

APG Family Bulletin

9/25/2024

Calendar of Events

- 9/25: Final Day to Vote online for School Site Council Election [Click Here](#)
- 9/26: Parent Volunteers needed for Garden Supervision, 12:42 to 1:22PM [Sign Up Here](#)
- Thru 9/27: Girls Basketball Tryouts, 4pm, APG Gym (*Weds 9/25 at 2:15pm)
- 10/1: Picture Retake Day ([Parent Volunteers Needed](#))
- 10/1: Community Gathering at Bearing West, 6-8pm, 2325 Taraval Street SF - All are welcome!
- 10/4: Staff Appreciation Breakfast ([PLEASE SIGN UP HERE TO BRING FOOD](#))
- 10/7 Girls Soccer Tryouts Begin
- 10/7 -10/11: Walk & Roll To School Week
- 10/8: Choir + SF Opera perform for students and staff, 3rd Period
- 10/10 School Tour for Incoming 6th Grade Families - we need [Parent Volunteers](#) to help with tours
- 10/14: Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday. No School**
- 10/19: Community Bonfire at Ocean Beach, 3 -7:30pm, Stairwell #19. All are welcome!
- 10/24: Beacon Lights On! Afterschool
- 10/25: Parent-Staff Backyard Concert Event + Fundraiser
- 11/5: SF/CA/National Election Voting Day!
- Ongoing: Baseball, Softball, Boys Soccer Games; Girl Basketball tryouts - see slide below.

School Site Council Election Ballot - VOTE!

VOTE!!!! Our APG SSC plays an important role in the decision-making of our school site funds, programs, and staffing. Each year, we elect parent volunteer members to our school council. All parents and staff are requested to cast a vote by clicking on the link below by the end of **today, Wed 9/25**.

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

[Election Ballot](#)

Dear SFUSD Community,

Our public schools should be places where we harness the power of education to unlock each and every student's potential. We recognize that the last few months have been filled with uncertainty and doubt. There have been instances when SFUSD has fallen short and this is not acceptable. We are writing to share the next steps to get the district back on track.

The San Francisco Board of Education is committed to working with SFUSD Superintendent Dr. Matt Wayne as a governance team to tackle the significant challenges facing the school district. The next few months will be extremely consequential for SF public schools. The San Francisco Board of Education outlined four priorities for Superintendent Wayne:

- Balance its budget and eliminate the structural deficit
- Rehabilitate its fiscal and operation systems
- Extend the longevity of the school bond program
- Rightsize SFUSD's school portfolio with fewer but better schools

We are committed to [stabilizing the district](#), meeting our [ambitious goals to improve student outcomes, and honoring our guardrails](#). In order to do so, we must work together to make tough decisions and deliver results for our students.

As Superintendent, I agree that these priorities are critical to our success, and I am ready to demonstrate effective leadership and make progress in these areas. I will be accountable to the Board of Education, which represents the vision and values of our community.

These are big undertakings and we cannot do this alone. As Board President, I have reached out to Mayor London Breed who has offered to provide a team of experts and resources to help the Superintendent stabilize the district. Mayor Breed's leadership has been instrumental to the SFUSD community during various crises. We are grateful for her support and are ready to partner.

SFUSD will also communicate in a timely, transparent, and accessible manner when information becomes available. To receive upcoming announcements, please visit [ParentVue](#) (families) or [EMPowerSF](#) (employees) to update your contact information.

Together, we can chart a path forward. Thank you.

In community,

Matt Alexander, President, SF Board of Education

Dr. Matt Wayne, SFUSD Superintendent

SFUSD UPDATE 9.22.25

[Read Letter Here](#)

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Tuesday, October 01, 2024

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Tuesday, October 01, 2024
Martes, 1 de octubre, 2024

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Student First & Last Name Nombre y apellido del estudiante

Teacher Last Name Apellido del maestro(a)

Student Grade Grado del estudiante

Mobile Phone Number Número de teléfono móvil

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WELCOME - ANSEL!

Ansel Schoonhoven (They/Them) is our new Garden/Outdoor Science Educator. Ansel is an outdoors enthusiast, artist, and youth advocate from the Bay Area. Ansel has spent the last 10 years working with youth from all backgrounds. They started out teaching in summer camps and after school programs, moved into outdoor education, gardening, and also instructed rock climbing for many years. Most recently Ansel worked with the Golden Gate National Parks Programs, empowering youth and community groups from the Bay Area to get outside. Ansel grew up in an agricultural family of immigrants, and from a young age they loved spending time in the garden and wandering through the almond orchards their family grew. They also raised chickens, pigs, goats, and ducks on their family's small farm. Now living in the city, Ansel has taken up indoor gardening and has a thriving houseplant oasis in their small Richmond District Apartment. In their free time, Ansel loves to go to the farmer's market, ride their bike, go hiking and rock climbing, and work on their art projects. You can find them sketching botanical drawings of California Native Plants, making their own homegrown herbal tea blends, and of course, holding space for youth to be outside, connect with and learn through nature.



PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Garden Supervision, Lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays



Tasks include supervision with the possibility of supporting Teacher Ansel with Garden Club. Sign up [HERE](#).

- Tuesdays, 12:25 to 1:05 PM
- Thursdays, 12:42 to 1:22 PM

[Sign Up Here](#)

Please consider signing up for a day, or many days!

Volunteer Dates: 9/26, 10/1, 10/3, 10/8, 10/10, 10/15, 10/17, 10/22, 10/24, 10/29, 10/31



**WE ARE IN NEED OF MANY VOLUNTEERS
ACROSS MANY SCHOOL EVENTS IN
OCTOBER! PLEASE GIVE US AN HOUR OF
YOUR TIME TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS
AND STAFF. THANK YOU!**

OCTOBER 1 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY

**OCTOBER 4 - FOOD FOR STAFF
APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**

OCTOBER 10 - HELP ON A SCHOOL TOUR

ONGOING: GARDEN SUPERVISION



Our APG Running Club will begin next Wednesday, October 2nd at 3:00pm. Interested students should meet outside the Locker Rooms every Wednesday at 3:00pm. Led by Mr. Backstrom.



APG ATHLETICS

FOLLOW US
ON
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BASEBALL & BOYS SOCCER GAMES Come Cheer on our APG Jaguars!



[Baseball Schedule](#)



[Boys Soccer Schedule](#)



Softball - [waiting to hear about Playoffs, 10/1](#)

GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM LISTS WILL BE POSTED AND SHARED THIS/NEXT WEEK

GIRLS Tryouts, thru 9/27, 4pm, APG Gym



BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS BEGIN ON OCTOBER 7

You must have your physical and consent forms submitted & approved through Home Campus before the tryouts begin on 10/7

APG ATHLETICS GOOGLE CLASSROOM

For the latest information and updates regarding Giannini Athletics, please have your child (using their SFUSD student account) join the APG Athletics Google Classroom. Click on the “+” or “join class” and type in the class code: **ommj472**

***** PAPERWORK THROUGH HOME CAMPUS *****

The SFUSD Athletics Office asks parents/guardians to submit all athletic paperwork at <http://www.homecampus.com>.

- Use this link to [create an account and complete paperwork](#)
- Use this link for [instructions on using Home Campus](#)
- Follow this link for a [Home Campus walkthrough video](#)

Student Athlete Pre-participation Physical Form Requires doctor signature. Upload page 4 to the athlete's Home Campus account.

Parent Consent Form If not checked off on Home Campus, one form must be submitted for each sport.

Athletes can only participate in tryouts once all forms are completed and submitted on Home Campus and they receive official clearance from us.

Questions? Email Athletic Director, Mr. Alfaro, at alfaroi.c@sfusd.edu

For more information about athletics, please click here: [APG Athletics Information](#)

For an overview of Tryouts, please click here: [Tryouts](#)



AP GIANNINI @ BEARING WEST

COMMUNITY GATHERING

JOIN US

for delicious food and drinks
while showing your support
for the APG community at
our local favorite restaurant.

PARENT EVENT, KIDS WELCOME.

OCTOBER

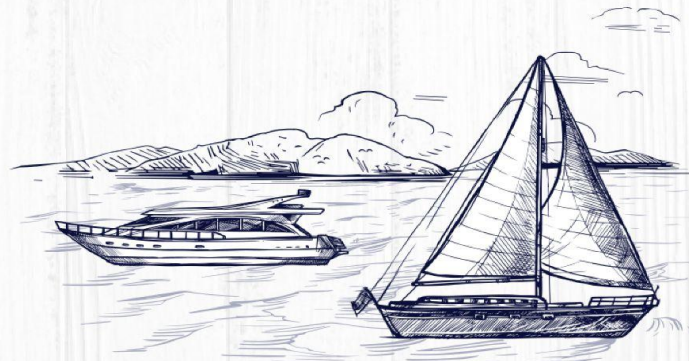
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October Staff Appreciation Breakfast - HELP!!!

We still need **FOOD DONATIONS** for our Staff Appreciation Breakfast on **Friday, October 4th !**

SIGN UP HERE

signup.com/go/wMmuSoc

Each month, our APG Families provide a delicious breakfast buffet for our incredible teachers & staff before school starts, at 8:45-9:25AM. We'd love for all families to participate at least once this year. Thank you!

NEXT BREAKFAST: NOVEMBER 8TH



Cole Valley Backyard Concert

Welcome back to school! To celebrate, please consider attending an amazing backyard concert in Cole Valley. Let's raise some money for APG & get to know one another. If you are interested & available, [RSVP here](#).

Details:

- Event Address: The Greenhouse in a Cole Valley backyard
- Timing: Friday, October 25th, 6:30pm to 10:30pm
- Performer: TBD
- Fundraiser: All proceeds will go to AP Giannini's PTSA/Jag Fund
- Cost: \$10-\$50, per person...please Venmo @jordan-obrien-1 and expect additional details as the date approaches. We have room for about 80 guests and typically sell out, so please don't wait!

Adults only...please find a sitter for the kids

If you have any questions, please email APG Parent:
jordanjobrien@gmail.com



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SUNSET NIGHT MARKET
日落區夜市

SPECIAL GUEST MARTIN YAN

特邀嘉賓甄文達



NOW WITH 7
BLOCKS OF FUN!
現在伸展成 7
個街區的歡樂活動!

FRIDAYS | 5:00-10:00PM

AUGUST 30 & SEPTEMBER 27

IRVING ST BTW 19TH AVE - 26TH AVE

星期五 · 下午5:00PM至10:00PM 8月30日及9月27日 歐文街19大道至26大道之間

Returning with two events!

~~AUGUST 30~~ & SEPTEMBER 27

5 pm-10 pm

Irving Street, from 19th to 26th Avenues

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR 9/27
SUNSET NIGHT MARKET!

[PLEASE SIGN UP HERE](#)

SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

[Sign Up Here](#)

Fall Garden Day 2024

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28TH**

10:00-12:00 PM GARDENING

12:00-12:30 PM LUNCH

12:30-2:00 PM GARDENING

ALL ARE WELCOME!





walk bike transit carpool resources about events contact newsletter

October 7-11, 2024

Walk & Roll to School Week



Semana de ir a la escuela en pie o en ruedas

步行與騎行週

Walk and Roll sa Araw ng Pag-aaral

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sf saferoutes.org • [#walkandrollSF](https://twitter.com/walkandrollSF) • [#SFSafeRoutes](https://twitter.com/SFSafeRoutes)

Thousands of students across San Francisco will walk, bike, scoot, and roll to school during the week of October 7-11, 2024. APG encourages all students/families to walk and roll to school all days during the week of October 7-11!

2025-2026 SFUSD PREK-12 ENROLLMENT FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024
10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
Balboa HIGH SCHOOL
1000 CAYUGA AVENUE

- Meet our schools!
- Learn how to apply!
- Learn about language programs, special education, and more!
- Food, music, childcare available

Free Books! Giveaways!
Enter to win grocery gift cards!

2025-2026 FERIA DE MATRÍCULA PREKINDER - GRADO 12

SÁBADO 19 DE OCTUBRE DE 2024
10:00 AM A 2:00 PM
ESCUELA SECUNDARIA BALBOA
1000 CAYUGA AVENUE

- ¡Conozca nuestras escuelas!
- ¡Aprenda cómo aplicar!
- ¡Aprenda sobre programas de idiomas, educación especial y más!
- Comida, música y cuidado de niños disponibles

¡Libros gratis! ¡Regalos!
¡Participa para ganar tarjetas de regalo!

2025-2026 三藩市聯合校區入學展覽會 學前班至12年級

2024年10月19日(星期六)
上午10時至下午2時
Balboa 高中
1000 CAYUGA AVENUE

- 認識我們的學校!
 - 了解如何申請!
 - 了解語言課程、特殊教育等等!
 - 提供食物、音樂和托兒服務!
- 免費書籍! 贈品!**
贏得食品卡!

More Information/Para más información 了解更多信息:

sfusd.edu/fair

Support from/ Apoyo de/ 支持來自:



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The 2025-26 Enrollment Fair will be at Balboa High School on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. We welcome all families of transitional grade students to come to meet representatives from schools, learn about the enrollment process and more! For more updates about the Enrollment Fair and the Enrollment process in general this year, please feel free to sign up for our mailing list using [this link](#).

Date: Saturday, Oct. 19

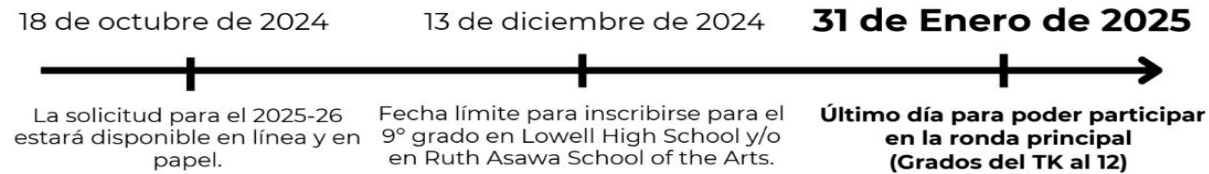
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Balboa High School, 1000 Cayuga Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112

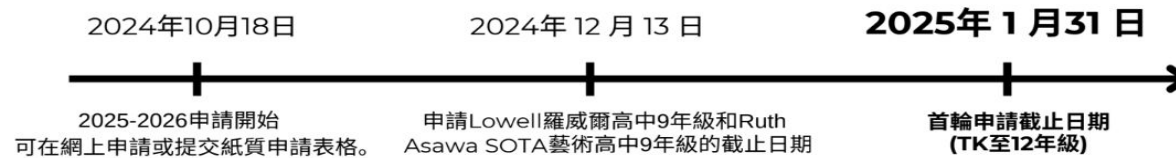
2025-2026 APPLICATION KEY DATES



FECHAS CLAVES DE LA MATRÍCULA PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2025-2026



2025-2026 申請重要日期



Apply starting October 18, 2024
Aplica a partir del 18 de octubre de 2024
2024年10月18日開始申請

SFUSD.EDU/APPLY



YLAB Application

826 Valencia's Black Student Initiative Presents:



BLACK LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT CLUB

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OBJECTIVES

During weekly meetings, students will be supported to embrace a positive outlook on their Black identity through writing, the exploration of Black literary icons and leaders, Black history, community and leadership building. Club meetings will also provide time for academic support and mentorship by Black professionals.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

\$1000 stipends for students who complete required hours

- Become a published author
- Leadership and mentorship
- Academic support
- Space for creative expression
- Career readiness support
- College scholarship opportunities for seniors

CONNECTING WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The students' teachers/school staff, will be informed by student's parent around program participation to bridge communication gaps. This communication will enable guidance on what specific supports each student may need throughout their mentorship.

BLACK MENTORSHIP

Weekly tutoring sessions will be required along with Wednesday club meetings

- High School mentors will support and build community with elementary students to provide writing support as tutors

SCAN HERE TO APPLY:



HERE YOU ARE CELEBRATED

CLUB MEETINGS

**Held at 180 Golden Gate Ave., SF
from 5:00pm-6:30pm
every Wednesday
starting September 25th, 2024- May 21st,
2025**

**Please Contact
826youthleadership@826valencia.org or
call 628-226-3630 with questions**



Or visit bit.ly/blac-2024 to apply!



APG Attendance Office

New this School Year

- Report your student for a **Full Day** absence in your **ParentVUE** account via the mobile app or desktop
 - Instructions from **SFUSD**
 - **Note:** This form is for a FULL DAY absence only.
- **Permit to Leave School online form**

Reminder: Your student is responsible for picking up their ***Permit to Leave School slip*** from the Counseling Office before the start of school from 9:00am- 9:30am.

Students with a ***Permit to Leave School*** will exit from the main school entrance at 3151 Ortega.

Please don't pull into our parking lots nor block the school/city buses to pick up your student.

Other ways to report Attendance issues

Email Attendance

404 APGattendance@sfusd.edu

Provide a written note to the Counseling Office Admin, Ms. Dawson

Phone our Counseling Office at 415-759-2773

In all communications with the school regarding a student's absence or request to leave, please provide the following:

- Your name and identify yourself as the parent/guardian/caregiver of the student
- Student's name
- Date(s) of the absence(s) or leave
- Reason for the absence or leave
- Signature of a parent/caregiver and current date (if a written note)

Importance of Attendance

California law requires that children between the ages of 6 and 18 attend school every day. While the law does not currently apply to children below the age of six, research shows that early education (pre-school and kindergarten) is essential for future academic success. It is the parent/caregiver's responsibility to ensure that their child gets to school every day.

Tips for Parents/Caregivers: Getting to School on Time

- Make sure your child goes to bed early and gets a good night's sleep.
- Develop a morning routine (get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth) and stick with it.
- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school every day for academic success.
- Arrange a time every night without interruptions for your child to do homework.

Regular Attendance is Essential!

National and local research has shown that students with frequent absences, whether excused or unexcused, have lower literacy levels, lower grades and higher drop-out rates than students who attend school regularly.

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. The Board will work with parents/guardians and students to ensure their compliance with all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct problems of chronic absence or truancy. **Absence in excess of 10% or more days of school, whether those absences are excused or unexcused, will be considered Chronic Absence.**

For support in keeping your child in school, or if you have any questions about District Attendance Policy, please contact your school administrator or the Student Family Services Division, by calling (415) 340-1716, emailing sflink@sfusd.edu or submit an online form at familylink.sfusd.edu.

SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
IS VERY
IMPORTANT

HANDBOOK: EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

4.1.4 Excused and Unexcused Absences

Student and Family Handbook

Chapter 1: Welcome ∨

Chapter 2: SFUSD's Commitment to Families and Students ∨

Chapter 3: Family Resources and Rights ∨

Chapter 4: Student Academic Expectations ∧

4.1 Attendance Guidelines ∧

4.1.1 Importance of Attendance

4.1.2 Recommendations for Temporary School Exclusion Due to Illness

4.1.3 What Parents/Caregivers Should Do When a Student Will Be Absent

4.1.4 Excused and Unexcused

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([SFUSD Board Policy 5113](#))

Valid Excused Absences (Absences Excused by State law)

Verification of student absences is accepted only from parents/guardians/caregivers, or the student if they are 18 years old or older.

CA Education Code 48205 states that a student shall be excused from school when the absence is:

- 1 Due to the pupil's illness, including an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.
- 2 Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- 3 For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
- 4 For the purpose of attending the funeral services or grieving the death of either a member of the pupil's immediate family, or of a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than five days per incident.
- 5 For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
- 6 Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child, for which the school shall not require a note from a doctor.

EXCUSED ABSENCES & ILLNESSES

What to do if your student does not feel well? PLEASE STAY AT HOME!

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 of being fever-free, without medication, has passed.

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).