

APG Family Bulletin

11/20/2024

Calendar of Events

- 11/18 - 11/22: Daily 2:15pm Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conference Week [[adjusted bell schedule](#)]
11/21: APG Fall Plays! 6pm: *A Little Princess* starring Intermediate Drama,
7pm: *The Miracle Worker* starring Advanced Drama. Get tickets [HERE!](#)
- 11/25 - 11/29: Fall Break (Thanksgiving), No School All Week**
- 12/2 - 12/9: Girls Volleyball Tryouts - full info in Athletics slide below
12/2 - 12/11: Online APG Beanie Sale - save over 20%! [APG shop](#)
12/3 - 12/4: School Musical Auditions for the 2025 production of Newsies Jr!
12/4: Shake Shack Fundraiser @ Stonestown: Mention "Donation Day" or use code "DONATE" - APG gets 25% of sales!
12/5: Staff Appreciation Breakfast, Please [DONATE](#) coffee and food!
12/6: 8th Grade Parents High School Chat, 5:30pm @ Finnegans
12/6: **Cake Pop Sale:** For students at lunch time, \$4 cash, sales benefit APG!
12/8: Garden Workday, 12:30 to 3:30PM, All Are Welcome
12/11: Concert Band Advanced Winter Concert, 6:00-7:30pm, APG Auditorium
12/13: Staff Holiday Luncheon; Please [VOLUNTEER](#) to bring dessert, help serve or clean up!
12/18: Family Event: Warm Wishes and Wellness, 5:00 to 7:00 PM [RSVP HERE](#)
12/18 - 12/20 APG Wellness Fest
12/21 - 1/5: Winter Break, No School

- [Arts Newsletter, Click Here](#)
- Ongoing: [Donate to APG PTSA](#) to support our students!
- Ongoing: [Girls Soccer](#), [Girls Basketball](#) & [Boys Basketball](#) Games



NOVEMBER 25 - 29, 2024

Fall Break
No School

NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK

DONATE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

GIVE A LITTLE.
HELP A LOT.



APG

Scan to
donate
today!



tinyurl.com/APGdonate





Our APG Lost and Found is overflowing and getting larger each day. There are water bottles, lunch boxes, lots and lots of jackets and sweatshirts, too. [If these items are not picked up by Dec. 13, they will be donated.](#) Students should check for lost items. Parents are also welcome to stop by the school office, sign in, and check the lost and found area, which is in the school yard area by the lunch tables.



ARTS at APG!

A.P. Giannini Middle School
The Arts Department
Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2024



Family Heritage Paintings 7th Grade Visual Art



Jayden Ho



Saya Feess Gee



Reggie Love



Ryan Wong



Tyler Galipeau



Remy Wu



Matthew Mong



Aubrey Woon



Kei Lonnie Turner

Click [HERE](#)
for the latest
APG Arts Newsletter!

See the latest in Band,
Orchestra, Media,
Dance, Drama, Choir,
Art & More!



Donnell Berkman



Samantha Wong



Landon Ma



Saya Feess Gee



Tyler Galipeau



Parent-Teacher Conference Week



Dear APG Families,

As a reminder, our middle school parent-teacher conferences are the week of 11/18-11/22 (2:20-4:00pm). There will be **EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2:15PM DAILY** the whole week! Because we have 1,200 students, holding an individual parent conference for every child within the PTC window is impossible. For this reason, we prioritize conferences for students that the teachers identify. The grade-level counselors will be reaching out to families to schedule conferences with your child's teachers, or you may be interested in requesting a conference to find out how your child is doing and what you can do to partner with your child's teacher to make sure they have a successful school year. We encourage your children to participate in the conference. The conferences can either be virtual or in-person at A.P. Giannini.

Suppose you have yet to receive a request to meet for a conference from the counselors and are interested in connecting with your children's teachers to see how things are going this semester. In that case, you can schedule a conference by contacting the grade-level counselors. Our goal is to meet with all families interested in a conference. Thank you!

Contact your child's grade-level counselor to schedule the conference:

- 6th Grade - Ms. Kruger (KrugerK1@sfusd.edu)
- 7th Grade - Mr. Jang (JangJ1@sfusd.edu)
- 8th Grade - Mr. McDaniel (McdanielS@sfusd.edu)

2024-25 A. P. Giannini PTC Bell Schedule

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conference Week

11/18 - 11/22 , 3/3 - 3/27

1°	9:30 - 10:10
<i>Passing</i>	10:10 - 10:15
2°	10:15 - 10:51
<i>Passing</i>	10:51 - 10:56
3°	10:56 - 11:32
<i>Passing</i>	11:32 - 11:37
4°	11:37 - 12:13
LUNCH	12:13 - 12:53
<i>Passing</i>	12:53 - 12:58
5°	12:58 - 1:34
<i>Passing</i>	1:34 - 1:39
6°	1:39 - 2:15



Changes to Transportation Services to Support Parent-Teacher Conferences



November 18-22, 2024
March 3-7, 2025



All elementary and middle school buses will have early dismissal during the weeks of November 18-22, 2024, and March 3-7, 2025 to support Parent-Teacher Conferences. The early dismissal will be based on the Wednesday schedule.

If, for example, a school has a 12:50 pm dismissal time on Wednesdays, during parent conference week the dismissal for Monday through Friday will be 12:50 pm. All buses, GenEd and IEP, will adhere to the revised schedule for Parent-Teacher Conference week.

Note: PK (both EES and co-located classes) are not impacted and their schedule and length of day remains the same.



The following services will be canceled during the weeks of Parent-Teacher Conferences to accommodate this change in the bell schedule.

- Elementary & middle school early releases
- Elementary, middle, and high school Therapy services after 12:00 pm
- All field trips using Zum buses

Please contact the Transportation Team if you have any clarifying questions or would like more information.
415-695-5505

Don't miss the Fall Plays!
Starring Intermediate &
Advanced Drama!

A.P. Giannini Drama Department Presents

THE MIRACLE WORKER

By
William Gibson



at 7:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

Based on the novel by
Frances Hodgson Burnett

A LITTLE
PRINCESS

at 6:00pm

Reserve Tickets:



A.P. Giannini
Auditorium
3151 Ortega St.

Get tickets [HERE!](#)
(some tickets also
available at the door)



Announcing Auditions for the 2025 School Musical: *Newsies Jr.!*

Information Meeting: Fri, Nov. 15th at lunch in the Choir Room (Room 300)

Auditions: Tues, Dec. 3rd & Wed, Dec. 4th

Performances: Thurs, Feb. 20th and Fri, Feb. 21st

Auditions are open to ALL students (grades 6, 7, 8)

Questions? Contact Ms. Sunderland: sunderlandj@sfusd.edu

A DELICIOUS
WAY TO
SUPPORT
APG!



SHAKE  SHACK®

DONATION DAY

Wednesday, December 4th
10:30AM-11:00PM

Mention Donation Day at the register
or use promo code **DONATE**
on the Shack App, web, or kiosk at checkout and
we'll donate **25%** of your total meal purchase to

AP Giannini Middle School

STONESTOWN GALLERIA
3251 20th Ave | San Francisco CA, 94132

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



APG ATHLETICS

[FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM](#)

Come Cheer on our APG Jaguars!

 [Boys Basketball Schedule](#)  [Girls Basketball Schedule](#)

 [Girls Soccer Schedule](#)

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](#)



APG ATHLETICS...continued!

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS, DECEMBER 2 - 9

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

8th Graders:

- Mon, Dec 2nd 7:30-9 am
- Tue, Dec 3rd 6:15-8:15 pm
- Thur, Dec 5th 7:30 am **BY INVITATION**

7th Graders:

- Mon, Dec 2nd 6:15-8:15 pm
- Wed, Dec 4th 7:30-9 am
- Fri, Dec 6th 7:30 am **BY INVITATION**

6th Graders:

- Tue, Dec 3rd 7:30-9 am
- Thur, Dec 5th 6:15-8:15 pm
- Fri, Dec 6th 6:15 pm **BY INVITATION**

→ 6th, 7th, 8th Tryout BY INVITATION: Mon, Dec 9th 7:30 - 9 am (Final Round)



CALLING ALL EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS!

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5:30PM**

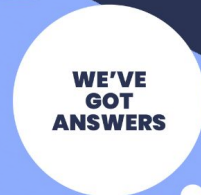
Chat on all things high School

All 8th Grade
Parents &
Caregivers
Welcome!

**MEET AT:
FINNEGANS
937 COLE STREET**

Join us for drinks and conversation with fellow parents navigating high school applications or those with older kids who have valuable tips.

Bring layers— we'll likely be in the backyard!



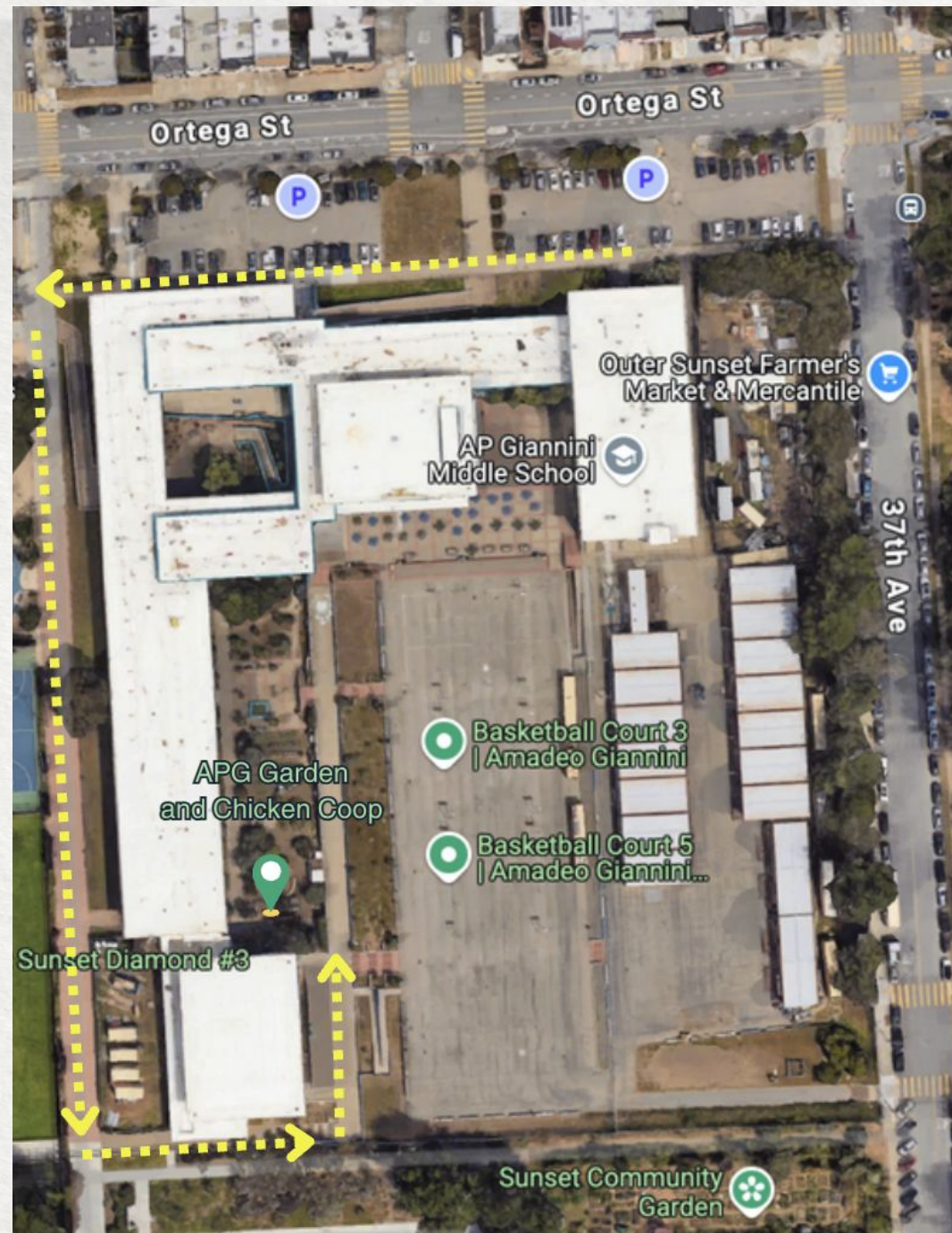


COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKDAY

Sunday, December 8th

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

A.P. Giannini Middle School
Meet by the Chicken Coop





JOIN US FOR

WARM WISHES & WELLNESS

DECEMBER 18, 2024;
FROM 5 PM TO 7:00 PM

A.P. Giannini Cafeteria

- 5:00PM Wellness Center Q&A
- 5:45PM Dinner and Cookie Decorating
- 6:30PM Raffle Winner Announcement



Bonus Cookie
Potluck!
Please bring
cookies to share!



RSVP HERE

Get in the holiday spirit and hang out with the Wellness Team and other APG families! We will have hot food and refreshments, cookie decorating, raffles, and an additional cookie potluck.

[RSVP HERE](#)



WELLNESS FEST

DECEMBER

2024

GAMES, PRIZES, AND MORE!

Learn more about mental health wellness and creating a safe space at APG!

COMMUNITY RESOURCE LUNCH FAIR

@ the Auditorium lobby during lunch

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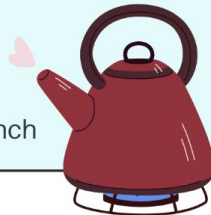


ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN

Advisory Presentation

SCHOOL CLUB LUNCH FAIR

@ the Auditorium lobby during lunch



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SAVE THE DATE

Hosted by
A.P. Giannini Middle School
Open House

Sunset

ART

FESTIVAL

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH 2025
10AM - 2PM
3151 Ortega St, San Francisco, CA 94122

CHANGING FAMILIES

A SUPPORT GROUP AT APG



A supportive and interactive group for A.P. Giannini Middle School students navigating familial issues like divorce/separation and more. Students will learn coping skills, healthy communication styles, and how to build resilience in a safe space.

Here are a few details:

- This is an entirely **confidential** group.
- The group will be facilitated by Tara, our MFT (Marriage and Family Therapist) Trainee and Danielle, our Community Health Outreach Worker (CHOW).
- Meetings will be held during 2nd Period every Monday.

Are you interested in joining? Have questions?

Email shimw@sfusd.edu (Danielle) or
tmojabi@bacr.org (Tara)



APG started a new ‘Changing Families’ support group for our middle school students!

If you know of any students or want to sign your student up, please email shimw@sfusd.edu with the student’s name and grade.

Refer a student for MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

News from our Wellness Center!

Parents & Caregivers:
use this QR code to
request wellness
support for your
student. Or students can
refer themselves.

No smartphone? Use this [LINK](#)



REFERRAL FORM

A.P. Giannini cares about our students' mental health! Refer a child to receive services from the Wellness Center.

Once a referral is made, the student will be contacted by a member of the Wellness Center for a short consultation.



来自我们的健康中心的消息！

家长和监护人：使用此二维码为您的学生申请健康支持。或者学生可以自行申请。

没有智能手机？[使用此链接](#)

推荐学生

心理健康支持



转介表格

A.P. Giannini 关心我们学生的心理健康！推荐孩子接受健康中心的服务。

一旦提出转诊，健康中心的一名成员将与学生联系，进行简短的咨询。

¡Novedades de nuestro Centro de Bienestar!

Padres y tutores: utilicen este código QR para solicitar apoyo de bienestar para su estudiante. Los estudiantes también pueden solicitarlo ellos mismos.

¿No tienes un teléfono inteligente? Usa este [ENLACE](#)

Recomienda a un estudiante para APOYO DE SALUD MENTAL



FORMULARIO DE REFERENCIA

¡A A.P. Giannini le importa la salud mental de nuestros estudiantes! Refiera a un niño para que reciba servicios del Centro de Bienestar.

Una vez realizada la derivación, un miembro del Centro de Bienestar se comunicará con el estudiante para una

December Staff Appreciation Breakfast - Please contribute!

We need many FOOD & COFFEE donations for our Staff Appreciation Breakfast on THURSDAY, DEC. 5th!

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 contribute at least once this year. Thank you!





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

ONGOING: LUNCHTIME GARDEN SUPERVISION

STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST 12/5

HELP ON A SCHOOL TOUR, Dec - Jan

HELP ORGANIZE THE LOST & FOUND (email the office)

STAFF HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 12/13

A.P. Giannini Middle School

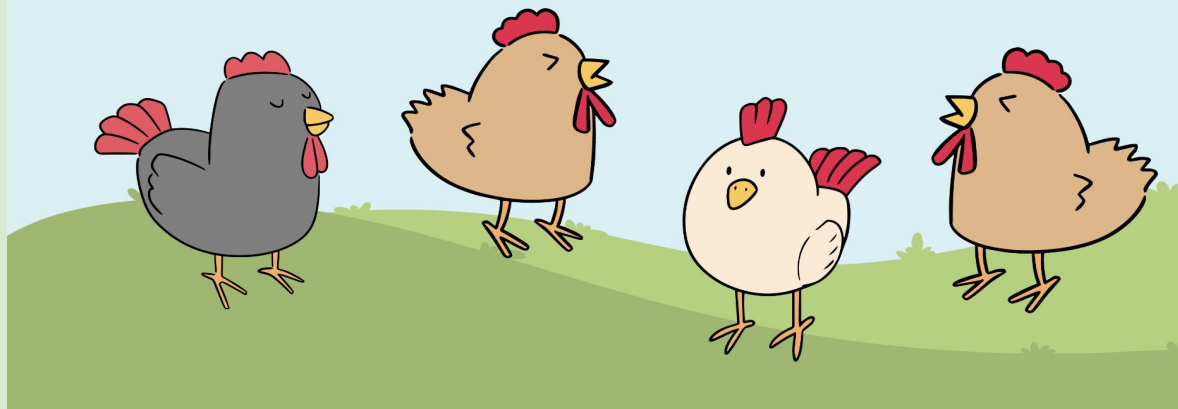
Chicken Care

Weekends and School Holidays

Feed the
chickens

Clean the
chicken coop

Take fresh
eggs home!



[Sign Up for Chicken Care Here](#)

Questions? Email Garden Teacher Ansel, aschoonhoven@bacr.org

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!

More Volunteers needed for November and December

Sweatpants (Small / XXLarge) Donations for the Wellness Center

Drop off in Main Office or Room 128



Please donate sweatpants to the Wellness Center. Sometimes, students have accidents and need spare pants. We especially need them in sizes Small and XXLarge.

You can drop them off in the Main Office or Wellness Center (Room 128). If you have any questions, please email Nurse Judy at zhengj1@sfusd.edu.



RSVP HERE
掃碼報名



GORDON J. LAU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
刘贵明小学主办

Chinatown Resources Fair

华埠资源博览会

Join us!
来参加吧!

- Enrollment Workshop 入学讲座
- Community Agencies 社区组织
- Service Providers 服务机构
- Freebies and Activities 免費贈品和活動

2024年11月23号，星期六
9点-12点

Gordon J. Lau Elementary School
Cafeteria
950 Clay St, San Francisco, CA 94108

Give away free
backpacks to first
50 kids in line

排队进入前50位小朋友
可获得免费书包

[Sign up here](#)

We're excited to invite you and your families to our upcoming **Chinatown Resources Fair** on **Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in Gordon J. Lau Elementary Cafeteria! This event is open to the entire Chinatown community, so please feel free to share the news with your neighbors and friends! Come connect with local community agencies and service providers who will be offering a wide range of resources, including:

- School Enrollment
- After-school Programs
- Mental Health Support
- Job Trainings
- ESL Classes
- Immigration and Tenants' Rights
- Parenting Classes
- Healthcare Resources
- Literacy
- Public Benefits
- And much more!

Special Highlights:

- **School Enrollment Workshops** hosted by Educational Placement Center (EPC) - Learn about the school enrollment process for the upcoming school year and get your questions answered
- **Free Backpacks & Supplies** for the first 50 participants in line
- **Snacks and Refreshments** for all attendees
- **Fun Activities for kids**

Please sign up [HERE](#) by **Wednesday, Nov 20** to help us plan for snacks. Mark your calendar today and bring your family! Let's come together and support one another!



RSVP HERE
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CONFIRMAR SU ASISTENCIA



GORDON J. LAU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
LA ESCUELA GORDON J. LAU PRESENTA

Chinatown Resources Fair

Feria de Recursos de Barrio Chino

Join us!
¡Únete a nosotros!

- Enrollment Workshop Taller de Inscripción
- Community Agencies Agencias Comunitarias
- Service Providers Proveedores de Servicios
- Freebies and Activities Regalos y actividades

Saturday, Nov 23, 2024
9AM-12PM

Gordon J. Lau Elementary School
Cafeteria
950 Clay St, San Francisco, CA 94108

Give away free
backpacks to first
50 kids in line

Regalaremos mochilas
gratis a los primeros
50 niños en la fila

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BREAKTHROUGH SUMMERBRIDGE

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AT SAN FRANCISCO UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Application Now Open!

**Must be currently in 6th grade to apply*

Breakthrough Summerbridge Offerings:

- Intensive summer academic classes
- After school enrichment programming
- High school placement advising
- College access programming

Next Steps:

- Complete the BTSB **Inquiry form** found on our website
- Attend one of our **Open Houses**, register on the Inquiry form
- Apply!



About Breakthrough Summerbridge

Breakthrough Summerbridge is a tuition-free, academic enrichment, summer and after-school program for middle school students. **Students must apply in their 6th grade year.**

Apply Now!
summerbridgesf.org

Application Deadline
March 7, 2025

Questions
summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org
(415) 212-9204



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Aplicación ya disponible!

**Debe estar en sexto grado para aplicar*

Breakthrough Summerbridge Ofrece:

- Clases académicas durante el verano
- Enriquecimiento académico después de la escuela
- Asesoramiento de colocación en la escuela secundaria
- Programación de acceso a la universidad

Siguientes Pasos:

- Llene el **Formulario de Consulta**, se encuentra en nuestro sitio web
- Asista a una de nuestras **Sesiones Informativas**, regístrese en el formulario de consulta
- Aplique!



Sobre Breakthrough Summerbridge

Un programa gratuito de enriquecimiento académico, de verano y después de la escuela para estudiantes de secundaria. **Los estudiantes deben aplicar en el sexto grado de primaria.**

Como Aplicar
summerbridgesf.org

Fecha Límite
7 de marzo del 2025

Preguntas
summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org
(415) 212-9204



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申请现已开放!

**目前必须是六年级才能申请*

Breakthrough Summerbridge 服务:

- 暑期学术强化课程
- 课后强化计划
- 高中安置建议
- 大学入学计划

下一步:

- 填写我们网站上的 **BTSB 查询表**
- 参加我们的一场信息发布会, 在查询表上注册
- 申请!



关于Breakthrough Summerbridge

是一项针对中学生的免学费、学术强化、暑期和课后项目。 **学生必须在六年级时申请。**

现在申请!
summerbridgesf.org

报名截止日期
2025年3月7日

问题
summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org
(415) 212-9204

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.
- **Early Dismissal / 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 office doors.

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_APAttendance@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)

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).

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

Excused and Unexcused Absences

([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.

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.

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