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APG Family Bulletin

8/30/23

A.P. Giannini Middle School
3151 Ortega Street
San Francisco, CA 94122
Main: 415-759-2770
Counseling/Attendance: 415-759-2773

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Upcoming Events

8/30: Family Workshop: Navigating 6th Grade Together – LOCATION MOVED TO CAFETERIA

9/1: Staff Breakfast ([COFFEE still needed; SIGN UP HERE](#))

9/1-9/10: Growing up Green Fundraiser with Sloat Garden Center

9/4: Labor Day Holiday, No School

9/6: PTSA General Meeting, 6:30PM, in-person at APG Library or online via [ZOOM](#), all are welcome;

ELAC & SSC Nominations Due ([FORM](#))

9/12: Basketball Tryouts begin

9/14: APG Back to School Night, 5:45-8:00PM, all families encouraged to attend

9/17: Garden Workday, 8:30am-2:30pm

9/21: Mid-Autumn Family Social, 5pm, Cafeteria

* **Note:** All Wednesdays are early dismissal at 2:15pm. See [printable BELL SCHEDULE](#)

* **Ongoing:** SF Giants FUNdraiser, [CLICK HERE](#); code: Gianni

[SEE CALENDAR HERE](#)



NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH



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 arrive/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 the marked crosswalks to cross 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](#).



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Update Your Contact Information on ParentVue

In order to receive up-to-date information from APG and important SFUSD announcements, please **confirm that your correct phone number and email address is listed in Synergy.**

[You can update your phone number and email address in ParentVUE at this link - click here.](#)

APG Attendance Policy (part 1)

Report a Student Absent

For Parent/Guardian Use ***ONLY***

Please complete this online form

ONLY to report your Student Absent **ALL DAY** or **MULTIPLE DAYS**. Please **DO NOT** email the student's Counselor for attendance issues. **DO NOT** use this form to request a Permit to Leave School. For a Permit to Leave School have your student provide a note to the Counseling Office before 9:30am. Allow at least **5 days** for the report to reflect in the Student's record.

See details for [Valid Excused Absences by CA State Law](#)

Permit to Leave School

If your student needs to leave school for an appointment they must first get a **Permit To Leave School from the Counseling Office**. Students **WILL NOT** be allowed to leave campus without a Permit to Leave School. Please have your student bring a note to the **Counseling Office** to **PICK UP** a **Permit to Leave School between 9:00AM - 9:30AM**. The note must have the following information: Student Name and Grade, Date, Time and Reason for Leave, Parent Name & Signature.

If you email your request to the Attendance Clerk Stacey Dawson at dawsons@sfusd.edu your student **MUST PICK UP** their **Permit to Leave School in the Counseling Office between 9:00AM - 9:30AM**.

Students with a valid **Permit To Leave School** will be allowed to leave campus on their own. Parents/Guardians do not need to enter the building if they have provided their student permission to leave school. Students returning from an appointment must come to the **Counseling Office** to get an **Excused Tardy Pass** before they return to class.

See details for [Valid Excused Absences by CA State Law](#)

APG Attendance Policy (part 2)

Tardy- Late Arrival to School

Any student arriving at school **after 9:35am** is **Tardy** and must report to the **Counseling Office**. It should be noted that being tardy in any amount of minutes beyond the bell is unacceptable and may result in loss of some school privileges or eligibility for attendance incentive recognitions.

Attendance Codes in Synergy (ParentVue & StudentVue)

- TE = Tardy that has been Excused
- T = Tardy Unexcused
- T-30 = Tardy Unexcused greater than 30 minutes
- A = Absent Unexcused
- E = Absent Excused
- ACT = School Activity (field trips, athletics, school related events)

Excused Tardy

To Excuse a Tardy, have your student bring a note from a parent/ guardian/ medical provider to the **Counseling Office** when they arrive at school. The note must have the following information: Student Name and Grade, Date, Valid Reason for Tardy, Parent Name & Signature. Please provide any documentation confirming medical appointments.

See details for [Valid Excused Absences by CA State Law](#)

Unexcused Absences

Definition of Unexcused Absence

Secondary (middle/high): Missing a full day of school, a class period, or being tardy 30 or more minutes within any class period of the school day.

Unexcused Absences Include:

1. Missing class or school without an excused or approved reason, whether the absence is student or parent/guardian/caregiver-initiated (eg for childcare or household shopping).
2. Absences for which advance approval is necessary and was not obtained before the absence.

Chronic Absence

In our effort to promote satisfactory attendance, parents may receive calls after any absence, and can expect calls or written notification if “excused” absences become in excess of 10% of the school days. If excused absences or tardies due to illness exceed 10% of school days, the administrator may request medical verification of the need for absence.

[See Details for The Importance of Attendance](#)

SFUSD 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. For fever: please return to school after 24 hours has passed of being fever-free without medication.

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
Pinkeye	Rash	Mouth Sores	Abdominal Pain	Runny Nose

Families may be contacted for further follow up if needed for an ill student. If you are called to pick up your sick student, please do so promptly or arrange for them to get home safely immediately. We have limited spaces in our Wellness Center/School for sick students to wait without exposing others.

If you have any questions regarding the SFUSD illness protocol, please visit webpage [HERE](#) or contact our School Nurse, Judy (ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu).

Important Update: Menus & Nutritional Information

Revolution Foods' menus will no longer appear on SchoolCafe; they continue to be available as a PDF menu at sfusd.edu/menus and are viewable in the cafeteria and/or school office. **This will primarily impact elementary schools and a few middle/high schools.** With this update, nutritional information for these sites will also no longer be available on SchoolCafe. Parents and students at these sites can access a comprehensive list of nutrition and allergen information through our Google folders in [Allergen Reports & Nutritional Analysis](#). Please make note of this update, especially School Nurses, Parent Liaisons and others who support students, so you know where to find these important documents in the future.

Please note: The above change will not impact school sites receiving the Refresh menu. Refresh menus are still available on [SchoolCafe](#), at sfusd.edu/menus, as well as in the cafeteria.

This is a [helpful sheet](#) that will let you know if your site is served by Revolution Foods or the Refresh program.

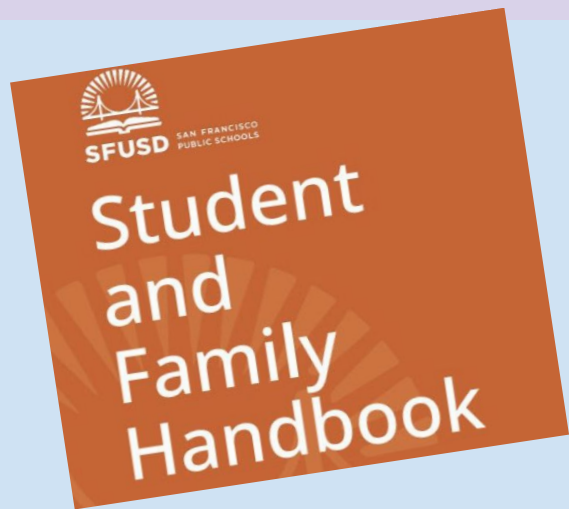
Thank you for your help as we navigate this change in accessibility.

California Universal Meals for All & School Menu

Thanks to [California Meals for All](#), all school meals will be offered at no cost to all students in the 2023-24 school year. California was the first state in the country to adopt this new program. APG serves fresh SFUSD SNS Refresh meals; **Menus:** <https://www.schoolcafe.com/menus/0>

Multipurpose Family Income Form

Even though school meals are free, ALL APG Families are encouraged to fill out the SFUSD [Multipurpose Family Income Form](#) because it helps secure funds for our school. And, families can become eligible for numerous other benefits to support them.



SFUSD's Student and Family Handbook Updated for 2023-24

SFUSD's updated Student & Family Handbook is now available online at sfusd.edu/handbook. We encourage all students and families to read the handbook for info.

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FAMILY WORKSHOP: NAVIGATING 6TH GRADE TOGETHER

Join us for an evening as we guide our 6th grade families through the exciting journey of middle school. We will have an information panel featuring our Principal, 6th Grade Counselor, School Social Worker, and Beacon Director.

COME WITH QUESTIONS! RSVP BELOW!



Wednesday, August 30, 2023

5:00 to 6:00 PM

~~AP Giannini Library~~, In person

ALL ARE WELCOME! FREE EVENT!


**LOCATION CHANGED
to the APG CAFETERIA
due to huge number of
RSVPs for this event!**

Join us!

We would love Coffee + Many Treats
donated for our Staff Breakfast on
Friday, September 1st!
Thank you!

SIGN UP HERE
signup.com/go/kEyRtrS






APG Staff Breakfasts 2023-24
Fri Sep 1, 2023 – Fri May 3, 2024

Thank you for helping out with our monthly staff breakfast by bringing an item for our staff to enjoy! Please bring your offering to the GARDEN or front desk between 8:00a-8:20a on the day of the event. Thanks!







[Share this Invite](#)

Find Spots By Date

Sep 1, 2023 

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SPOT	TIME	FILLED	PARTICIPANTS	
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SUPPORT OUR GARDEN!

September 1st - 10th

Purchase items from any SF Sloat Garden Center shop, mention “AP Giannini” at checkout, and we will get 10% back in the form of a gift card for our Garden. The more you spread the word, the bigger the amount we get for our school garden!

We always welcome donations of local succulents, compost, and soil to help our garden thrive and grow. If you purchase those items from Sloat Garden Center then we benefit twice.

Thank you!



**QUESTIONS? DONATIONS?
WANT TO JOIN OUR GARDEN TEAM?**

**EMAIL our Outdoor Science/Garden
Educator, Sara, at sbrown@bacr.org**



JOIN US!

Wednesday, September 6th, 2023
PTSA General Meeting ~ all are welcome
6:30pm, APG Library or [ZOOM](#)

Join us **IN-PERSON** or **[click here to JOIN BY ZOOM](#)** on Wednesday, Sept. 6th to hear school info from our PTSA Board and Principal Schoeman. We have **important updates** and will **VOTE on our BUDGET** ~ don't miss this meeting! This is your chance to ask any questions as well. Our PTSA General Meeting is a Hybrid format - you can choose to attend in-person or online via **[Zoom](#)**. The In-person attendees will enjoy a light dinner at the meeting in the Library.

SSC / ELAC Nomination - APPLY BY 9/6/23

Dear Families:

A.P. Giannini is holding elections for school committees, which must be completed by **September 6, 2023**. [We invite you to nominate yourself](#) or others for the following:

- School Site Council (SSC)
- English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC)

A **School Site Council (SSC)** must be established at **all** San Francisco Unified School District public schools. The elected members represent parents, students, community members, and school staff in school governance. The SSC is responsible for the development of the Academic Plan, and overall school site budget including any categorical funds. The SSC is expected to:

- Review the SFUSD Strategic Plan: *Beyond the Talk*.
- Review and analyze student data.
- Solicit community input and develop a needs assessment.
- Assist the principal in developing the BSC/SPSA and school site budget.
- Monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the BSC/SPSA on an ongoing basis.
- Approve the Academic Plan and school site budget before it is submitted to the District for final review and approval.

The purpose of the **English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC)** is to advise the principal, SSC and school staff on programs and services for *English Learners*. The tasks are similar to the SSC's (stated above) and also include: the annual language census and ways to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance.

The school council and committees are needed to support all school programs. **You are invited to become a candidate for membership on the council and/or any or all of the committees of your choice.** The school & district are responsible for providing you with the information and training you need to be an effective member. Generally, the groups meet once a month for two hours. Each member is elected for either a one or two year term. Family members often offer insights on how effective our school is in creating a positive learning environment and how well their children understand their assignments. Perspectives, and parent participation/involvement are important to our school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call (628-233-7151) or email (schoemant@sfusd.edu) Mr. Schoeman, Principal. Thank you!

Nomination Form

Important

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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, STUDENTS, AND SIBLINGS ARE ALL WELCOME.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:15PM

Meet your student's teachers, purchase Jaguar Merchandise, learn about the PTSA, and meet Beacon Staff, the Garden team, and Wellness team
No food/drinks provided, please eat off-site before or after the event.



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THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

APG BAND
PERFORMANCE
AT 5:20 PM IN
THE AUDITORIUM

DON'T MISS
THIS EVENT!

Athletics Announcements

Giannini Athletics – [SEE MORE INFO HERE](#)

Please make sure to turn in your [physical packet](#) ONLINE to Mr. Cheng or Mr. Alfaro BEFORE the tryout dates in order to be eligible to try out for sports teams. Physicals should be submitted electronically using homecampus.com online for our APG athletics forms.

Cheer on our APG Baseball, Girls Softball, and Boys Soccer Teams – see their Games Schedules

See [Boys Soccer Schedule](#)

See [Baseball Schedule](#)

See [Girls Softball Schedule](#)



APG Boys Basketball Team and Girls Basketball Informational Meeting & Tryouts

- In order to be eligible to try out for the teams, you must be cleared on [Home Campus](#) prior to September 11th.
- **Basketball Tryouts** will begin on **Tuesday 9/12 at 4pm in the Gym**. More details to follow.

APG Athletics 2022-2023 Google Classroom (for students)

For all students interested in receiving information and updates about Giannini Athletics for the school year, please join the Giannini Athletics Google Classroom. The class code is: **jefixvf**; <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjAzNDI1ODgwNDYx?cjc=jefixvf>

APG Athletics Website & Tryouts Information for All Sports This Year

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

Questions? Email [Mr. Cheng](#) or [Mr. Alfaro](#)

[Please visit the APG Athletics Instagram Account](#)

JOIN THE APG PTSA TODAY

The APG PTSA seeks to bring together the entire community to support and promote the education, enrichment, and well-being of all our students and families. Everyone is welcome to join - parents, teachers, staff, students, alums, relatives, neighbors, and other community members. For only \$10 per person for the whole year, you get perks and your tax-deductible dues help pay for:

- The garden and our Outdoor Education teacher
- Classroom books and supplies
- P.E. equipment and uniforms
- Teacher grants and professional development
- Teacher and Staff appreciation
- Supplies for our Library and Wellness Center

Please join the APG PTSA today!



Thank you for supporting APG!!!

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR APG PTSA!

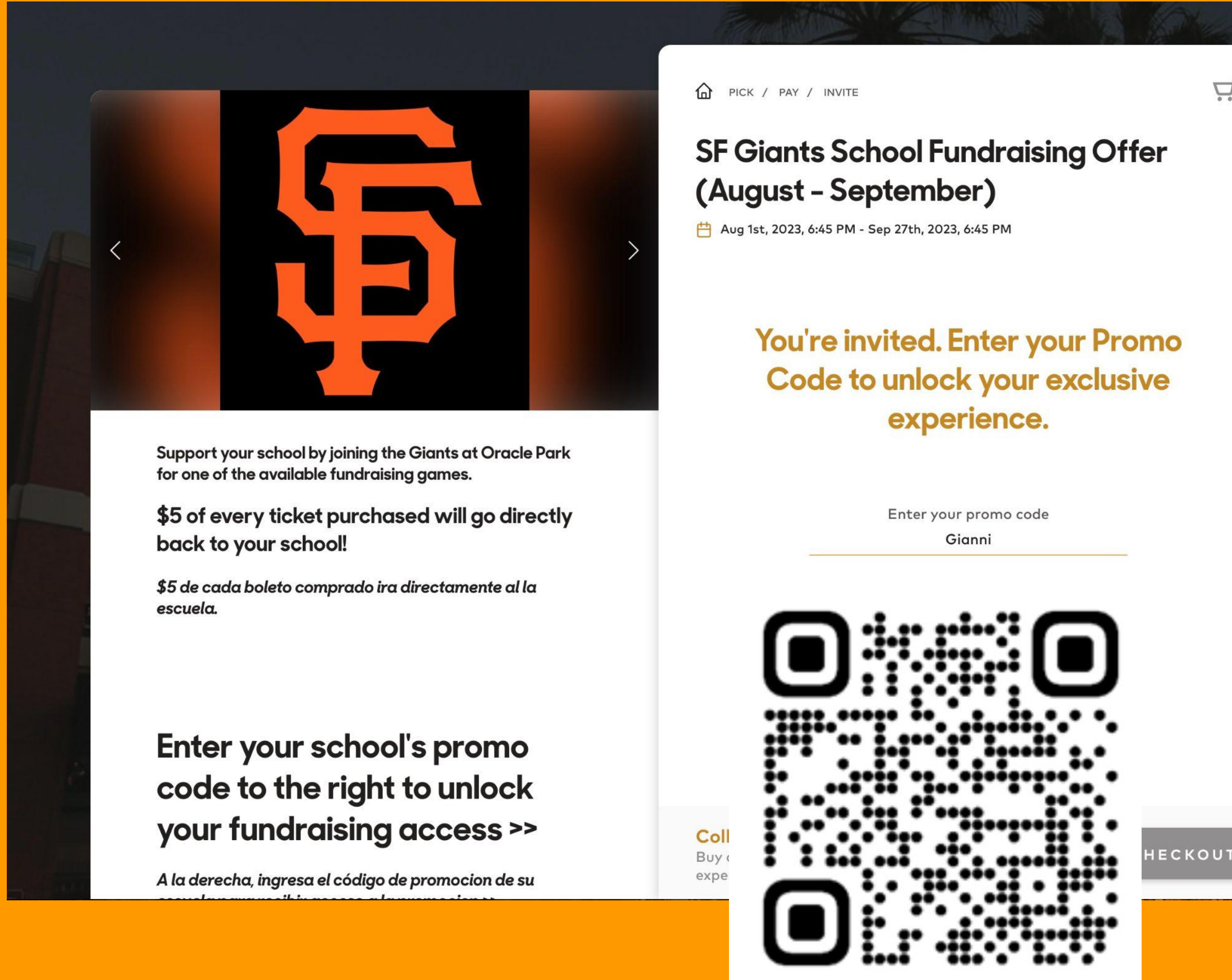
CLICK HERE TO JOIN
AT OUR ONLINE
MEMBERSHIP LINK

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS!

The SF Giants partnered with us for a great FUNdraising opportunity for our school!

When you buy Giants tickets using this [link](https://fevo.me/giantsschoolfundraiser3) and the code "Gianni", APG will get a \$5 donation from each of the tickets purchased through the promo. Support our school and a local sports team: it's a win-win!

Visit:
fevo.me/giantsschoolfundraiser3
Enter Promo Code:
Gianni



The promotional graphic is divided into two main sections. The left section features a large orange SF Giants logo on a black background, flanked by left and right navigation arrows. Below the logo, text in English and Spanish explains the \$5 donation per ticket. The right section has a white background with a navigation bar at the top containing a home icon, 'PICK / PAY / INVITE', and a shopping cart icon. The main heading is 'SF Giants School Fundraising Offer (August - September)', followed by the dates 'Aug 1st, 2023, 6:45 PM - Sep 27th, 2023, 6:45 PM'. A call to action in orange text says 'You're invited. Enter your Promo Code to unlock your exclusive experience.' Below this is a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter your promo code' and the code 'Gianni' entered. A large QR code is positioned at the bottom right, with a 'CHECKOUT' button to its right. A partially visible button on the bottom left says 'Coll Buy d expe'.

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Support your school by joining the Giants at Oracle Park for one of the available fundraising games.

\$5 of every ticket purchased will go directly back to your school!

\$5 de cada boleto comprado ira directamente al la escuela.

Enter your school's promo code to the right to unlock your fundraising access >>

A la derecha, ingresa el código de promocion de su escuela para recibir el beneficio de la promoción.

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CHECKOUT



YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE.



DONATE TO APG TODAY!

OUR PTSA JAG FUND DIRECTLY SUPPORTS OUR STUDENTS & STAFF BY:

- Funding our Outdoor Science Educator
- Giving P.E. Uniforms to all students at no cost
- Purchasing new bikes for students to use in P.E.
- Providing 57 Teacher Stipends for classroom supplies
- Funding Staff Appreciation meals and treats all year round
- Providing nutritious snacks & supplies in the Wellness Center
- Supporting our Library lunch-time activities
- And, much more!

DONATE

GOAL: \$125,000

DONATE TODAY!



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RECOMMENDED DONATION
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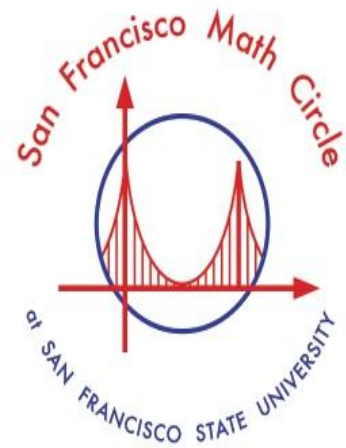
STAY UP TO DATE WITH AP GIANNINI EVENTS, THE BEACON PROGRAM, AND FAMILY RESOURCES.

訂閱我們的新聞。了解學校活動課後活動和家庭資源。

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RECURSOS FAMILIARES.**

SUBSCRIBE HERE





Come join the San Francisco Math Circle for a math festival!



At San Francisco Math Circle, we make math **accessible, inclusive, and fun!**

We're hosting a **math festival** on **Saturday, September 9!** At this festival, there will be something for everyone, regardless of their math background!

When: Saturday, 9/9, 10am-12pm

Where: San Francisco State University

Grades: 2-8

Cost: \$10 per student (\$5 for families new to SF Math Circle!)

- We also have a limited number of free spaces available for families experiencing financial need.

For more info and to register, please visit www.sfmathcircle.org/sf-state-math-festival or scan the QR code below:



The University Corporation,
San Francisco State University

Engaging, hands-on
puzzles and games!



A supportive, collaborative,
fun environment!



Promoting positive
attitudes towards math!



Creative exploration and
problem solving!

Come join the San Francisco Math Circle for a
math festival

We'll be hosting an in-person math festival for 2nd-8th grade students on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at San Francisco State University.

This math festival will be a great opportunity for students and their families to explore the fun side of math in an accessible, engaging way!

It will have something for everyone, regardless of their math background. We'll provide a bunch of our favorite hands-on, engaging mathematical puzzles and games for students to explore.

Students will be free to choose which activities to explore, and they're welcome to explore a variety of different activities over the course of the festival.

Registration

- Registration for this event is \$10 per student, but only \$5 for families who are new to SF Math Circle and who apply the discount code "NEW" when registering.
- We have a limited number of free spaces available for families experiencing financial need.
- For more info about this event and to register, please visit sfmathcircle.org/sf-state-math-festival

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Enroll now for fall semester at Moving Arts Academy of Dance

Fall classes begin September 5th!

Moving Arts Academy of Dance provides a nurturing environment for students to excel technically and artistically.

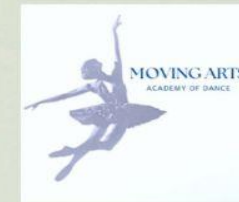
Our program offers a pre-professional and children's program taught by knowledgeable, caring and experienced instructors. The program also includes contemporary and classical repertory coaching, and performance opportunities in the winter and spring.

We are located in the Mission Terrace neighborhood of San Francisco, close to BART and Muni lines.

Enroll at: www.movingartsacademyofdance.com.

Email with any questions to info@movingartsstudiosf.com

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