacks and materials are provided!

您和您的家人被邀請參加我們的節日工藝品社交活動! 我們將製作禮物,您可以在假期前及時帶回家並送給您 所愛的人。提供零食和材料!

¡Usted y su familia están invitados a nuestro evento social de manualidades navideñas! Haremos obsequios que puede llevar a casa y dárselos a sus seres queridos justo a tiempo para las fiestas. ¡Se proporcionan refrigerios y materiales!

RSVP HERE

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbAbIG48LaJmjfJICDZGX9dVtYYBWzEnSUWrXRck15ZbOgFA/viewform?usp=sf_link



Thank you for giving to APG.





CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO APG TODAY

tinyurl.com/APGdonate

Giving Tuesday 🝣 November 29, 2022





Upcoming Dates

Field Trips

11/29 Advanced Orchestra @ City Hall

12/2 Choir @ Union Square

12/8 Advanced Orchestra @ Embarcadero

12/8 Choir @ City Hall

12/15 Advanced Band @ City Hall

School Music Assemblies

12/13 Advanced Music Concert

6th grade - 2nd Period

7th grade - 3rd Period

8th grade - 4th Period

Evening Performance

12/14 6 pm



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022, 4:30 TO 6:00 PM

BEACON

TICHETS ARE \$5.00

DATES OF TICKET SALES: 12/7, 12/9, 12/12, 12/14, DURING LUNCH ON THE YARD.



Candyland Winter Dance

Thursday, December 15, 4:30 to 6:00 PM APG Cafeteria and Patio

Student Government will be selling tickets in the yard by the big teal wall on the following dates: 12/7, 12/9, 12/12, and 12/14.

Tickets are \$5.00. Cash only!

All Beacon students get to attend for FREE.

PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR THE DANCE
Sign up here!

Request music for the dance herehttps://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf 42V7v7tpeTLDruaLg6yz47laAenLvIl6rhxdOigA QFlRUVQ/viewform?usp=sf_link





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 January date 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

SMART+ Saturday Program

The SMART+ program is an academic and enrichment program for underrepresented middle school students, informed by project-based, experiential learning activities with the goal of helping students learn and apply STEAM-based lessons to real-world settings and situations.

The program will have classes on various topics such as: financial literacy, life skills, art, community building, music, entrepreneurship and more. Students will learn what it means to be an entrepreneur from Black business owners and put their knowledge to use by creating their own business.

For more information or questions regarding program, please contact Program Coordinator, Samantha Vaing at Samantha@urbanedacademy.org

See Flier for Info

BridgeWhiz

BridgeWhiz is a FREE online course designed to teach students in grades 4 through 12 the mind-building challenge, great fun, and competitive excitement of contract bridge, which will nurture your child's team and individual competitive spirit. Build social skills. And enhance deductive reasoning and math abilities.

See Flier for Info

<u>Updated: ABSENCES, EARLY DISMISSAL, & LATE ARRIVAL PROTOCOL</u>

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.

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

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.

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 - <a href="mailto:emailt

