APG PTSA Community Newsletter · 8/14/2023

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Welcome, new & incoming students, families, and staff. Welcome back, returning students, families, and staff. We're excited to begin the 2023-24 School Year together! Our APG PTSA Newsletter will be shared twice a month and we hope you will take time to read our newsletter for updates on events, activities, and all other school happenings.

Our first day of school is on August 16th! Join our Principal and PTSA Board at our Welcome Coffee on 8/16 from 9:00-9:30AM in the school Garden. Read more from our Principals in their WELCOME LETTER and Essential Information to Begin the Year (*including what students need to bring to school*). Check out the district's 2023-24 School CALENDAR for important school dates and look out for emails or ParentVue/StudentVue messages from your grade-level counselor. See the school BELL SCHEDULE and note that we have early dismissal at 2:15pm every Wednesday.

Our APG community is special because of the support we, as families and caregivers, provide to continue to make APG the BEST middle school for our students and staff. We'd like to see every APG family STEP UP and HELP as a volunteer at school and attend all our events this school year. With YOUR SUPPORT, the PTSA can host events/activities, as well as extend much-needed support to our school. Please read the VOLUNTEER section below for ways to help out and EMAIL US directly to let us know how you'd like to be involved at APG. Together, we will make this year a fantastic and memorable one for our 1,200 students, 120+ staff, and families in our remarkable school community.

As always, check out all the school events on our PTSA CALENDAR. We also share updates on our PTSA WEBSITE, INSTAGRAM and FACEBOOK. Thank you, Jaguars!

EVENTS & CALENDAR

★ SUBSCRIBE TO APG CALENDAR ★

8/16: First Day of School; Welcome Coffee at 9:00am; Early Dismissal at 2:15pm; Athletics Meeting, 2:15pm @ Gym

8/17: Tryouts for Boys Soccer, Baseball and Softball [TRYOUTS]

9/1: First Staff Breakfast [DONATIONS OF FOOD/COFFEE requested]

9/4: Labor Day Holiday, No School

9/6: General PTSA Meeting

TBD: Back to School Night

August & September: SF Giants Baseball Game Ticket Fundraiser [LINK]

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

★ PTSA BOARD & CHAIR POSITIONS ~ JOIN US TODAY ★

We are looking for a few more PTSA BOARD MEMBERS/ CHAIRS for the upcoming 2023-24 school year! If interested, please email us today after checking out the positions listed below! The open roles can be seen on the Nomination FORM HERE. Thanks for your consideration and stepping up to make a difference at our school! Check out the list of this year's Board members/chairs below.

- ➔ URGENT - Comms VP and E-News Editor: send the e-newsletter 2x a month; help the Admin with the weekly Bulletin; work with the President, EVP and Website/Social Media Manager to communicate with families and staff regularly.
- ➔ Fall School Tour Lead: help our Principals plan tours with our AVID students

- ➔ Spring Open House Chair: help plan the Spring Open House event with our Admin, Principals, Beacon and Student Government.
- ➔ Event Lead - 6th Grade Socials: help lead the 6th grade socials in the Fall.
- ➔ Event Lead - 8th Grade Socials/ End-of-Year Events: help lead the 8th grade social in the Fall and the end-of-year events in the Spring.
- ➔ Event Lead - General: help with any events throughout the school year.
- ➔ English Learner Advisory Committee
- ➔ African American Parent Advisory Council Committee
- ➔ Chinese WeChat Group Chair

★ JOIN OUR PTSA ★ **Sign up online** at **tinyurl.com/joinAPG** to become a 2023-24 **PTSA Member** today! Let's support our wonderful PTSA with at least 250 members this school year - join today!

★ STAFF BREAKFASTS ★ [**SIGN UP**] Our first staff breakfast takes place on Friday, September 1st and we could use many donations of food & coffee for our awesome APG staff. Every month, our staff look forward to this PTSA-hosted breakfast and we rely on food/coffee donations from our entire APG community to provide scrumptious breakfasts for our staff. If you'd like to help, **SIGN UP ONLINE** by August 29th. Items should be dropped off between 8:00-8:20am in the school office's front desk or the garden before our staff arrive at 8:30am for breakfast on 9/1. Thanks! Next Breakfast dates: October 6, November 3, and December 1 (Spring dates coming soon).

★ GARDEN & CHICKEN CARE ★ We would love your help with Chicken & Garden Care. For more information, please email Ruben Diaz and Sara Brown (garden educator) and they will share information and the schedule/sign-up sheet with you. We have three Garden Workdays each year where we invite the whole community to help spruce up our school garden; look out for info about the first one in September/October.

Thank you for considering the volunteer opportunities to support our APG community ~ your time is greatly appreciated. Together, we can make a big difference!

★ 2023-24 PTSA BOARD + CHAIRS ★

Tonecia - President

Emma - Exec VP

Linda - Treasurer

President: Tonecia Harvey
Executive Vice President: Emma Silvius
Treasurer: Linda Tsang

Secretary: Jennie Chang
Historian: Leigh Meredith
Parliamentarian: Kimberly Thai
Principal: Tai-Sun Schoeman
Teacher Liaison: Monica Rivera
Fundraising Vice President: Suzanne Pyatt
Fundraising Passive Chair: Andrea Pollock
Membership Vice President: Tamara Milovac
Gear Co-Chairs: Jason Dare & Carrie C Byun
Auditor & Teacher Grants: Sara R Norwick
Volunteer Coordinator: Beth Ryan
Hospitality Co-Coordinators: Terah Hagy & Mandy K Sather
Garden Co-Chairs: Ruben Diaz & Katy Hill
Student-PTSA Liaison: Kristine Ng
Fliers: Angela Chang
Board Member at Large: Marissa B Guerrero
7th Grade Event Lead: Julie Karasik
Social Media Manager/Website: Jeff Chen

We appreciate all our wonderful parent & staff volunteers giving their time to serve on our PTSA Board this year!

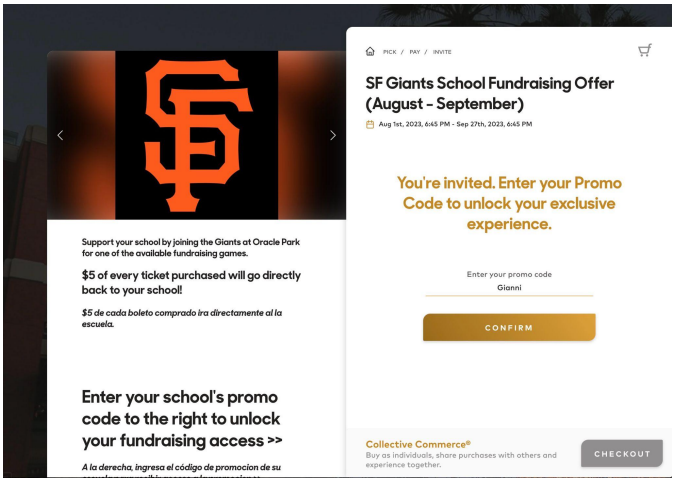
DONATE + FUNDRAISER

★ SF GIANTS ★ The SF Giants partnered with us for a great FUNdraising opportunity for our school! If you are interested in a fun day at the Giants ballpark, use the link to purchase low-priced tickets for any of the participating August and September, 2023 baseball games. When you buy Giants tickets using this **link** 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!

Link to SF Giants ticket promotion: https://fevo.me/giantsschoolfundraiser3
Enter Promo Code: Gianni

★ JAG FUND ★ The best way for our 1,100 APG families to support our public middle school is to contribute a direct donation to our Jag Fund online at: tinyurl.com/APGdonate. Please donate any amount you're able to give; every dollar goes to programs, supplies, activities, and events for our 1,200 students & 120+ staff! If you work at a company that will match your donation to APG, we hope you will make a match request to further your support (Tax ID #94-3104531).

We appreciate your help to raise the much-needed funds so we may continue to support our students, teachers/staff, and school community. Make a donation today thru PayPal or by Check [to “AP Giannini PTSA” and drop off in our school office] to support APG. Questions? EMAIL US anytime. Thank you for your support!



GEAR

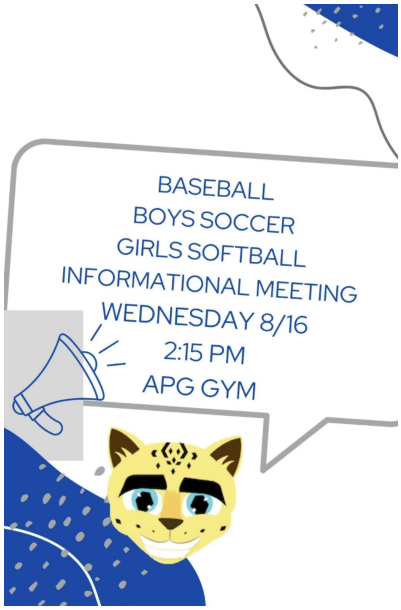
We love seeing all the Jaguar pride and spirit with students, parents, and staff wearing their school gear! Gear Sales resume online on August 16, 2023 (gear.apgsf.com), with orders processed every 2 weeks. All gear orders will either be in the office for you to pick up or delivered to your student’s advisory/other classroom for them to bring home. You may EMAIL GEAR CHAIRS with any questions. Let’s go, Jaguars!

ATHLETICS

Students who are planning to try out for Fall Sports should get their **physical check-up** completed this Summer and before school begins on August 16th. There is a Meeting for those interested in Baseball, Softball and Boys Soccer on Wednesday 8/16 at 2:15pm in the Gym (after school dismissal). Tryouts begin on 8/17 for Boys Soccer, Baseball and Softball.

- Athletics **WEBPAGE** & **TRYOUTS**
- HomeCampus **WEBPAGE**
- APG Athletics **INSTAGRAM**

Please email our APG Athletic Co-Directors, Mr. Chris Cheng at **chengc1@sfusd.edu** OR Mr. Carlos Alfaro at **alfaroii.c@sfusd.edu** if you have any questions.



BEACON

Look out for information about Family Socials and other wonderful Beacon events this year by signing up for the Beacon Newsletter HERE.

★ JOIN BEACON ★ Fall Spots open! Students are welcome to join our Beacon Early Bird or Afterschool program. The program runs Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday, 8:30-9:15AM and 4:01-7:00PM; Wednesday, 2:16-6:00PM. REGISTER ONLINE HERE today!

1. Create an Account (If you have an account, please log into your account)
2. Select "New Registration"
3. Select 'AP Giannini Middle School (SFUSD)', then 'INSERT TERM'
    - 2023/2024 - After School; $500/year or sliding scale
    - 2023/2024 - Before School (Spanish); $2,000/year
    - 2023/2024 - Early Bird; $1,000/year or sliding scale

★ SPANISH ★ The **Beacon Morning Spanish Program** is offered to currently enrolled AP Giannini students by Beacon in a contract partnership with IDESLI. The Beacon manages permits, payment, and registration and IDESLI manages curriculum, materials, and instruction. Morning Spanish classes are offered in three levels of proficiency and meet 5 days a week from 8:15am - 9:15am. The first day of instruction is Wednesday, August 16,

2023 and the last day of instruction is Friday, May 31, 2024. Classes meet on all school days. The full tuition cost is $2,000.

For your questions regarding enrollment, registration, payments, and financial aid please contact: Beth Guy, Beacon Director; bguy@bacr.org. For questions regarding curriculum, proficiency level placement, instructors, or class absences please contact: Carla Suhr, Idesli Director of Language Courses; carla@idesli.com

Beacon Leadership: Aileen, Beth & Crystal

SFUSD

The SFUSD 2023-24 School Calendar is available ONLINE in multiple languages and the first day of school will be Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

The Immunization record for your student should be updated before school begins this Fall. Please read more at the SFUSD WEBSITE and be sure to get your student's necessary immunizations completed ahead of August 16, 2023.

Student Nutrition Services is committed to providing students the equitable support they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond, by keeping them nourished along the way. Thanks to *California Meals for All*, all school meals will continue to be offered at no cost to all students in the 2023-24 school year. To see the school

food MENUS, visit the WEBPAGE.

For all SFUSD Announcements: CLICK HERE

LINKS

PTSA Website: apgsf.com

Instagram Page: instagram.com/apg_middle_school_ptsa

Facebook Page: facebook.com/APGSF

PTSA Calendar: apgsf.com/calendar | Subscribe to Calendar: bit.ly/apg-cal

Donate to APG: tinyurl.com/APGdonate

Join the APG PTSA: tinyurl.com/joinAPG

APG Gear Shop: gear.apgsf.com (sales begin August 16, 2023)

Join the APG PTSA Google Group to get updates: bit.ly/apg-subscribe

Join the WeChat Group: wechat@apgsf.com [CHINESE]

School Website: sfusd.edu/school/ap-giannini-middle-school

APG Arts Spring 2023 Newsletter: canva.com

Beacon Website: www.apgbeacon.org

Athletics Webpage:
www.sfusd.edu/school/ap-giannini-middle-school/students/athletics

SFUSD Academic Calendar ~ for the 2023-24 school year

SFUSD Public Announcements ~ school district announcements and email signup

Thank you for reading our PTSA Newsletter! Let's go, Jaguars!