

APG PTSA E-Newsletter · 2/18/2025

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APG NEWS

★ **SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR A GREENER SCHOOLYARD** ★ SFPUC will have a table in the lobby at the upcoming school musical - Thursday Feb 20th from 5-7pm. Stop by to learn about the Stormwater Schoolyard project and give input! Learn more [HERE](#) and see the latest plan [HERE](#)

★ **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 8TH GRADE FAMILIES**★ Upload a baby photo for the yearbook [HERE](#) by Friday, Feb 21st. Instructions are [HERE](#). Purchase your yearbook [HERE](#) by April 18th – follow the instructions sent to your parentvue account on Jan 22nd. Now is the time to purchase Leis, Stoles & Yard signs to celebrate your 8th grader. See [FLYER](#) for details and order by March 31st [HERE](#). 8th Grade Promotion is tentatively scheduled for Monday 6/2. Details to come!



★ **PTSA BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2025-2026** ★ Get involved and support our school, students & staff! All positions have one-year terms and range from 2–12 hours of commitment per month. Nominate yourself or someone you think would be great! See open positions and express interest [HERE](#). Position descriptions [HERE](#). Questions? [EMAIL](#) us!



★ **GIRLS WHO CONNECT** ★ Girls Who Connect seeks APG parents willing to be interviewed about their daughter's middle school experience. [Girls Who Connect](#) is a mental wellness startup founded by Michelle Chan (SFUSD alumna and Northwestern Kellogg MBA student). Michelle is collaborating with APG to explore a potential 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 her](#) or text her at 415-200-7138.*

★ **APG x SF GIANTS** ★ Support APG & SF Giants! Use the link below and code “APG” to buy tickets to April or May Giants games. APG will receive \$5 per ticket! Buy tickets [HERE!](#)



EVENTS & CALENDAR

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

2/19: Shake Shack Fundraiser - Use promo code “DONATE” or mention “Donation Day” at register!

2/20: SFPUC Green Infrastructure Project, 5-7pm, red tiled area across Auditorium; Info [HERE](#)

2/20 & 2/21: APG Musical - Newsies, Jr., 5pm (Th) and 7pm (Fri), APG Auditorium; [FREE TICKETS](#)

2/22: Summer Resource Fair, 11am-2pm at SF County Fair Building [INFO HERE](#)

2/28: Beaconfest Showcase, APG Cafe 4:30-5:45 [RSVP](#)

3/2: Garden Workday 12:30-3:30pm, All welcome! [RSVP](#)

3/3–3/7: Parent Teacher Conference week Early Dismissal at 2:15, every day

3/12: Staff Appreciation Breakfast Donate Food & Coffee [HERE!](#)

3/18: General PTSA meeting, Via [ZOOM](#), Meeting ID: 895 4329 3165 Passcode: 545624 All welcome!

3/18: Chipotle x APG Fundraiser: 5-9pm, Details to come!

The SFUSD Academic Calendar for 2025-26 is now available [HERE!](#)

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

DONATE & FUNDRAISERS

★ **DONATE TO THE JAG FUND** ★ Yes, we still need donations to 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!](#)



★ **EAT AT SHAKE SHACK FOR APG** ★ Feb 19, eat at Shake Shack Stonestown! Use code “DONATE” at the kiosk, app or website, or mention “Donation Day” at the register. APG gets 25% of sales!



★ **GET TICKETS TO THE SF GIANTS!** ★ Use [THIS LINK](#) and code “APG” when buying tickets to April or May Giants games. APG receives \$5 per ticket!



★ **SPORTS BASEMENT BASEMENTEERS** ★ If you’re a member of the Sports Basement Basementeer program, make sure to choose AP Giannini as your beneficiary. APG will receive 10% of profits every time you shop! You can do this when you join OR you can easily update your beneficiary anytime right [HERE!](#)



★ **DONATE HEALTHY SNACKS TO THE WELLNESS CENTER** ★ Ongoing: The Wellness Center needs donations of healthy snacks like string cheese, granola bars and other nut-free, non-sugary snacks. Drop off in the Main Office or Room 128. Thanks! Questions? Contact the [Wellness Center](#).

★ **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](#).

VOLUNTEER

★ **GARDEN WORKDAY SUN. 3/2 12:30-3:30** ★ Our APG Garden Workdays take place every first Sunday of the month from 12:30 to 3:30 PM at the APG Garden. You may park in the staff parking lot and enter the school near West Sunset Playground. Please wear comfortable clothing that you don’t mind getting dirty. Tasks include painting signs, weeding plants, and much more! Light snacks will be provided for attendees, but feel free to bring any additional snacks and refreshments. Questions? Contact Garden Teacher, Ansel Schoonhoven: 707-980-4321, aschoonhoven@bacr.org RSVP [HERE](#)

★ **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. 3/12, 8:30am Show your gratitude to our teachers and staff! Donate Food or Coffee to our Monthly Staff Breakfast –Please, [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!](#)

GEAR

★ **SHOW YOUR JAGUAR PRIDE** ★ Purchase APG gear online at 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!](#)



APG ARTS

★ NEWSIES JR., THE MUSICAL ★



Thursday Feb 20 at 5pm and Friday Feb 21 at 7pm, APG Auditorium Our Annual Musical is happening again! Newsies Jr. is about 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 challenges, protesting against the odds to show that they have power when they work together. Don't miss it! Reserve [FREE TICKETS!](#)

★ **APG ARTS SPRING NEWSLETTER** ★ See what our many APG Arts programs have been up to and get all the latest news and performance dates in the latest Arts Newsletter [HERE!](#)



BEACON

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

★ **BEACONFEST** ★ Feb 28th, 4:30-5:45pm, APG cafeteria; Beaconfest showcases a culmination of the work of students and project clubs. All invited!



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

● 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](#).

★ **FREE TUTORING!** ★ Free Tutoring from St. Ignatius High School Students! Mondays, 3:00 to 5:00 PM and Wednesdays, 3:00 to 4:00 PM at Ortega Library. Tutoring by the Bay is a non-profit organization run by high school students from St. Ignatius College Prep offering completely free tutoring in math, English or science as a drop-in program. [Sign up here!](#)

ATHLETICS



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

Track starts today 2/18 and Volleyball is going strong. Come and cheer on your team!

[Track Meet 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

- 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](#)

SFUSD

SFUSD Board of Education Meeting & Budget Update: On Feb. 11th, SFUSD's BOE held a Public Session. The SFUSD Budget info was presented by SFUSD Supt. Dr. Maria Su; read the Supplemental [MEMO](#) from the Superintendent.

- More Info [HERE](#)
- Watch the recording this week: <https://sfgovtv.org/sfgovtv-live-events>
- Pay attention to upcoming Budget Updates and proposed district-wide cuts that will be posted on SFUSD's [website](#), especially as all our SFUSD Principals will receive their draft school budgets around February 20th and the School Site Council summits occur at each school site on March 8th!
- **Next Public Session is Tues. Feb 25 at 6:30pm at 555 Franklin St.**

Technology Resources: 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](#)

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 questions, email our Community Health Outreach Worker, [Dani Shim](#)

★ SUMMER RESOURCE FAIR ★

Saturday Feb. 22, 11am-2pm, County Fair Building at 1199 9th Avenue Discover 100 free and affordable summer programs in every San Francisco neighborhood, with opportunities in science, art, sports, music and more! More Info [HERE](#)

★ 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.* Learn more and apply by March 7th, 2025 [HERE](#)

★ 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.commonsensemedia.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

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 | Subscribe to Calendar: bit.ly/apg-cal

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APG Gear Shop: gear.apgsf.com

Join the APG PTSA Google Group to get updates: bit.ly/apg-subscribe

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

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 Academic Calendar](#) - for the 2025-26 school year

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

Thank you for reading the PTSA Newsletter! Go Jaguars!

APG IN ACTION

Thanks to everyone who came out for Cake Pops on Valentines Day! And here's to the WNBA and NBA for hosting a great field trip for many of our 6th-8th graders last week.

