

# APG PTSA E-Newsletter · 1/7/2025

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## APG NEWS

★ **SHOP AT SLOAT GARDEN CENTER FOR APG!** ★ Now through Jan 12, mention APGiannini at checkout. APG will receive 10% of sales as part of the Growing Up Green Fundraiser! Please consider purchasing compost & soil to donate to our garden while you're there.

★ **HELP NEEDED: STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST TOMORROW** ★ We still need a few items like fruit and a hot dish for our Staff Appreciation Breakfast tomorrow, Jan 8. Can you help? Food can be dropped off in the Garden or Office between 8:00-8:20am. Sign up [HERE](#)

★ **ONE MORE SCHOOL-TOUR VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR 1/16** ★ We need one more parent to be on hand from 9:20-10:30 as prospective families tour APG. Please [VOLUNTEER!](#)

★ **LEIS, STOLEES & YARD SIGNS ON SALE FOR 8TH GRADE PROMOTION** ★ Celebrate your rising 8th Grader in style – it's time to order Leis, Stoles and Yard Signs! Proceeds benefit APG and prices start at just \$12. Order by March 31st. Items will be delivered to APG in early May. See [Flyer](#) for details and order [HERE!](#)

★ **JAG FUND UPDATE** ★ A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to the Jag Fund so far. We have reached \$73, 577 of our \$125,000 goal! Together we can make our budget and keep supporting our staff, students and school. PLEASE [DONATE](#) TODAY!



## EVENTS & CALENDAR

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

1/4 - 1/12: Growing up Green Fundraiser @ Sloat Garden Center -Mention APG at checkout!

1/8: Staff Appreciation Breakfast, Please [DONATE](#) food!

1/16: APG School Tour for prospective families - 9:20-10:30; Please [VOLUNTEER!](#)

1/17: Beacon closed for staff development

1/22: Track & Field Info Meeting, 2:15 in the APG Gym - all welcome!

1/22-1/23: Fundraiser with Chalos Empanadas - Mark your calendar, details below!

2/4: PTSA General Meeting 6:30-7:30 via [ZOOM](#); All welcome, please join us!

2/5: Staff Appreciation Breakfast, Please [DONATE](#) food and coffee!

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

## DONATE & FUNDRAISERS

★ **DONATE TO THE JAG FUND** ★ Please help us support outdoor education, the Wellness Center, PE equipment, teacher grants, APG family events, 8th grade graduation events and much more. Help us reach our goal of \$125,000! We suggest \$500 per student, but any amount makes a big difference. [DONATE HERE!](#)

A flyer for the PTSA Jag Fund. It features a logo of a jaguar head in a blue circle with 'APG' below it. To the right, it says 'DONATE! TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL'. Below that, it says 'Help us reach our goal of \$125,000 this year.' and 'Every donation counts! Your support helps keep APG the best middle school in the city and provides our students with incredible opportunities.' There is a QR code on the right. At the bottom, it says 'THE PTSA JAG FUND PROVIDES' and lists three categories: 'Student Enrichment' (Outdoor Education, Wellness Center, Tech Subscriptions like Adobe, Site, and GoGuardian), 'Teacher &amp; Staff Support' (Classroom Supplies and Books, Project Grants, P.E. Equipment), and 'Community Building' (Family Socials &amp; School Events, Teacher Appreciation, 8th Grade Sweatshirts, Graduation &amp; Party). The website 'myurl.com/APGDonate' is at the bottom right.

★ **DONATE RECYCLED ITEMS TO APG GARDEN** ★ Now through Jan 31, please donate clean takeout boxes, disposable containers with lids, paper towel rolls and shoebox-sized cardboard boxes for our APG Garden. These will be upcycled for Garden Projects. Drop items at the APG Beacon Office. Questions? Ask teacher Ansel at [aschoonhoven@bacr.org](mailto:aschoonhoven@bacr.org)



★ **SHOP AT SLOAT GARDEN CENTER FOR APG** ★ Jan 4 through Jan 12, shop at Sloat Garden Center and mention APGiannini at checkout. APG will receive 10% of sales through the Growing Up Green Fundraiser! Please consider buying compost & soil to donate to our garden while you're there.

★ **EAT AT CHALOS FOR APG** ★ Jan 22 & 23, eat at Chalos on Taraval - Dig into delicious empanadas and support our school! APG gets 10% of in-store sales for dine-in, or \$10 when you buy a bakers' dozen to-go! Chalos closes at 5pm so stop in for lunch, pick up dinner...or both!



★ **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 really need sizes Small and XXL. Questions? Contact [Nurse Judy](#).

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## VOLUNTEER

★ **HELP OUT WITH CHICKEN CARE (ONGOING)** ★ Please consider helping out with taking care of our chickens! It is a great opportunity to do an outdoor activity with the family...and you can bring home fresh eggs. Questions? Ask Teacher [Ansel](#). And [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

★ **STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST** ★ Wed. 1/8 and 2/5, 8:30am Show your gratitude to our teachers and staff! Donate Food or Coffee to our Monthly Staff Breakfast –Please, [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

★ **SCHOOL TOUR VOLUNTEER** ★ Thurs 1/16, 9:20-10:30am Our APG students lead the tours for prospective families, but we need adults to tag along to answer any questions from a parent or caregiver perspective. To help out, [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

★ **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!](#)

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## GEAR

★ **SHOW YOUR JAGUAR PRIDE** ★ Purchase APG gear online at [gear.apgsf.com](http://gear.apgsf.com), with orders processed every 2 weeks. All orders 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 more [ONLINE!](#)



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## APG ARTS

★ Stay tuned for updates ★

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## ATHLETICS



### ★ TRACK & FIELD INFORMATION MEETING: 1/22, 2:15 in the APG GYM★

Interested in Track & Field? Come learn more at our Informational meeting on January 22nd at 2:15 in the APG Gym. All welcome!

### ★ COME CHEER ON YOUR APG JAGUARS! ★

Check the game schedules and support our Jags! (Please note: updated volleyball schedule)

 [Girls Volleyball Schedule](#)

### ★ APG ATHLETIC GEAR ★

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

★ **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](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. 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](mailto:alfaroi.c@sfusd.edu) if you have any questions. Follow APG Athletics on [INSTAGRAM](#)

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## BEACON

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

### ★ APG BEACON PROGRAM CLOSED ALL DAY 1/17/25 ★

On Friday, January 17, 2025, A.P. Giannini Beacon Program will be closed all day as our staff will be receiving Professional Development training to continue to ensure the highest quality program to the AP Giannini Community. Please email [bguy@bacr.org](mailto:bguy@bacr.org) if you have any questions.

### ★ 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](#).

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## 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](#)

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## 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](mailto: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>

### ★ 2ND DISTRICT PTA ★

The APG PTSA is a member of our local 2nd District PTA. Learn about the Hopson Music Scholarship and more. See the latest district news [HERE!](#)

PTSA Website: [apgsf.com](http://apgsf.com)

Instagram: [instagram.com/apg\\_middle\\_school\\_ptsa](https://www.instagram.com/apg_middle_school_ptsa)

Facebook: [facebook.com/APGSF](https://www.facebook.com/APGSF)

PTSA Calendar: [apgsf.com/calendar](http://apgsf.com/calendar) | Subscribe to Calendar: [bit.ly/apg-cal](https://bit.ly/apg-cal)

Donate to APG: [tinyurl.com/APGdonate](https://tinyurl.com/APGdonate)

Join the APG PTSA: [tinyurl.com/joinAPG](https://tinyurl.com/joinAPG)

APG Gear Shop: [gear.apgsf.com](http://gear.apgsf.com)

Join the APG PTSA Google Group to get updates: [bit.ly/apg-subscribe](https://bit.ly/apg-subscribe)

Join the WeChat Group: [wechat@apgsf.com](mailto:wechat@apgsf.com) **[CHINESE]**

School Website: [sfusd.edu/school/ap-giannini-middle-school](http://sfusd.edu/school/ap-giannini-middle-school)

Beacon Website: [www.apgbeacon.org](http://www.apgbeacon.org)

Arts Newsletter: [Spring 2024 Newsletter](#)

APG Athletics: [www.sfusd.edu/school/ap-giannini-middle-school/students/athletics](http://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!**