

APG Family Bulletin

11/29/23

A.P. Giannini Middle School
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San Francisco, CA 94122
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Counseling/Attendance: 415-759-2773

[A.P. Giannini MS](#)
[SFUSD * PTSA](#)

Upcoming Events

11/28-11/29: Auditions for *Frozen, the Musical*; Open to all Students - Sign Up Outside the Choir Room

11/28-30: Girls Volleyball Tryouts begin

Now - 12/3: Growing Up Green Fundraiser at any SF Sloat Garden Center

11/30: Need Volunteer for Prospective Family Tour, 9:30-11:15am [[VOLUNTEER](#)]

12/1: Staff Breakfast, Food & Coffee Donations Needed [[SIGN UP](#)]

12/13: Deadline to apply to APG Talks Team [[Apply Here](#)]

12/19: Gingerbread House Party, at 5pm in the APG Cafeteria [[RSVP](#)]

12/20: Winter Dance ([VOLUNTEER](#))

12/21: Bell Schedule Change ([ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE](#))

12/22 - 1/5: Winter Break

1/8: First day of Spring Semester

- **Clothing Donations - Wellness Center (especially need pants, sized adult M, L, XL, XXL)**
- **Ongoing: Every Tuesday join us for Campus Cleanup, 4pm at the Main Entrance, Your help is appreciated!**
- **Ongoing: [Donate to the Jag Fund - CLICK HERE](#)**

Addressing Bullying and Harassment

11/29/2023

Dear A.P. Giannini Families,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health. As we navigate each school year, it is essential to address important issues impacting our student's well-being, including bullying and harassment. It is a matter that affects individuals of all ages and backgrounds, and we must stand united against such behavior.

Bullying and harassment can take various forms. It not only affects the victim but also profoundly impacts the overall atmosphere and unity of a community. Therefore, it is essential for us to foster an environment of empathy, understanding, and support. We have included some [attachments](#) to district resources regarding bullying/harassment and sexual harassment to support conversations at home.

San Francisco Unified School District and APG are committed to providing all students with an environment free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, retaliation, and bullying. A.P. Giannini Middle School is responsible for investigating allegations of bullying or harassment. If your child or someone they know is a victim of bullying or harassment that occurred at school, please report the incident directly to the school site administrators or counseling office.

APG welcomes parent input and communication all year round. Parents and families can always schedule a meeting with the principal or assistant principal(s).

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to our collective efforts in creating a safe and nurturing environment for everyone.

In solidarity,

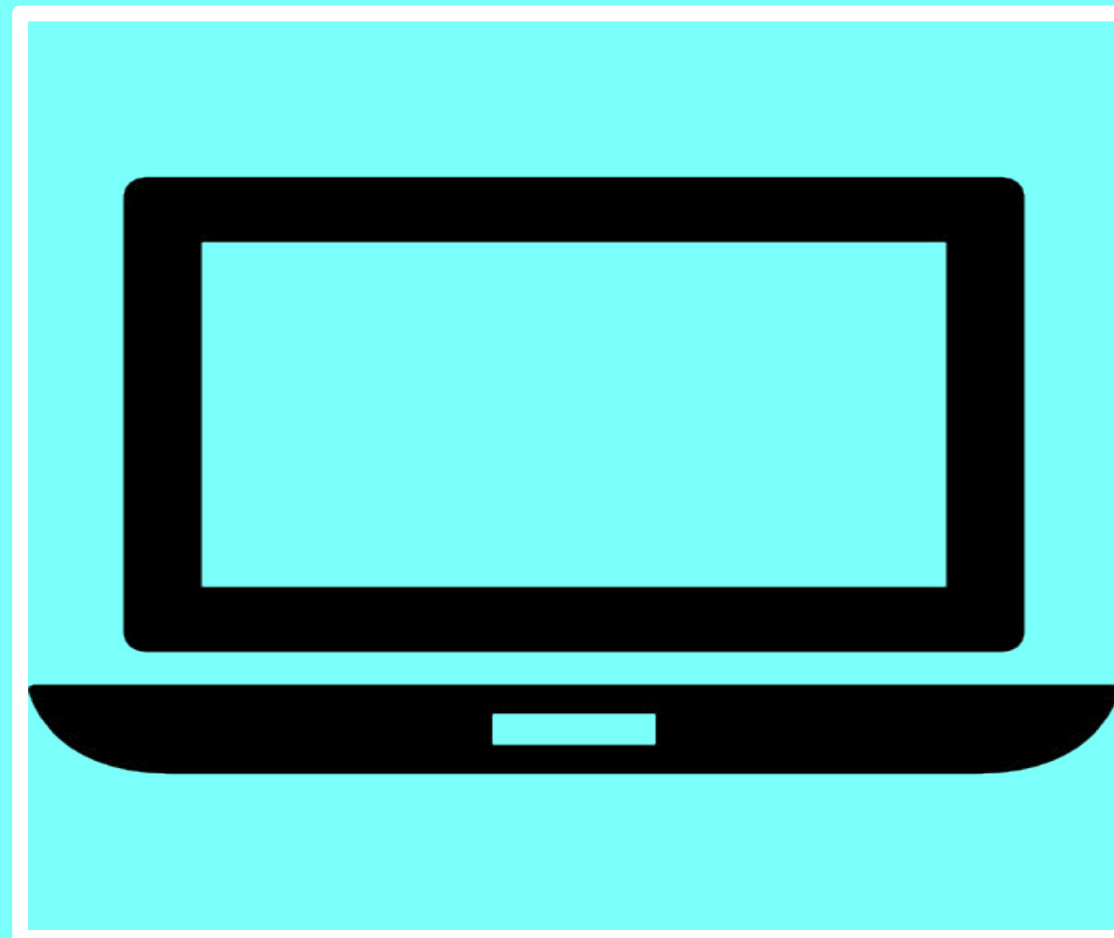
Tai Schoeman, Principal

RESOURCES

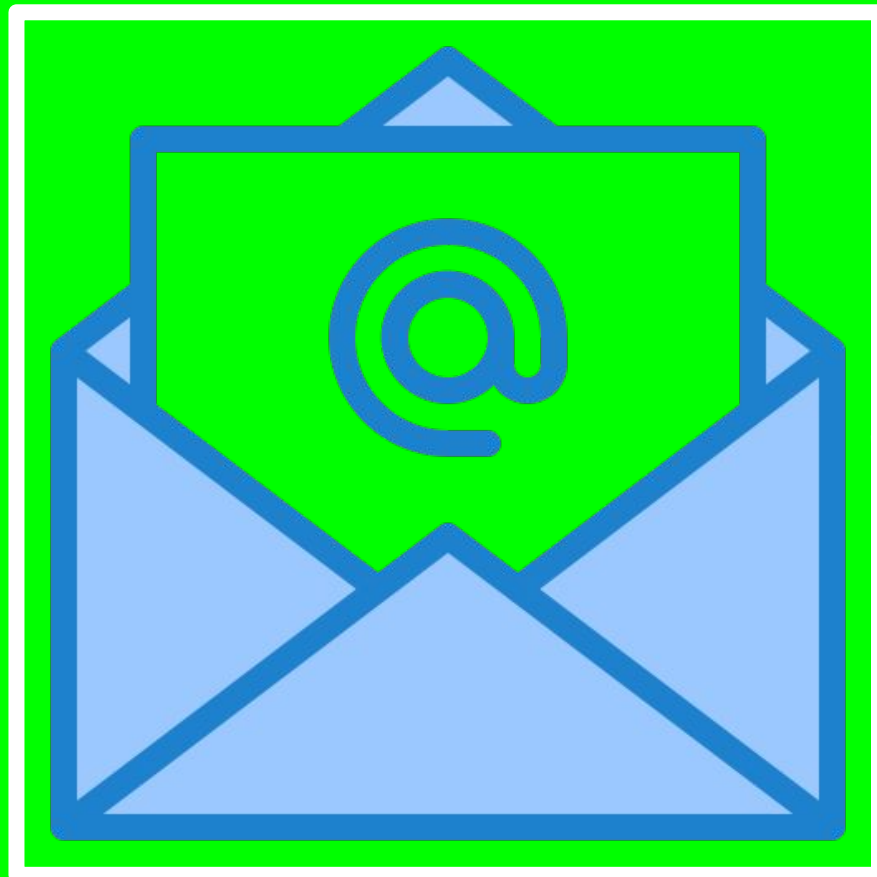
Report an Absence Online

For One day or Multiple days

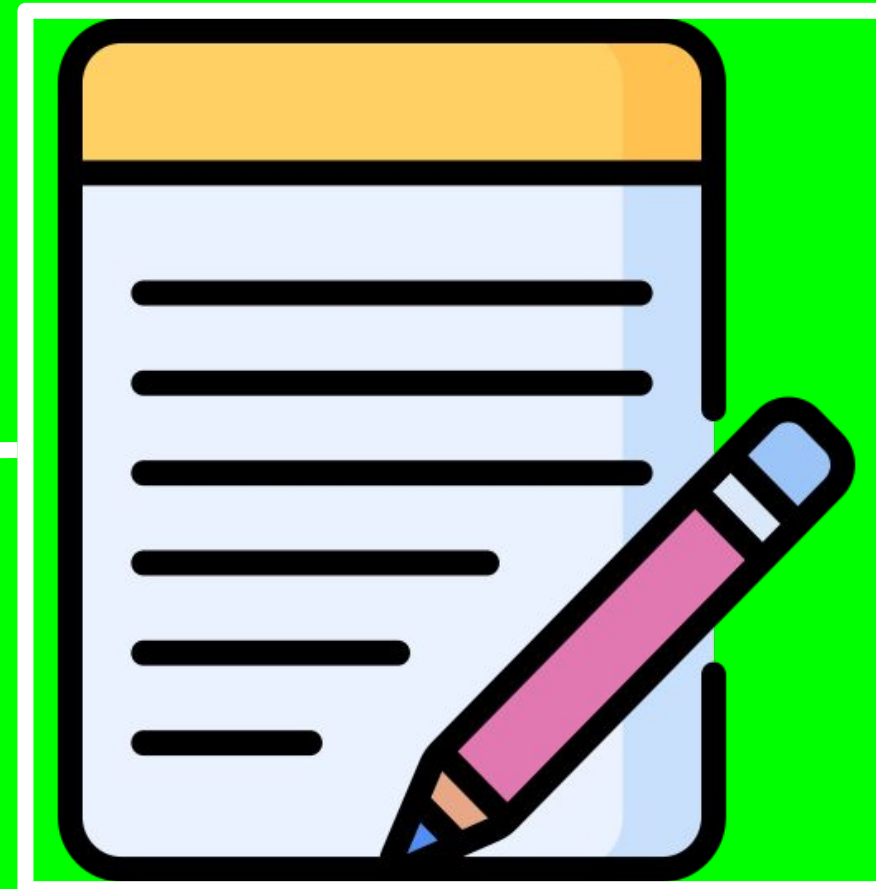
[Click Here for
Absence Reporting Form](#)



Permit to Leave School Early or for a School Tardy



Email Ms. Dawson at
DawsonS@sfusd.edu



Student can bring a written
note from parent/guardian to
the Counseling Office
(Room 231)



Auditions!

Sign up outside the Choir Room.

Nov. 28th and 29th!

OPEN TO ALL APG STUDENTS

Musical takes place on

February 22 & 23, 2024

Give to the Jag Fund



GI  **ING**
TUESDAY

WWW.PAYPAL.COM/US/FUNDRAISER/CHARITY/1495932

CLICK TO

DONATE TO THE JAG FUND

The JAG FUND supports:

Outdoor Science & Garden • Teaching
Materials & Classroom Improvements •
Department Grants & Online Program
Subscriptions • Classroom Supplies for
Students • School Beautification • Supplies &
Snacks in the Wellness Center • Classroom
ELA Libraries • P.E. Uniforms • Staff
Appreciation • And Much More!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

SIGN UP HERE
BY TUES 12/5 PLEASE!

APQ STUDENT GOVERNMENT
WITH THE
HOGWARTS SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT
AND WIZARDRY
formally invites you to the...

VILLE BALL

Winter Dance

TOGETHER, LET'S ENJOY DANCING, FREE FOOD,
PRIZES, GAMES, AND MORE!
IN THE CAFETERIA & COURTYARD!

Wednesday, December 20th
@2:30pm - 5:30pm

BUY TICKETS \$3 @ LUNCH IN THE YARD
MONDAY 12/4 & 12/11, WEDNESDAY 12/6 & 12/13, &
FRIDAY 12/8 & 12/15

DRESS TO IMPRESS, THERE WILL BE AN OUTFIT COMPETITION!
QUESTIONS? EMAIL TEACHER NIKKI (THEY/SHE) MAGALLANESN@X.SFUSD.EDU

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.**






HOME CAMPUS

APG Boys and Girls Volleyball *****Must be cleared on Home Campus prior to tryouts***

Girls Volleyball Tryout Schedule:

- Tue 11/28 7:30 – 9:00 AM - 8th grade
- Wed 11/29 7:30 – 9:00 AM - 7th grade
- Thur 11/30 7:30 – 9:00 AM - 6th grade
- Fri 12/1 7:30 – 9:00 AM - 8th grade by invitation
- Mon 12/4 7:30 – 9:00 AM - 7th grade by invitation
- Tue 12/5 **NO TRYOUTS**
- Wed 12/6 7:30 – 9:00 AM - 6th grade by invitation
- Thur 12/7 7:30 – 9:00 AM - 6/7/8th grade by invitation

Come Cheer on our Jaguar Athletes!

-  Boys Basketball [See Schedule Here](#)
-  Girls Basketball [See Schedule Here](#)
-  Girls Soccer [See Full Schedule Here](#)

Boys Volleyball Team: Please select "Girls Volleyball" when completing forms on Home Campus

Starts in January - More info to come!

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 December 1!**

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 our staff.

Thank you!

SIGN UP HERE

signup.com/go/kEyRtrS

Next Staff Breakfasts:
January 10, February 7,
March 6, April 5, and May 3





Our APG Wellness Center needs spare clothing for students, specifically pants. We are in great need of bigger, adult-sized bottoms for any gender: M, L, XL, and XXL.

Please drop off your clothing donations to the main office or directly to our staff in the Wellness Center (Room 128). Thank you!!!



AP GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL

APG TALKS TEAM 23-24

APPLY HERE!



**\$150
STIPEND**

**CREATE A
SCHOOL CLIMATE
SURVEY**

**WE MEET EVERY
OTHER THURSDAY
DURING THE 2ND
HALF OF 1ST
PERIOD**



SUBMISSION DEADLINE :

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 13, 2023

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Two Students
*passionate about
improving their
school community!*

Adults

- 1 Teacher
- 1 Staff
- 1 Parent/caregiver

MORE INFORMATION

[APGBEACON.ORG/APGTALKS](https://apgbeacon.org/apgtalks)



AP GIANNINI MS

GINGERBREAD HOUSE PARTY

Come in your jolliest sweater and celebrate the holidays with us and make a gingerbread house. Materials will be provided!



DEC. 19 | 5 PM

APG CAFETERIA

Volunteers needed!

APG School Tours

11/30 & 1/25 from 9:30-11:15AM

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

We need parent/caregiver volunteers to support our 8G Student tour guides as they showcase AP Giannini to prospective families (100+ per tour). Help guide guests and answer questions.

SIGN UP HERE



APG PTSA COMMUNITY PROJECT

We'd love more help!

Build Community!

Hang with the Chickens!

Tuesdays are for Teamwork

VOLUNTEER TO CLEAN UP OUR CAMPUS

- WHEN:** Every Tuesday @ 4pm (20-30 mins)
- WHERE:** Meet at School Entrance by the Ramp
- WHAT:** Clean & Tidy up the APG Campus
- WHO:** Everyone is Welcome



HELP KEEP
OUR CAMPUS
CLEAN & TIDY

See you
there!



SOMHC Pop-up Immunization Clinic

If your student is in need of immunizations, SOMHC is hosting a pop up clinic this Saturday Dec 2nd.

Families may register by calling 415-309-3417.

Date: 12/2/23 Saturday

Time: 9 AM -3 PM, closed for lunch 12-1pm

Location: Bayview Child Health Center. 3450 3rd St. Building 2. San Francisco 94124

SUPPORT OUR APG GARDEN!

Now – December 3rd



GROWING UP GREEN FUNDRAISER

Shop at any San Francisco Sloat Garden Center nursery from **now through 12/3**, mention “AP Giannini” at checkout, and we get 10% back for our Garden!

PS: Donations of local succulents, compost, and soil to our APG garden are always welcome! If you buy them from Sloat Garden Center, we benefit twice!

QUESTIONS? DONATIONS? WANT TO JOIN OUR GARDEN TEAM?
EMAIL our Outdoor Science/Garden Educator,
Sara, at sbrown@bacr.org



Family Survey: Two Year Academic Calendar

SFUSD parents and guardians,

In collaboration with committees that represent students, educators, families, district departments, and other education partners, the district has developed drafts of the academic calendars for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. Our hope is to have a calendar that reflects the District's commitment to its core beliefs and goals, including its commitment to equity.

Please review the [latest draft of the calendar](#) (English) and complete [the survey](#) (English) by **Wednesday, December 13, 2023** (only one survey per family). It should only take 5-10 minutes. Translations are linked below. Your valuable input will help the district refine and finalize the draft calendars that will be presented to the board for approval.

DRAFT CALENDARS: [English](#) | [عربي](#) | [中文](#) | [Filipino](#) | [Gagana Sāmoa](#) | [Español](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#)

FAMILY SURVEYS: [English](#) | [عربي](#) | [中文](#) | [Filipino](#) | [Gagana Sāmoa](#) | [Español](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#)

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).