

# **APG Family Bulletin**

**2/19/2025**

# Calendar of Events

- 2/19 (TODAY) APG + Shake Shack Fundraiser- Use promo code “DONATE” or mention “Donation Day”
- 2/20 SFPUC Green Infrastructure Project, 5-7pm, red tiled lobby, across Auditorium [SLIDES HERE](#)
- 2/20 & 2/21 APG Musical - Newsies, Jr., 5pm and 7pm, APG Auditorium; [Tickets Here](#)
- 2/21 Girls Volleyball Game [Volleyball Schedule](#)
- 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 in our school garden [RSVP HERE](#)
- 3/3 - 3/7 Parent Teacher Conference ([Early Dismissal at 2:15pm, every day](#); bus schedule changed)
- 3/12 Staff Appreciation Breakfast [SIGN UP TO DONATE FOOD](#)
- 3/13 Track Team Meet
- 3/18 General PTSA Meeting, 6:30pm, via Zoom - All are welcome!
- 3/19 APG + Chipotle Fundraiser - Use promo code FA9FP7T or show the flyer
- 3/31 - 4/4 Spring Break, No School all Week

Ongoing: [Donate to APG PTSA](#) to support our students!

Ongoing: [Chicken Care during Holidays & Weekends](#)

Ongoing: [SF Giants Baseball Games in April + May Fundraiser; code is 'APG'](#)



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# 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

# Parent-Teacher Conference Week

Dear APG Families,

As a reminder, our middle school parent-teacher conferences are the week of March 3rd - 7th (from 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 student 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](mailto:KrugerK1@sfusd.edu))
- 7th Grade - Mr. Jang ([JangJ1@sfusd.edu](mailto:JangJ1@sfusd.edu))
- 8th Grade - Mr. McDaniel ([McDanielS@sfusd.edu](mailto:McDanielS@sfusd.edu))



## 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

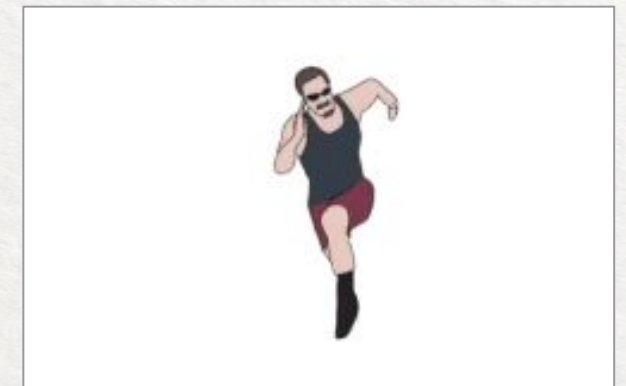
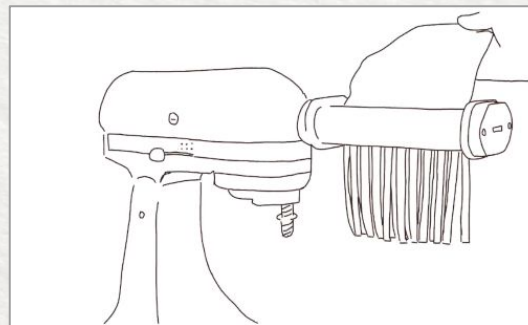
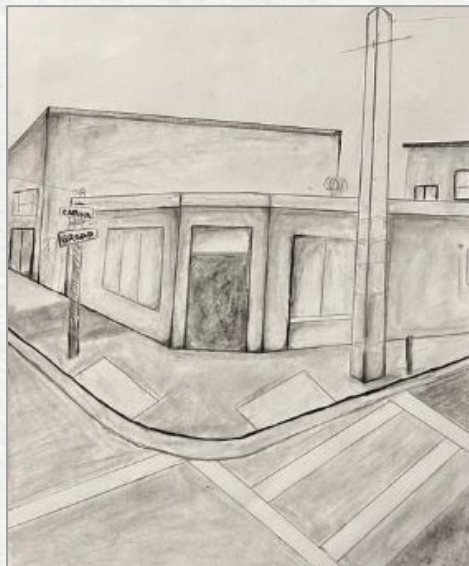
**Please contact the Transportation Team if you have any clarifying questions or would like more information.**

**415-695-5505**

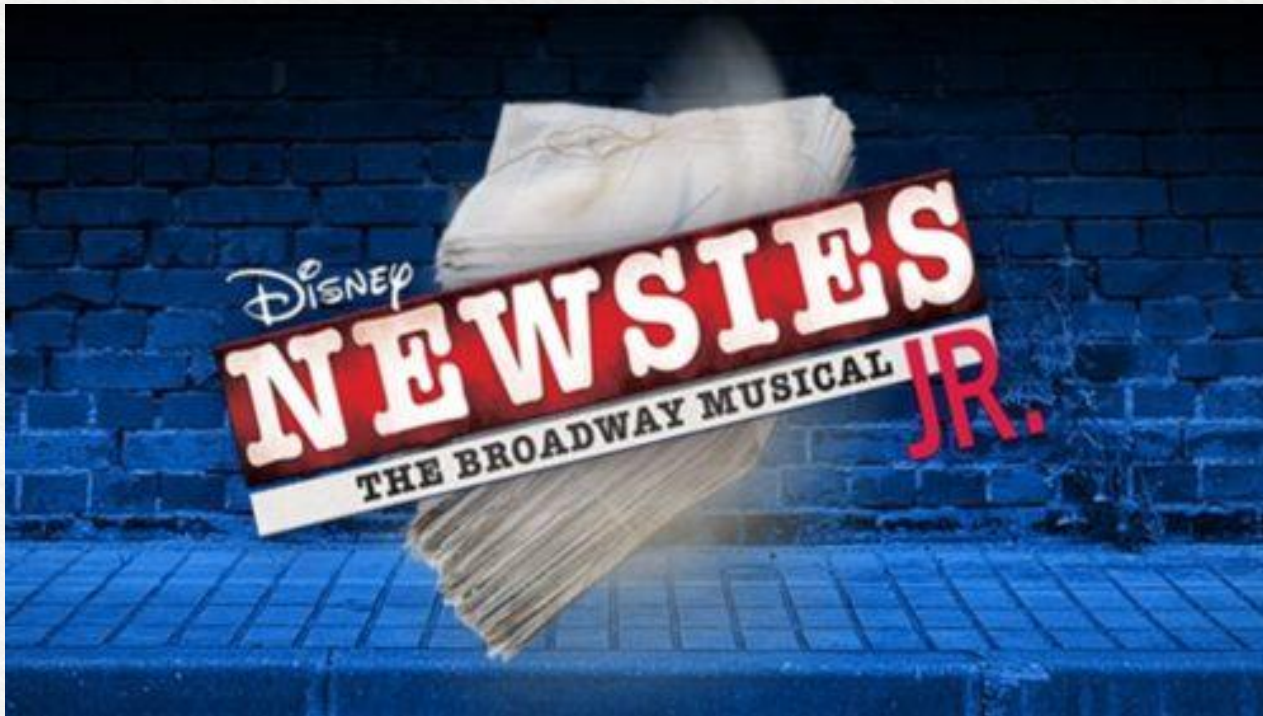
# See the latest APG Arts Newsletter!

Here's a sneak peek at all the amazing things our APG Arts classes are up to.

Click [HERE](#) to see the full APG Arts newsletter!



# 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:**

**[apg-musical-2025.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/apg-musical-2025)**



PLEASE JOIN US

## 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](#)





# APG ATHLETICS


[FOLLOW US ON  
INSTAGRAM](#)

## TRACK & FIELD

Track practice begins 2/18 @ 4:00pm on the Upper Yard  
Track Meets begin 3/13

[APG Track & Field Schedule](#)

## COME CHEER ON YOUR APG GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

2/21 is our last regular season game - support our student athletes:  [Girls Volleyball 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](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 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 [alfaroi.c@sfusd.edu](mailto:alfaroi.c@sfusd.edu)

For more info about athletics, click [HERE](#) For an overview of Tryouts, please click [HERE](#)



APG BEACON  
**BEACONFEST CYCLE 2**

FEB 28, 2025 AT 4:30PM      AP GIANNINI CAFETERIA

**JOIN US TO SEE  
OUR WONDERFUL  
STUDENTS' WORK!**

**[RSVP HERE](#)**

# Garden Workday, Sunday, March 2, 2025, 12:30-3:30pm

[\[RSVP HERE\]](#)

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## GARDEN WORKDAYS

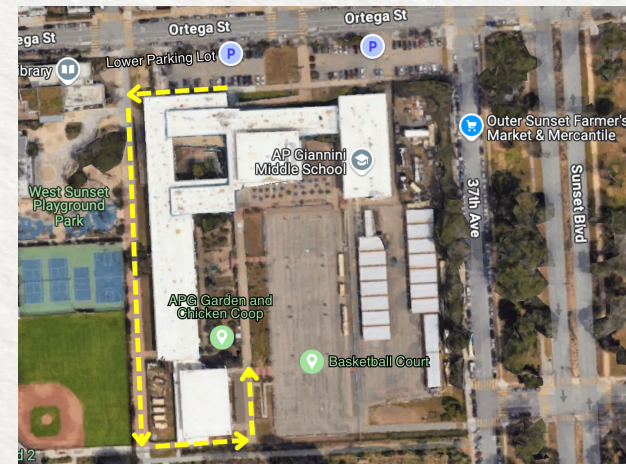
12:30 to 3:30 PM,  
Every first Sunday of the month



The illustration features a green watering can, a trowel, a green apron, a pair of green gloves, a bag of soil, a corn cob, and a carrot. A QR code is centered in the upper right of the illustration area.

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](mailto:aschoonhoven@bacr.org))



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# A. P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL

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FUNDRAISER

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Our price start at \$12  
for complete pricing  
and more style please  
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PTSA  
raise funds  
for our students



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Instagram: @nkcleis  
(925) 306 2564



**APG**

**x**



## **FUNDRAISER ALERT!**

Use [THIS LINK](#) 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!**

JOIN OUR  
WONDERFUL APG  
PTSA BOARD!

NOMINATIONS OPEN  
FOR THE 2025-2026  
TERM POSITIONS.

**READ MORE HERE**



# A.P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA · 家长教师学生会

## 2025-2026 APG PTSA Board Nomination Form

We invite you to nominate yourself or other PTSA members to join our fabulous 2025-2026 APG PTSA Board by March 23rd, 2025. The open positions are listed below. All positions have One-Year terms and range from 2 to 12 hours of commitment each month. See more here: <https://bit.ly/2tI4qRj> . We'd like YOU to help and represent our community of 1,200 students, 120+ staff, and 1,150 families.

**DONATE TO  
SUPPORT  
OUR SCHOOL**

**GIVE A LITTLE.  
HELP A LOT.**



Scan to  
donate  
today!



[tinyurl.com/APGdonate](https://tinyurl.com/APGdonate)



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## 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 Jag Fund 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 PayPal, Facebook, or by a Check (made to 'APG PTA'. [Learn more here.])

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



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](mailto:michelle.chan@kellogg.northwestern.edu) or text her at 415-200-7138. Thanks!



## 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



### 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.



**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**

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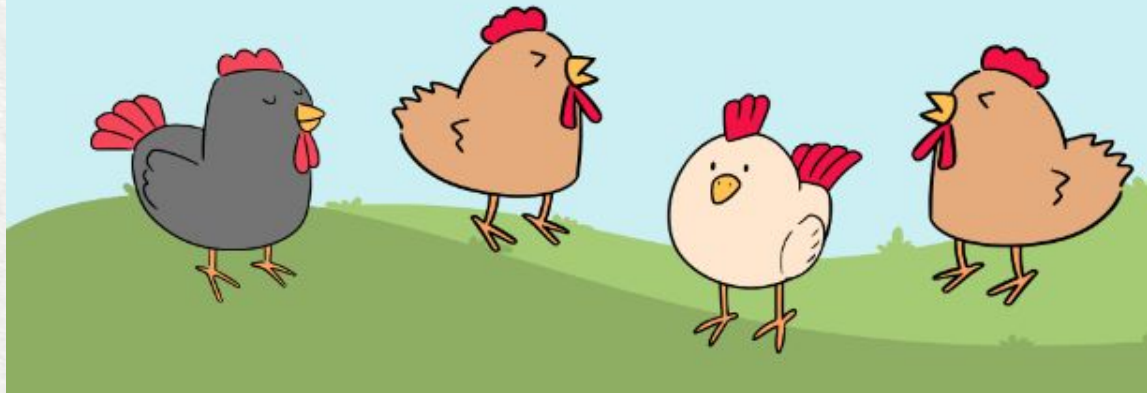
# Chicken Care

Weekends and School Holidays

Feed the chickens

Clean the chicken coop

Take fresh eggs home!



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](mailto: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

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR BUILDING | 1199 9TH AVE

# SUMMER RESOURCE FAIR

Saturday  
February 22, 2025  
11AM-2PM



## 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](http://www.dcyf.org)  
[info@dcyf.org](mailto:info@dcyf.org) | 628-652-7100



## February 22nd

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.

[Learn more here](#)

# Skate Rock Roll Read

WITH THE SFUSD YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL

*Tiratana*  
*Espiritu*  
PRODUCTIONS



**SAT FEB 22**  
**11am-2pm**

**SAT MARCH 22**  
**11am-2pm**

**SAT APRIL 26**  
**11am-3pm**

FULTON PLAZA  
FULTON ST. @ LARKIN ST.  
SAN FRANCISCO

## 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!](#)





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](http://www.mediafestival.org).



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [sfink@sfusd.edu](mailto:sfink@sfusd.edu) or submit an online form at [familylink.sfusd.edu](http://familylink.sfusd.edu).

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