APG Family Bulletin

2/12/2025

Calendar of Events

2/7 - 2/16	APG Garden + Sloat Garden Center Fundraiser			
2/12 & 2/21	Girls Volleyball Games <u>Volleyball Schedule</u>			
2/14	Valentine's Cake Pop Sale, Lunchtime; \$4 (cash); Valentine's Grams by Student Gov			
2/14	'APG IS IN THE AIR' Valentine's Day Dance, 4:30-6:30pm, APG Cafe			
	5 more Parent/Caregiver Volunteers Needed for the Dance!			
2/17	Presidents' Day Holiday, No School			
2/19	APG + Shake Shack Fundraiser- Use promo code "DONATE" or mention "Donation Day"			
2/20	SFPUC Green Infrastructure Project, 5-7pm, red tiled area across Auditorium <u>SLIDES HERE</u>			
2/20 & 2/21	APG Musical - Newsies, Jr., 5pm and 7pm, APG Auditorium; <u>Tickets Here</u>			
2/22	DCYF Summer Resource Fair, 11am-2pm, SF County Fair Building Learn more here			
2/28	Beaconfest Showcase in APG Cafe, 4:30-5:45pm RSVP HERE			
3/2	Garden Workday, 12:30-3:30pm, RSVP HERE			
3/3 - 3/7	Parent Teacher Conference (Early Dismissal at 2:15pm, every day; bus schedule changed)			

Ongoing: **Donate to APG PTSA** to support our students!

Ongoing: Chicken Care during Holidays & Weekends

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY



PRESIDENTS DAY



We are looking for APG parents who are willing to be interviewed about their daughter's middle school experience to inform a new wellness program to support girls' mental health. Girls Who Connect is a mental wellness startup founded by Michelle Chan (SFUSD alumna and current Northwestern Kellogg MBA student). Michelle is collaborating with APG to explore a potentially new, play-based, after school program for middle school girls to spark joy and creativity. If you are interested in speaking with Michelle to support her program and research, please email

michelle.chan@kellogg.northwestern.edu or text her at 415-200-7138. Thanks!

APG GARDEN FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 7th-16th

Shop at any local, SF Sloat Garden Center from Feb 7 - 16. Mention "AP Giannini" at the checkout and our school garden will receive 10% back from all sales!

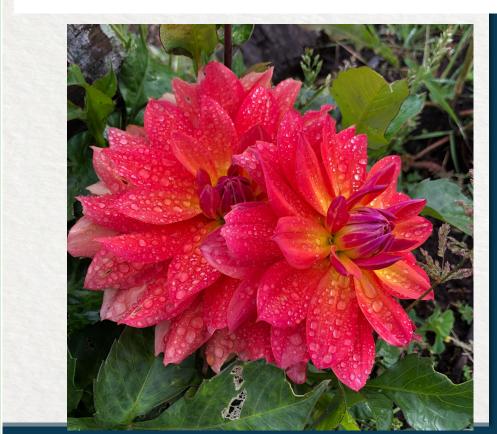
While you're there, please consider purchasing local compost & soil to donate to our garden. When you purchase these two items at Sloat this coming week, we benefit twice!

Questions? Donations? Want to join our fantastic Garden Team? Email our Garden Chairs, <u>Ruben</u> and <u>Katy</u>.

Please spread the word, go shop, & help support our amazing garden space at our school. Our students and staff adore our beautiful plants and trees, hanging with the chickens, and relaxing in a green space.

Happy Gardening!







FREE FOOD - MUSIC - PRIZES

BUY TICKETS FOR \$3 @ LUNCH IN THE YARD FEBRUARY 7TH & 10TH-12TH

FRIDAY, 14 FEBUARY 2025

@4:30PM-6:30PM IN THE CAFE

MORE Parent Volunteers Needed!

Tasks include:

- Set up (3-4:30pm)
- Coat check (4:30-6:30pm)
- Activity booth (4:30-6:30pm)
- Serve food (4:30-6:30pm)
- Clean up (6:30-7:00pm)

Please sign up here!





APG ATHLETICS



TRACK & FIELD

Track practice will begin 2/18 @ 4:00 on the Upper Yard

COME CHEER ON YOUR APG GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

Only 2 regular season games left - support our student athletes: Significant Schedule



APG ATHLETIC GEAR Show your school team spirit! Order your APG Athletic Team Tees & Gear HERE!

APG ATHLETICS GOOGLE CLASSROOM

For the latest info and updates 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 <u>Home Campus walkthrough video</u>

Student Athlete Pre-participation Physical Form Requires doctor signature. Upload p. 4 to 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 alfaroii.c@sfusd.edu For more info about athletics, click HERE For an overview of Tryouts, please click HERE



SHAKE SHACK*

DONATION DAY

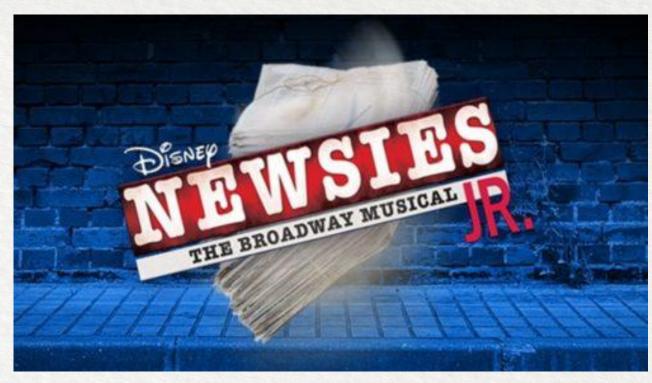
Wednesday, February 19th 10:30AM - 11:00PM

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

A.P. Giannini Middle School

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

APG MUSICAL - February 20 + 21



Our Annual Musical is happening again at A.P. Giannini Middle School *Newsies Jr.*! Newsies Jr. is about newspaper boys and girls in the early 1900's who sell newspapers for a living. The publisher of the newspapers makes new rules, and raises the price to buy papers to make it harder for the newsies to make money, and the kids fight their way through many, many, many challenges, protesting against the odds to show that they have power when they work together. Don't miss it!

Thursday, February 20th at 5:00pm Friday, February 21st at 7:00pm Reserve Free Tickets at:

apq-musical-2025.eventbrite.com





Share Your Ideas for a Greener Schoolyard!

There is an exciting upcoming opportunity to share your thoughts on the A.P. Giannini Middle School Stormwater Schoolyard Project! The goal of this project is to create a safe, usable, and fun schoolyard while increasing greenspace and capturing stormwater runoff.

SCHOOL MUSICAL - FEBRUARY 20TH 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Topics:

- · Review feedback we've heard from the community thus far and contribute your ideas
- Review preliminary concept ideas from the design team and planning opportunities
- · Learn about the many benefits of green infrastructure

At this informal tabling events we invite YOU to share your vision for the schoolyard. Input from students, parents, and school faculty now will continue to shape the conceptual designs which will be reviewed with the community at follow up meetings throughout the spring.

Follow the link for more information: https://www.sfpuc.gov/apgiannini

Click here to read about the

AP Giannini
Stormwater
Schoolyard
Project

SEE SLIDES HERE FROM
THE 2/4/25
PRESENTATION AT OUR
APG PTSA MEETING



JOIN US TO SEE OUR WONDERFUL STUDENTS' WORK!

RSVP HERE

Garden Workday, Sunday, March 2, 2025, 12:30-3:30pm [RSVP HERE]

A.P. Giannini Middle School GARDEN WORKDAYS 12:30 to 3:30 PM, Every first Sunday of the month

Our APG Garden Workdays take place every first Sunday of the month from 12:30 to 3:30 PM at the APG Garden (3151 Ortega Street, San Francisco, California). You may park in the staff parking lot and enter the school near West Sunset Playground *see below for directions*

If you have any questions, please contact Garden Teacher, Ansel Schoonhoven (707-980-4321, aschoonhoven@bacr.org)



Get ready to celebrate your 8th grader!

Leis, Stoles & Yard Signs now available.

Use the QR Code or ORDER HERE

https://apgms-leis-fundraiser.square.site/

Order by 3/31 • Sales benefit APG!

A. P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL

L E I S F U N D R A I S E R

Congratulations

PRICES

Our price start at \$12 for complete pricing and more style please scan our QR code SCAN TO ORDER



PARENTS:

Order your student's
leis through our
fundraiser & help the
PTSA
raise funds
for our students







CONTACT NKC LEIS FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

n.k.c.leis@gmail.com Facebook: @nkcleis Instagram: @nkcleis (925) 306 2564





FUN DRAISER ALERT!

Use <u>THIS LINK</u> to buy tickets to April or May Giants games and APG will receive \$5 per ticket!

Use this code: **APG**

SAVE THE DATE

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL BY JOINING THE GIANTS AT ORACLE PARK FOR ONE OF THE AVAILABLE FUNDRAISING GAMES.





USE CODE: APG

OFFER INCLUDES MOST APRIL/MAY GAMES

\$5 OF EVERY TICKET SOLD GOES DIRECTLY
BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL!



tinyurl.com/APGdonate

JAG FUND UPDATE: LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!

We've raised \$86,000 toward our \$125,000 goal.

A huge shoutout to everyone who has contributed to our <u>Jag Fund</u> already - thank you!

We're making great progress, but there's still much more ground to cover to reach our goal. If YOU have NOT had a chance to contribute yet, NOW is the perfect time to jump in to get us from 68% —> 100% of our goal. Whether it's a one-time gift or a monthly pledge, every dollar counts. Your support brings to life amazing programs like outdoor science education, a thriving garden, P.E. uniforms, family socials, classroom supplies, support for the Wellness Center, teacher grants, and staff appreciation events.

Together, let's reach our goal and make APG even stronger for our students! Donations can be made through <u>PayPal</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, or by a Check (made to 'APG PTA'. [Learn more <u>here</u>.]

Thank you for being a vital part of our public school community. Let's do this, Jaguars!

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REMINDER 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**



Refer a student for MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT



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.



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 BREAKFASTS: 3/12, 4/10, 5/8

CHICKEN CARE ON WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS



We need YOU!
Help out on
weekends and
holidays with the
chickens!



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 every week





MOREHOUSE COLLEGE VS. TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

OAKLAND ARENA (OAKLAND, CA)

2:00 PM PT / 5:00 PM ET



FREE TICKETS: NBA HBCU Classic 2/15

We have free tickets to give away for the HBCU Classic game on Saturday, 2/15.

- Morehouse College vs. Tuskegee University
- 2 pm
- Oakland Arena

Email <u>backsi@sfusd.edu</u> to request tickets. Limit 4 per person.

SUMMER RESOURCE

Saturday February 22, 2025 11AM-2PM

RESOURCE FAIR



A SHOWCASE OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH IN GRADES K-8

Discover 100 Free and Affordable Summer Programs in every San Francisco neighborhood! Opportunities in Science, Art, Sports, Music, and more!

Interpreters available in Mandarin, Cantonese, and Spanish. Accessible by Muni Rail (N Judah at 9th & Irving) and Bus Lines (5, 6, 7, 44).









For more info: www.dcyf.org info@dcyf.org | 628-652-7100



The Summer Resource Fair is a free event featuring representatives from 100 summer programs, camps, and services for youth in grades K-8. The Summer Resource Fair has been hosted by the DCYF, the SF Recreation & Parks Department, and the SF Public Library for over 20 years.

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Learn more here



SFUSD Arts Department Presents: Skate, Rock, Roll, Read with the SFUSD Youth Arts Festival

Announcing Skate, Rock, Roll, Read with the SFUSD Youth Arts Festival!

In partnership with Tiratana Espiritu Productions, this year's festival features two preliminary events Saturday, February 22 11-2pm and Saturday, March 22 11-2pm, leading up to a free, all-ages, finale on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**, 11am-3pm. Join us for vibrant events showcasing:

- Live performances
- Interactive, hands-on creative activities
- Community-based resources for youth and families

Be part of the action in our outdoor performance space in the heart of Civic Center! Enjoy skateboarding lessons, design custom skate sneakers, and create signature skateboard deck art.

Celebrate SFUSD students as they showcase their artistic talents and passion. We're proud to partner with local skateboarders, artists, and arts organizations to amplify student voices through the arts and literacy.

Sign up here Free Tutoring Sign Up

Tutoring By The Bay



- Tutoring By The Bay is a free tutoring nonprofit
- club run by St. Ignatius students that are willing to help your child learn! Come by the Ortega Branch Library on Mondays from 3-5pm or Wednesdays from 3-4pm.



Completely Free!

Sign up here!



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Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy Summer Youth Program

A Youth Leadership Program is a dynamic six-week summer initiative designed for middle school students from diverse backgrounds. Through engaging exploration and fun activities, participants will embark on a transformative journey to become R.I.C.H leaders — embodying the core values of Respect, Integrity, Courage, and Health.

The program emphasizes personal growth, teamwork, and leadership skills, providing students with the tools to make a positive impact in their communities while fostering meaningful connections with peers.

Summer dates: June 17 - August 1, Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Contact: Sam Tran, stran@parksconservancy.org

Learn more and register here

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IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.
CALL THE SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE 24/7 AT 415-907-9911

Exciting student & teacher opportunities with the Annual Teen Contest of SFCAHT!

2025 ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TEEN POSTER, WRITING & MUSIC CONTEST

Prizes in each category:

1st prize: \$500 2nd prize: \$250 3rd prize: \$100

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025, 5PM PT

CONTEST THEME
"STOLEN PEOPLE, STOLEN DREAMS"

The San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking (SFCAHT) is excited to offer to students and teachers this fantastic opportunity at the intersection of social justice and arts!

SFCAHT's annual poster, writing and music contest provides to students a platform to learn about human trafficking and join the movement against this horrific crime. Those who enter have the chance to win up to \$500 and be acknowledged by SFCAHT and Bay Area government officials at a special award ceremony during the Teen Power Against Human Trafficking Summit on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the San Francisco Main Public Library, Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin St, SF.

Please check out the contest rules, orientation video and information about previous contests posted on the SFCAHT website at https://www.sfcaht.org/teen-contests.html Please encourage interested students to view the orientation video before producing their artwork, writing or musical composition.

Please let us know at info@sfcaht.org or (415) 283-6760 if your school or class would be interested in hosting a 15 to 30-minute awareness session for the students to learn the warning signs of human trafficking and ways to help prevent it.

Help spread the word among students in your community and don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about social justice while creating something amazing!

SFCAHT Teen Contest Team

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Deadline: Feb. 24, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Contest theme: "Stolen People, Stolen Dreams."

First prize \$500; second prize \$250, third prize \$100.

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DREAM • CREATE • CELEBRATE

Now in its 59th year, the California Student Media Festival (http://mediafestival.org) is our nation's oldest continuing student media festival. Over the past twenty-five years, the California Student Media Festival has awarded more than \$179,500 to California Schools. It has expanded to include the work of more than 6,000 student contestants from schools across the state. The Festival exists to celebrate the amazing media and multimedia projects produced by California's K-12 students and teachers — rewarding and acknowledging their successful classroom work at an awards event in spring every year.

The Festival advocates for information and media literacy, encouraging students to display their talents through media and multimedia inside or beyond the classroom. It immerses the students in a culmination of boundless expression, storytelling, learning, and collaboration while it provides educators with the motivation to expand media integration in their own classrooms.

This 501(c)3 organization is managed by its dedicated steering committee of volunteers. These volunteers tirelessly take on various responsibilities for the Festival especially as the event day approaches all while working their full-time careers. The steering committee also relies on the participation of even more volunteers—leading educators, media and technology experts, librarians, and everyday teachers—who judge and select winners to fully execute the festival. To fund the festival, including its prizes, the Festival depends on sponsors and donors.

Festival Vision: A California that elevates and celebrates student learning and creativity through the meaningful use of media and the arts.

Festival Mission: The California Student Media Festival seeks to transform student learning, recognizing creativity and student agency through the cultivation and celebration of original work.

Festival Opportunities: The California Student Media Festival offers several opportunities for students and adults to participate.

Students can produce and enter media products (video, photography, artwork, audio files, interactive media) into the Festival for free. Past student winners can help present, and other student can also help at the Festival event.

Adults can encourage and guide student productions, judge student media products, help plan and carry out the Festival, sponsor the Festival, donate to the festival, and promote it widely.

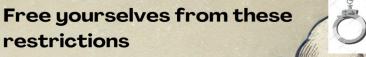
Important dates: Students may enter their projects between January 20 and April 1. The festival event will be held May 17 at Hollywood High School. For more information about the Festival, visit www.mediafestival.org.

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Don't Get Cuffed for Puffs

Family

restrictions



ANTI-SMOKING/VAPING **ART & VIDEO CONTEST**



CREATE A:

Video **Poem** Infographic

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ART PIECE-Minimum 8x11 Maximum 11x17

Spoken word Digital art

-VIDEO-30-90 seconds

*Be sure to include three facts about anti-smoking/vaping

CATEGORIES

- Elementary School (4th & 5th grade)
- Middle School
- High School
- LGBTO Community







WINNERS' WORKS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON MUNI

SIGN UP HERE!!



All submissions due on March 26th, 2025

FOR MORE INFO:

http://tinyurl.com/sfusdshab-psa-contest



SFUSD Anti-Tobacco/Vaping Art and Video Contest

The SFUSD Student Health Advisory Board is introducing the 2025 PSA contest, Don't Get Cuffed for Puffs. SFUSD students get to create either a 30-90 second video or any form of art (spoken words, poetry, infographics) in a minimum of 8x11 and maximum 11x17 to help spread the awareness of tobacco and vaping prevention. Students can win up to \$200 in prizes for their original creations, and their work will be displayed on SF MUNI.

WHAT: Anti-Tobacco/Vaping Art and Video Contest "Don't Get Cuffed for Puffs."

WHO: 4th to 12th grade students in SFUSD Schools

WHEN: Now - March 25, 2025

WHY: Help educate your community on vaping usage and tobacco products in a fun and creative way.





BREAK THROUGH

AT SAN FRANCISCO UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

Application Now Open!

*Must be currently in 6th grade to apply

Summerbridge Offerings:

Breakthrough

- 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!



Application Deadline March 7, 2025

About Breakthrough

Breakthrough Summerbridge

enrichment, summer and after-

school students. Students must

is a tuition-free, academic

school program for middle

Summerbridge

Questions

summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org (415) 212-9204



Sobre Breakthrough Summerbridge

Un programa gratuito de enriquecimiento académico, de verano y después de la escuela para estudiantes de secundaria. Los estudiantes de primaria.

Como Aplicar summerbridgesf.org

Fecha Límite 7 de marzo del 2025

Preguntas

summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org (415) 212-9204

Breakthrough Summerbridge Ofrece:

Aplicación ya disponible!

- · 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 Sesiónes Informativas. registrese en el formulario de consulta
- Aplique!





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

Breakthrough Summerbridge 服务:

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- 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:

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



APG Attendance Office

New this School Year

- Report your student for a <u>Full Day</u> absence in your <u>ParentVUE</u> 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 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)

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 <u>after 24 hours</u> 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 13)

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 guarantine 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.
 - 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.

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.

