

APG PTSA E-Newsletter · 8/14/2025

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APG NEWS

Welcome back to school, AP Giannini Staff & Families! We're excited to welcome new and returning students, families, teachers, and staff to the 2025-26 school year at AP Giannini Middle School. We have important updates to share with you in this first PTSA NEWSLETTER of this school year. The first day of school is on Monday, August 18th, with classes beginning at 9:30am. The PTSA is hosting a Welcome Coffee for parents/caregivers from 9-10am in the school garden on the first day of school and hope to see all our parents at the event. Check out this and all events on our [APG Calendar Here](#) and listed below are important dates for you to note in August & September.

- ★ Welcome Coffee: Parents/caregivers, please join us on August 18, 9-10am, APG Garden.
 - ★ Sports Basement: 20% discount for back to school, August 21 - September 7
 - ★ PTSA General Meeting & Principal's Update, August 27, 6:00-7:00pm, Hybrid (in-person + Zoom)
 - ★ [Join APG PTSA Today! Membership has many perks. SIGN UP HERE.](#)
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EVENTS & CALENDAR

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

- 8/18: First Day of School 2025/2026, 9-10am, Welcome Coffee, APG Garden, for Parents
 - 8/18: Athletics Info Meeting for Baseball, Softball, Boys Soccer, 4:05pm, APG Gym
 - 8/18: Before & After School Beacon program begins on Monday 8/18.
 - 8/18: Mandarin Program begins at 8:10am
 - 8/19: Spanish Program begins at 8:10a
 - 8/21 - 9/7: Sports Basement special 20% discount for APG Families and Staff; see fliers below
 - 8/26: Picture Day [[Lifetouch](#)]; code: EVTFG9NGQ [[Volunteers NEEDED](#)]
 - 8/27: First PTSA General Meeting & Principal's Update, 6:00-7:00pm, Hybrid (in-person + Zoom)
 - 9/1: Labor Day Holiday, No School
 - 9/5: Staff Breakfast [[SIGN UP; Volunteers Needed](#)]
 - 9/5 - 9/7: Mixto Restaurant + APG Fundraiser; 15% proceeds go to APG
 - 9/7: Garden Workday in our school garden; time and details coming soon.
 - 9/11: APG Back to School Night
 - Ongoing: Chicken Care Volunteers, [SIGN UP HERE](#)
 - * Free meals served at APG; [SFUSD REFRESH MENU](#); [August Breakfast](#); [August Lunch](#).
 - * The SFUSD Academic Calendar for 2025-26 is available [HERE!](#) [Back to School Guide HERE](#)
 - * Get updates on our PTSA [CALENDAR](#), [WEBSITE](#), [INSTAGRAM](#) and [FACEBOOK](#).
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DONATE & FUNDRAISERS

★ **JAG FUND** ★ We would appreciate your [direct donation](#) to our APG PTSA Jag Fund! . Please support students and staff through our Outdoor Science Educator, Family Socials, Wellness Center, APG Garden, Teacher Grants, P.E. Equipment and Uniforms , Classroom Supplies, and much more!

[DONATE HERE!](#)



★ **MIXTO + APG FUNDRAISER** ★ From September 5-7, dine in at [Mixto SF](#) (3914 Judah Street) and 15% of proceeds go to our school! Eat delicious food for brunch, lunch or dinner - don't miss out! This is owned by an APG Family and we're supporting APG; win-win!!!



★ **JOIN THE APG PTSA** ★ Become a member, it only takes 2 minutes to [sign up online](#). Your membership also supports our PTSA fundraising goals. [Cost: \\$11 dues + TOTEM fee.](#)



★ **SPORTS BASEMENT BASEMENTEERS** ★

Sale: from August 21st to September 7th, Sports Basement has a special discount for back to school shopping. Shopping Online? Your discount is already preloaded —<https://shop.sportsbasement.com/>! Or, use the code **APGIANNINI** at checkout. Shopping In-Store? Show the flier at checkout to receive your discount. **POS Code: 2050009478278.**

P.S. Not a Sports Basement Basementeer yet? [Join today](#) for \$25 (lifetime fee!) to unlock even more perks and benefits! 10% off for life and 10% back to local schools (like **A.P. Giannini!**) and non-profits. Already a member? You can update your Beneficiary to **A.P. Giannini** -- [Update My Sports Basement Beneficiary](#)

Ongoing: 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!](#)



VOLUNTEER

★ **HELP WITH CHICKEN CARE** ★ Weekend Help Needed! Can you help with our chickens? It's a fun outdoor activity with the family...and you can bring home eggs. Questions? Ask [Ansel](#). And [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

★ **PICTURE DAY SIGN UP** ★ We need a few volunteers for our 8/26 and 9/30 Picture days at school. [Please SIGN UP HERE.](#)

★ **STAFF BREAKFASTS** ★ [SIGN UP HERE!](#) Every month, our school parents volunteer to bring breakfast items and coffee to treat our amazing APG teachers and staff. These breakfasts are usually on Friday mornings, 8:45-9:30am, in the School Garden, with food/coffee drop off at 8:00-8:30am. Dates: Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 10, May 1.

GEAR



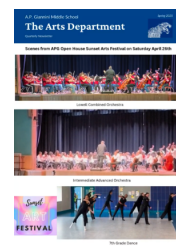
★ **SHOW YOUR JAGUAR PRIDE** ★ Gear is available to purchase online once school begins on August 18th. We deliver online orders within two weeks to your student's advisory period. Questions? Email us at: apggear@gmail.com

[ORDER ONLINE HERE](#)

APG ARTS

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

Our Arts Educators will share updates for the FALL 2025 art classes/departments about a month after school begins. We're thrilled that APG offers our students the largest variety of art courses for middle schoolers across the district.



APG SCHOOL

★ **STUDENT SAFETY AND LOADING ZONES** ★ On Monday 8/18, your student will bring their backpack, water bottle, and snacks, plus a packed lunch if they're not getting the school lunch. During the first week of school, teachers will share with students if any school supplies are needed, and students are responsible for passing the info they receive to their parents. Note that APG opens at 9am to all students; there is no early supervision or access to school for students prior to 9am. Only those APG students who're enrolled in the Spanish and Mandarin programs may enter the school earlier for their 8:10am language classes.

Student Safety is a priority at APG! Most of our students walk, bike, skateboard, scooter, or take the school and MUNI buses to and from APG. Please pay attention to all the students crossing the streets by our school. If your student is being driven to school, cars/motorcycles/all vehicles are NOT ALLOWED to pull into any of the white zones along the school parking lots on Ortega Street, 37th to 41st avenues, between 9:00am - 4:15pm. The MUNI and district School Buses also use a large part of 37th Avenue near Ortega as a drop off/pick up zone - please do not block them or cause traffic backups near the Ortega St & 37th Avenue intersection. Please do not park or pull over inside our two school parking lots, they are for staff use only from 8:30am - 5:30pm. Do not block neighbors driveways across Ortega street by school or on any other streets when dropping off or waiting for your students. Take note that Sunset Elementary School also has drop off at 9:30am every morning and dismissal times close to ours, so there are always younger students walking and crossing the streets on Ortega and 41st to 43rd Avenues. There are four crossing guards from Sunset Blvd down to 41st Avenue to help out with crosswalks - please listen to them when they hold up their Stop Signs. Let's work together to keep all our students safe!

★ **MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS - HELP NEEDED!** ★ Our APG Library is still missing 45 books - mostly graphic novels and manga. PLEASE help us look for books with an APG Library bar code on the front or back that may be at your home, backpack, or car, and return them to the APG Library dropbox OR Main Office the first week of school. Thanks from Ms. E., our Librarian.

BEACON

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



★ **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!** ★

Enroll your student in APG Language classes, Before School and After School Programs now!

[We are still accepting applications](#) for incoming APG 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Limited capacity for Spanish and Early Bird. **Learn more about all programs** [HERE!](#)

Stay tuned for news about family socials, Lunch Clubs, and homework support in September.

ATHLETICS



★ FALL SPORTS INFORMATIONAL MEETING MONDAY 8/18 ★

The informational meeting for baseball, softball and boys soccer is on August 18th at 4:05pm in the APG Gym. Tryouts take place from 8/19-8/22.

★ **NEW APG ATHLETICS GOOGLE CLASSROOM** ★ For all students interested in receiving information and updates about Giannini Athletics please [JOIN](#) the NEW 2025-2026 APG Athletics Google Classroom. Click on the "+" or "join class" and type in the class code: **xy344rs** (We will no longer update the 2024/2025 Google Classroom)

★ **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 questions, Follow APG Athletics on [INSTAGRAM](#)

SFUSD

Free Breakfast & Lunch Free Breakfasts and Lunches [INFO](#)

Back to School Guide [Read it Here, multiple languages](#)

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

The SFUSD 2025-26 School Calendar is available [ONLINE](#) in multiple languages.

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

LINKS & RESOURCES

★ PARENTS ULTIMATE GUIDE TO PARENTAL CONTROLS ★

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

Parental Controls - What are the options? Do they really work? Here's all you need to know about the 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 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.
<https://www.commonsensemedia.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 2025 Newsletter](#)

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

[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!