

# APG Family Bulletin

9/27/23

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# Upcoming Events

9/27: Last day to vote for SSC and ELAC Committee Members ([VOTE](#))

10/3: Picture Retake Day

10/3 - 10/6: Girls Soccer Team Tryouts

10/6: Staff Breakfast ([SIGN UP](#); food & coffee donations welcome)

10/6: Parents Backyard Party Fundraiser ([RSVP](#))

**10/9: No School, Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday**

10/11: Mental Health for Middle Schoolers Workshop ([RSVP](#))

10/19: Opera Together - *The Elixir of Love* @ 11:28 in auditorium. Families are welcome to attend

10/19: Ice Cream Social, Information TBD

11/4: Garden Workday 9a-2p – Drop In, All Welcome

11/8: PTSA General Meeting, 6:30 – All Welcome

- **Subscribe to the PTSA calendar for event reminders:** [bit.ly/apg-cal](https://bit.ly/apg-cal)
- **[Click Here to Read APG Arts Newsletter](#)**
- **Cheer on our Student Athletes, visit [Athletics Instagram](#) for game schedules**





# School Site Council Election Ballot

**SSC plays an important role in the decision-making of our school. Each year we elect parent/community members to our APG school site council. Cast your vote below by clicking on the link - today's the last day!**

**[Click Here - APG School Site Council Election Ballot](#)**



# SFUSD Showcases Climate Solutions in the U.S. Department of Education's Green Strides Tour



[Click here to read about the Green Strides launch tour at APG](#)

A.P. Giannini Middle School hosted the launch event featuring speakers from SFUSD, the U.S. Department of Education, and California Department of Education. Guests enjoyed learning about the school's green schoolyard, garden, and chicken coop thanks to APG student garden tour guides. Student solutionaries from Lincoln High School's Green Academy and Youth vs. Apocalypse club, O'Connell High's Construction Trades program and Lowell inspired attendees with their climate solutions projects such as portable solar charging stations for energy-insecure communities, bike-blended smoothies, a campaign to divest CalSTRS from fossil fuels, rainwater harvesting systems on campuses throughout the district, no idling zones, and more. District teams including the Environmental Science Center shared their work to increase access to local parks and traditional ecological knowledge while Student Nutrition Services served a tasting menu and elevated their goal for locally sourced scratch cooking with all reusable plates and cutlery. SFUSD students and alum represented community-based partner Foodwise as staff with hands-on activities and food security education. Other partners in attendance included SF Environment, SFPUC and SEI who support climate resilience education and facilities efforts in SFUSD.





# Help Shape the 2024 School Bond

The SFUSD Facilities Department is implementing an outreach sprint to all SFUSD community members to discuss capital planning priorities proposed to be funded by a 2024 bond measure. We are offering capital planning information and feedback forums in-person and virtually, and you can visit [our website for more opportunities to provide input](#). Our goal is to make sure that every community member can learn more about SFUSD facilities plans and the Bond Program, as well as share feedback on different facilities needs and longer-term priorities. If you are interested in scheduling a 20-minute presentation at your school, please contact [sfusd@thecivicedge.com](mailto:sfusd@thecivicedge.com).

Join an [online presentation and facilitated Q&A](#) with SFUSD Bond Program Director

Licinia Iberri on Monday, October 2nd, at 4pm.

**[SFUSD Bond Program Website & Proposal](#)**

# PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

*¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO!*

**Tuesday, October 03, 2023**

**A P Giannini Middle School Retake Day!**



Scan to order!  
*¡Echa un vistazo para encargar!*



## How it Works:



Pre-order today on  
[mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com)  
using your Student ID or  
Picture Day ID:  
**EVT3V4CJH**



Students are  
photographed on  
Picture Day



Orders will be sent home  
with your student after  
Picture Day

Cómo funciona: Encarga de manera anticipada en [mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com) usando tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de la Foto.

# **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](https://homecampus.com) online for our APG athletics forms.**

## **Girls Soccer Team Info & Tryouts**

### **APG Girls Soccer Team Tryouts - Week of 10/3-10/6**

Bring: Cleats, Shin guards, Socks to cover shin guards, shorts or training pants (no jeans), water

Tuesday 10/3 7:30 – 9:00 AM 8th grade (individual play) – South Sunset Soccer Field (Wawona St. & 40th Ave)

Tuesday 10/3 4:00 – 5:10 PM 7th grade (individual play) – West Sunset Soccer Field (next to Giannini)

Wednesday 10/4 7:30 – 9:00 AM 7th grade (team-based play) – South Sunset Soccer Field

Wednesday 10/4 2:30 – 4:00 PM 6th grade (individual play) – West Sunset Soccer Field

Thursday 10/5 7:30 – 9:00 AM 6th grade (team-based play) – South Sunset Soccer Field

Thursday 10/5 4:00 – 5:10 PM 8th grade (team-based play) – West Sunset

Friday 10/6 4:00 – 5:10 PM 6/7/8th grade by invitation – West Sunset



## **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 Athletics 202-2024 Google Classroom (for students)**

Join the [Giannini Athletics Google Classroom](#) for athletics info and updates all year. The class code is: **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](#)**



# We would love COFFEE + MANY TREATS donated for our Staff Breakfast on October 6th!

Once every month APG Families provide a delicious breakfast buffet for our amazing teachers & staff. Help show your support and appreciation by dropping off something tasty for them.

**Thank you!**

**SIGN UP HERE**

**[signup.com/go/kEyRtrS](https://signup.com/go/kEyRtrS)**

*Next Staff Breakfasts:*

November 3, December 1, January 10, February 7,  
March 6, April 5, and May 3





**New FUNdraiser Alert!**

# **PARENTS BACKYARD PARTY**

**Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-10:30pm**

APG Parent, Jordan O'Brien, invites you to mix, mingle, build community, listen to great music and raise money for APG!

**[[RSVP](#)]**

- Where: The Greenhouse in a Cole Valley backyard
- Friday, October 6th, 6:30pm to 10:30pm
- Performer: [Kacie Hill \(youtube\)](#) w/ opener TBD
- All proceeds go to AP Giannini's PTSA/Jag Fund
- Cost: \$25-\$50, per person
- Please Venmo @jordan-obrien-1
- \*Adults Only (ages 21+) \* Please find a sitter for the kids!

*More details as the date approaches.*

*There is room for 80 guests and will sell out, so don't wait*

Questions? Email [jordanjobrien@gmail.com](mailto:jordanjobrien@gmail.com)





AP Giannini Middle School Workshop

# Mental Health for Middle Schoolers

with APG Social Worker Allison Dean

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

5:00 TO 6:00 PM

AP GIANNINI LIBRARY

Allison Dean, our AP Giannini Social Worker, will be giving parents and caregivers tips on how to support their middle schooler's mental health and wellness. This workshop is open to all families and we encourage students to attend as well!

RSVP Here



Don't miss this helpful workshop hosted by our  
**APG Social Worker,  
Ms. Dean!**

**RSVP**





**APG**

GREAT PROGRESS SINCE BACK TO  
SCHOOL NIGHT!

[tinyurl.com/APGdonate](https://tinyurl.com/APGdonate)

**DONATE TO  
THE JAG FUND**

GOAL: \$125,000



\$10,000



## Did You Know?

The APG Jag Fund plays an important role in supporting the Outdoor Science Educator and Garden Program.



Students develop essential garden skills while also interacting with nature in a fun and engaging way. Through this program, students learn how to cultivate and maintain a garden, and they also get to experience firsthand the joy of growing their own food.

The APG Jag Fund's support of this program is greatly appreciated, and it provides students with a unique and enriching learning experience.

**Go Jaguars!**

**Support APG at:**

[tinyurl.com/APGdonate](https://tinyurl.com/APGdonate)





# CLASSROOM

## WISH LIST



**APG Staff Wishlists:**

**[CLICK HERE](#)** to purchase

items from our wonderful

Staff wishlists. Thank you!



**Homework Center is NOW OPEN!**

**Beacon Media Lab (Room 130)**

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 4:00 to 4:45 PM

Wednesdays, 2:15 to 3:00 PM



Homework Center is a space for students to drop in to do their homework. We have computers and study materials available to students, as well as a staff member who can support them. Homework Center is available to ALL students.

**Students who want to participate, but are not registered Beacon students, must fill out a consent form and turn it in on their first visit.**

Consent Forms are available in the Beacon Office (Room 130)



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu)).



# **Medical Condition / Immunizations**

## **Medical Conditions**

If your student has a medical condition or takes any medications, please contact Nurse Judy at [ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu](mailto:ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu). We want to ensure that we have necessary medications and care plans on site and have appropriate staff trained to manage the condition and keep your child safe and healthy at school. If you feel your student does not require care at school for their medical condition, please inform Nurse Judy so that we can update our student records accordingly.

## **Immunizations**

Please ensure that your student is up to date on all **school required immunizations**. *Note* - 7th grade students must have their Tdap booster and a second dose Varicella in addition to all school entry required immunizations. If you are unsure of your student's immunization compliance status or need help finding a clinic to get needed immunizations, please contact Nurse Judy at [ZhengJ1@sfsud.edu](mailto:ZhengJ1@sfsud.edu).



# Walk & Roll

to School Week



## October 2-6, 2023

Semana de Caminar y Rodar a la Escuela

歩行與騎行週

أسبوع بدء المشي إلى المدرسة

Linggo ng Paglalakad at  
Manu-manong Transportasyon

Tuần đi bộ & Lăn bánh đến trường

[walksf.org/walkandroll](https://walksf.org/walkandroll)  
[#walkandrollSF](https://twitter.com/walkandrollSF)

Thousands of students across San Francisco will walk, bike, scoot, and roll to school during the week of October 2-6, 2023. The event builds yearlong excitement around getting to school in people-powered ways that are good for our health, climate, and communities. Register your school at [walksf.org/walkandroll](https://walksf.org/walkandroll). Start making a plan so your students and families can participate in this fun, energizing morning! Encourage your liaison and any interested parents and staff to attend the Walk & Roll to School.



# Children's Night Clinic at UCSF

Our clinic aims to provide dental care, screening, and prevention education to pediatric patients as well as insurance counseling to help children find a dental provider.

We do not offer walk-in appointments and we will reach out to schedule an appointment if you are interested in contacting us. Thank you!

## Upcoming dates/times in 2023:

- Oct. 4
- Nov. 1
- Dec. 6

## Make an appointment today!

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## FREE CHILDREN'S DENTAL CARE

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, [SCAN QR CODE](#)  
OR [EMAIL CNC.UCSF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CNC.UCSF@GMAIL.COM)



UCSF CHILDREN'S NIGHT CLINIC IS A SCREENING PREVENTATIVE PROGRAM. WE OFFER DENTAL CARE AND INSURANCE COUNSELING TO HELP CHILDREN FIND A DENTAL PROVIDER.

WE DO NOT OFFER WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS, AND WE WILL REACH OUT TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONTACTING US. THANK YOU!

### UPCOMING 2023-2024 SESSIONS

**SEPTEMBER 6, OCTOBER 4, NOVEMBER 1, DECEMBER 6, JANUARY 10, FEBRUARY 7, MARCH 6, APRIL 3, MAY 1, JUNE 5**