

APG PTSA E-Newsletter · 12/03/2024

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APG NEWS

★ **FOR GIVING TUESDAY - PLEASE DONATE TO THE JAG FUND!** ★ We are almost half-way to our goal for this year's Jag Fund. Without your donations we can't provide important support for our teachers, staff and students like classroom supplies and books, support for Outdoor Education, tech subscriptions like Adobe, Stile & GoGuardian, project grants for teachers, PE equipment, Wellness Center support, and community events. Please [DONATE HERE TODAY!](#)

★ **STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST - DATE CHANGE!** ★ Please note that our monthly breakfast to celebrate and support our amazing APG staff will be **this Thursday 12/5**. We could still use a few items or help with set-up or clean-up. Sign up [HERE!](#)

★ **8TH GRADE PARENTS - HIGH SCHOOL CHAT** ★ **Friday 12/6, 5:30, Finnegans Wake** in Cole Valley. High School applications are stressful - come chat with parents who are going through it, or already have high school kids and knowledge to share. Bring layers as we may be in the backyard. All welcome!



EVENTS & CALENDAR

★ **Never miss a date!** [SUBSCRIBE TO APG CALENDAR](#) ★

12/2 - 12/9: Girls Volleyball Tryouts, see full schedule below!

12/2 - 12/11: Online APG Beanie Sale! Save over 20%, no code needed

12/3: Giving Tuesday - Please support our school with a donation to the Jag Fund! [DONATE!](#)

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 on the app, website or kiosk. APG gets 25% of sales!

12/5: Staff Appreciation Breakfast, Please [DONATE](#) coffee & food!

12/6: Cake Pop Sale: For students at lunch time, \$4 cash, sales benefit APG!

12/6: 8th grade Parents High School Chat, 5:30 pm @ Finnegans Wake, Details above.

12/8: Garden Workday 12:30-3:30, Meet by the chicken coop. All are welcome!

12/11: Concert Band Advanced Winter Concert, 6-7:30, APG Auditorium

12/13: Staff Holiday Luncheon; Please [VOLUNTEER](#) to bring dessert, help serve and/or clean up!

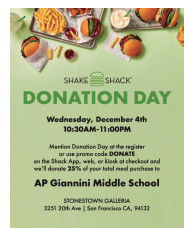
12/18: Warm Wishes & Wellness: Family Social; 5-7pm, Cafeteria, Bring cookies to exchange, enjoy dinner & cookie decorating, and meet our Wellness staff! [RSVP!](#)

12/18-12/20: Wellness Fest

12/21-1/5: Winter Break - No School!

1/6: First Day back at school

Get updates on our PTSA [CALENDAR](#), [WEBSITE](#), [INSTAGRAM](#) and [FACEBOOK](#).



DONATE & FUNDRAISERS

★ **DONATE TO THE JAG FUND** ★ A huge thanks to everyone who has already donated to the Jag Fund! Each year we raise money to support outdoor education, the Wellness Center, PE equipment, teacher grants, APG family events, 8th grade graduation events and much, much more.

Help us reach our goal of \$125,000 - please donate today! We suggest \$500 per student, but any amount makes a big difference. [DONATE HERE!](#)



DONATE!

TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Help us reach our goal of **\$125,000** this year.

Every donation counts! Your support helps keep APG the best middle school in the city and provides our students with incredible opportunities.



tinyurl.com/APGdonate

THE PTSA JAG FUND PROVIDES

Student Enrichment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor Education• Wellness Center• Tech Subscriptions like Adobe, Stile, and GoGuardian	Teacher & Staff Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom Supplies and Books• Project Grants• P.E. Equipment	Community Building <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Socials & School Events• Teacher Appreciation• 8th Grade Sweatshirts, Graduation & Party
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★ **EAT AT SHAKE SHACK FOR APG!** ★ Eat at Shake Shack (Stonestown) on Wed. 12/4 and 25% of your purchase will go to APG! Mention "Donation Day" at the register or use code "DONATE" on the app, website or at the kiosk.

★ **CAKEPOP SALE AT LUNCHTIME** ★ Friday, 12/6, lunchtime at APG. Enjoy a sweet treat and part of the proceeds go to support APG! Pops cost \$4 each.



★ **SWEATPANTS FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER** ★ Please donate sweatpants/athletic pants to the Wellness Center. Sometimes the kids have accidents and need spare pants. Drop off in the Main Office or Room 128. We especially need sizes Small and XXL. Questions? Contact [Nurse Judy](#).

VOLUNTEER

★ **GARDEN SUPERVISION** ★ Ongoing - Help supervise the yard during lunchtime on Tuesdays (12:25-1:05pm) or Thursdays (12:42-1:02pm)! Please [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

★ **STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST** ★ **Thursday 12/5, 8:30am** Show your gratitude to our teachers and staff! Donate Food or Coffee to our Monthly Staff Breakfast –Please, [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

★ **GARDEN WORKDAY** ★ **Sunday 12/8, 12:30-3:30** Join the PTSA, Beacon and other APG families to help beautify our fabulous APG Garden. Meet at the Chicken Coop. All are welcome!

★ **STAFF HOLIDAY LUNCHEON** ★ **Friday 12/13** Please [SIGN UP](#) to bring dessert, help set up, serve and/or help clean up. Let's send our amazing staff and teachers off to the holidays with a lovely lunch!



★ **HELP OUT WITH CHICKEN CARE ON WEEKENDS/HOLIDAYS** ★ We need help feeding the chickens and cleaning the coop on days when school is out. Sign up for this fun volunteer opportunity...and take home fresh eggs, too! Questions? Ask Teacher [Ansel](#). And [SIGN UP HERE!](#)



GEAR

★ **BEANIE SALE!** ★ Save 20 % off APG Beanies! Now through Dec. 11, beanies are only \$14. Show your Jaguar pride & start your holiday shopping at gear.apgsf.com! Orders are processed every 2 weeks and will either be in the office for pick up or delivered to your student's advisory. Questions? [EMAIL OUR GEAR CHAIRS](#), Carrie and Bo. See PJs, T-shirts and much more [ONLINE!](#)



APG ARTS

★ **AUDITIONS FOR THE 2025 SCHOOL MUSICAL: NEWSIES, JR.!** ★

Auditions: Tuesday, Dec. 3rd & Wednesday, Dec. 4th

Performances: Thursday, Feb. 20th and Friday, Feb. 21st

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

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



★ **CONCERT BAND ADVANCED WINTER CONCERT** ★

December 11th, 6-7:30 pm, in the APG Auditorium!

BEACON

Beacon serves all APG students with programs, social-emotional support, parent engagement and community resources. Sign up for the APG Beacon Newsletter [HERE](#)

★ **STUDY CENTER IN THE BEACON MEDIA LAB (ROOM 130)** ★

No Beacon registration required

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 to 4:45 PM
- Wednesdays, 2:15 to 3:00 PM

Beacon's Study Center is FREE and available to all A.P. Giannini students on a drop-in basis.

If your student would like to attend, but is not registered to any Beacon programs (Early Bird, Spanish, After School), please fill out this [Consent Form](#).

★ **WARM WISHES & WELLNESS** ★ **Dec 18, 5-7pm, APG Cafeteria:** Join us for Cookie Decorating, Dinner & a Raffle at this fun, free family event. We'll also have a Q & A with our Wellness Center staff. Please bring cookies to share at our potluck! RSVP [HERE!](#)



SFUSD

SFUSD offers helpful technology resources for families. Learn more [HERE](#)

The SFUSD 2024-25 School Calendar is available [ONLINE](#) in multiple languages.

All school meals are free to all students in the 2024-25 school year! [MORE INFO](#)

School Meals Process: All APG students who get School Meals will use their LUNCH CARD or PIN number, which was distributed to them in their advisory class, to get their meals. School staff will assist students as they get used to entering their PIN # or scanning their lunch card in the Cafeteria.

For all SFUSD Announcements: [CLICK HERE](#)

ATHLETICS



★ GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS ★

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

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)

★ APG ATHLETIC GEAR ★

Show your team spirit! Order your APG Athletic Team Tees & Gear [HERE!](#)

★ COME CHEER ON YOUR APG JAGUARS! ★

Check the game schedules and support our Jags!

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

★ **APG ATHLETICS GOOGLE CLASSROOM** ★ For the latest information on 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 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. You will upload page 4 of this form to the athlete's Home Campus account.

[Parent Consent Form](#) If not checked off on Home Campus, one form required for each sport.

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

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

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

Please email Athletic Director, Mr. Alfaro, at alfaroi.c@sfusd.edu if you have any questions. Follow APG Athletics on [INSTAGRAM](#)

LINKS & RESOURCES

★ MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL FORM ★

A.P. Giannini cares about our students' mental health! Refer a student [HERE](#) to receive services from the Wellness Center. Once a referral is made, the student will be contacted by a member of the Wellness Center. If you have any questions, please email our Community Health Outreach Worker, Dani Shim at shimw@sfusd.edu.

★ PARENTS ULTIMATE GUIDE TO PARENTAL CONTROLS ★

- from Ms. E, our APG Teacher Librarian / Tech Witch

Do you need parental controls? What are the options? Do they really work? Here's everything you need to know about the wide array of parental control solutions, from OS settings to monitoring apps to network hardware.

Even if you've talked to your kids about screen-time limits and responsible online behavior, it's still really tough to manage what they do when you're not there (and even when you are). Parental controls can support you in your efforts to keep your kids' internet experiences safe, fun, and productive. They work best when used openly and honestly in partnership with your kids.

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-parental-controls>

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

Beacon Website: www.apgbeacon.org

Arts Newsletter: [Spring 2024 Newsletter](#)

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

[SFUSD Academic Calendar](#) ~ for the 2024-25 school year

[SFUSD Public Announcements](#) ~ school district announcements and email signup

Thank you for reading the PTSA Newsletter! Go Jaguars!



APG IN ACTION

Girls and Boys Basketball and Girls Soccer are all heading to the playoffs, starting tomorrow. Congrats Jaguar Athletes! Follow APG Athletics [INSTAGRAM](#) for all the latest!

