

AP Giannini Parent Teacher Student Association

E-Newsletter · 8/26/2025

NEWS (FLIERS ON PAGES 7-13)

We hope to see you at our General PTSA meeting tomorrow, Weds 8/27, 6pm, either in person at the APG Library or online on [Zoom](#)! We have the Labor Day Holiday and NO SCHOOL on Mon 9/1.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers for making our staff's first week back and students' back to school a wonderful start to this new school year! We appreciate our Picture Day volunteers who helped bring out big smiles from our students today. There are many volunteer opportunities at APG

★ PTSA General Meeting & Principal's Update, August 27, 6:00-7:00pm, Hybrid (in-person + [Zoom](#))

★ [Join APG PTSA Today! Your Membership has many perks. SIGN UP HERE.](#)

★ Sports Basement: 20% discount for Basementers,, August 21 - September 7

★ School Student Safety is a priority! Read details below on how to keep our students safe.

Get updates on our PTSA [CALENDAR](#), [WEBSITE](#), [INSTAGRAM](#) and [FACEBOOK](#). You should also be receiving weekly Family Bulletins from APG Admin/Clerks and our bi-monthly PTSA Newsletter.

EVENTS & CALENDAR

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

8/27: PTSA General Meeting & Principal's Update, 6:00-7:00pm, Hybrid (in-person + [Zoom](#))

9/1: Labor Day Holiday. APG is Closed. No School/ No Language Classes/ No Beacon Program

9/2: ELAC and SSC Nominations Due ([SIGN UP](#))

9/4: Lunch Club Rush, students, lunch time

9/5: Staff Breakfast ([SIGN UP; Volunteers Needed](#))

9/5 - 9/7: Mixto Restaurant + APG Fundraiser; 15% proceeds go to APG

Thru 9/7: Sports Basement special 20% discount for APG Families and Staff; see flier below

9/7: Garden Workday in our school garden, 12:30-3:30pm ([RSVP](#))

9/11: APG Back to School Night, 5:15-8:00pm

9/30: Picture Day Retake (Lifetouch; [Volunteers Needed](#))

Ongoing: Chicken Care Volunteers, [SIGN UP HERE](#); Wellness Referrals, [SIGN UP](#)

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 SE](#) (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!!! Fliers, pg 7-13.

★ **JOIN THE APG PTSA** ★ Become a member, it only takes 1 minute to [sign up online](#). Your membership has perks and 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!](#) Fliers, pg 7-13.

VOLUNTEER

★ **HELP WITH CHICKEN CARE** ★ Weekend Help REALLY Needed [HERE!](#) Can you help with our four fabulous chickens, Pepper, Mushroom, Midnight & Gooseberry? It's a fun outdoor activity with the family...and you can bring home any fresh eggs they've laid. It's FUN -- you get to feel like a urban farmer! And, you also feel more connected to our school. New to chicken/garden care? No worries -- there are detailed instructions in the [sign-up google sheet](#). Questions? Ask [Ansel](#). And [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

★ **PICTURE DAY SIGN UP** ★ We need a few volunteers for our 9/30 Picture Retake Day 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** ★ Here's a previous sample of our arts programs 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** ★ Quick reminder that APG opens at 9am to all students; there is no early supervision or access to school for students prior to 9am and classes begin at 9:30am. Only those APG students who're enrolled in the Before-School, Spanish, and Mandarin programs may enter the school earlier for their 8:10am early care/ 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. In the first seven days of school, there have already been near-misses of hitting students in crosswalks, close calls of accidents with electric bikes/scooters/cars/buses, many parents/caregivers parked illegally in the staff-only parking lots, blocked neighbors' driveways, and other unsafe behavior during morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. 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! Thank you for making a better effort to read the 37th Avenue and Ortega Street signs, stay away from bus zones, avoid double parking, stop for students, and pull over for drop-off or pick-up in the correct zones or side streets.

★ **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](#)

★ LUNCH CLUB RUSH, SEPTEMBER 4TH! ★

Teacher Cam (they/them) workS with Beacon and helps run the lunchtime student clubs at APG. Lunch clubs are a great opportunity to meet new friends, express your interests, and connect to our school's community. Some clubs that have existed in previous years include Animation Club, Garden Club, Pokemon Club, and more! If you are interested in joining a club, please come by the Lunch Club Rush on September 4th during lunchtime in the School Garden! Have questions or need help? Feel free to email Cam at gunterc@x.sfusd.edu or stop by the Beacon Office (Room 130).

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

ATHLETICS

★ FALL SPORTS: TEAMS FINALIZED ON 8/25 ★

Congrats to all student-athletes who made it on our baseball, softball, and boys soccer teams!

See Schedules on [CIF SF](#): [Baseball](#) [Softball](#) [Boys Soccer](#)

Photos will be shared on our APG Athletics [INSTAGRAM](#)

★ ATHLETIC GEAR ON SALE; 25% OFF AND FREE SHIPPING OVER \$75 ★

Show your athletic team spirit with Jaguar softball, baseball and soccer items, available at [1st Place Spiritwear online HERE](#). Find APG official athletics logowear by searching by sports type.

★ **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**

★ **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

★ **STANFORD PARENTING STUDY** ★ The Stanford Parenting Center is an academic center seeking to empower parents with evidence-based strategies to help them foster healthy parent-child relationships and support their children's mental health and well-being. As part of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Child Development at the Stanford University School of Medicine, they connect parents with a team of world-class experts. They offer online parenting classes, free webinars, [free online video resources](#), and individual treatment options for a wide variety of parenting topics. Visit their [website](#) for more information, and to check out our [Instagram](#) for bite-sized parenting research and event updates. They are currently enrolling for five online parenting classes this fall. These are small, interactive group courses facilitated by Stanford clinicians and faculty:

- Supportive Parenting for Anxious Childhood Emotions
- Mealtime Made Easier: Tools for Tackling Picky Eating
- DBT Caregiving Strategies for Teens with Emotional Challenges
- Supportive Parenting for Little Ones with Big Feelings
- Parenting With Confidence: Handling Challenging Behaviors

They offer a limited number of need-based scholarships for all our live programs – interested parents are encouraged to contact us directly to learn more. Attached are flyers with further details and clickable registration information.

Website: <https://med.stanford.edu/childpsychiatry/clinical/parenting.html>

Email: parentingcenter@stanford.edu

★ **SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS, UC BERKELEY** ★ SWE++ is a program by the Society of Women Engineers at UC Berkeley that aims to bridge the gender gap in technology. Their mission is to provide local middle school and non-male identifying students with access to computer science education and inspire them to consider pursuing computer science as a career path. They offer a ten-week FREE programming course that introduces students to the foundations of the Python programming language. Their curriculum is carefully designed to ensure a supportive and

nurturing environment, where students can build their confidence and skills in technology. Prior programming experience is NOT necessary!

Fall 2025 Program Information:

- Time: 10AM - 12PM PST
- Dates: Every Saturday morning from 9/13-11/15
- Location: UC Berkeley Campus, Martin Luther King Jr. Building, 2495 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94720

Applications for SWE++ Fall 2025 are now open! Apply here:

<https://tinyurl.com/Fa25-sweplusplus> by Sunday, August 31st at 11:59PM. Contact sweplusplus.berkeley@gmail.com. Application Form: <https://tinyurl.com/Fa25-sweplusplus>, due by Sunday, August 31st at 11:59PM

★ 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.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-parental-controls>

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 Parents/Staff 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 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!



APG General PTSA Meeting



Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:00-7:00pm – Hybrid Format:

In-person at the APG Library *OR* Online via [ZOOM](#)

(in person: pizza served, adults only, no child care provided)

All parents, caregivers, teachers, & staff are welcome at our meetings!

- ★ Updates from the PTSA Board: Financial Review, 2025-26 Budget, Events.
- ★ Principal's School Updates, including new Math Curriculum.
- ★ Questions from you!

Be engaged in our supportive APG school community and attend our PTSA meeting. See you in-person or [online](#) at our meeting this evening!



SUPPORT APG JOIN OUR PTSA

Join Today
ONLY \$11!

WHO SHOULD JOIN?
PARENTS TEACHERS
STUDENTS
ALUMNI STAFF
FRIENDS RELATIVES NEIGHBORS GRANDPARENTS
LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS



and it's
Tax-Deductible!

WHY JOIN? PTSA DUES HELP PAY FOR:

- School Garden
- Outdoor Education Teacher
- Classroom Supplies
- P.E. Equipment and Uniforms
- Teacher Grants
- Library and Wellness Center Supplies
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation
- Family Socials and Events

APG



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Read more about APG PTSA at [APGSF.COM](#)



Monday, September 1st
is a Holiday. APG and
all SFUSD Schools &
Offices are Closed.

There is no school,
no language classes,
and no Beacon Program
on 9/1/25.

Enjoy your
long weekend!



APG Beacon Presents

CLUB

Rush

**SIGN UP FOR LUNCHTIME
CLUBS OR START YOUR OWN!**

**LUNCHTIME
9/4/2025**

**SHOWCASE
YOUR CLUB**

**GET CLUB
SIGN UPS!**

AP GIANNINI GARDEN

 gunterc@x.sfusd.edu

September 5th Staff Appreciation Breakfast

**We'd love FOOD & COFFEE donations
for our Staff Appreciation Breakfast on
Friday, September 5th!**

SIGN UP HERE

signup.com/go/KBYWPyH

**Each month, our APG Families provide a
delicious breakfast buffet for our incredible teachers &
staff before school starts, at 8:45-9:25AM. Drop off
items by 8:00-8:30am. Thank you!**

Next Breakfast Dates: Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5



RESERVATIONS
(628) 432-0401



APG PTSA FUNDRAISER

Mixto Latin Cuisine

Support AP Giannini Middle School when you eat at Mixto Latin Cuisine! 15% of the weekends' proceeds will go to AP Giannini when you mention our school or show them this flyer!



APG

SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2025

MIXTOSF.COM

**15% OF PROCEEDS BENEFITING APG
APPLIES TO DINE-IN AND PICKUP ORDERS ONLY.**

20% OFF AT SPORTS BASEMENT

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FOR THE AP GIANNINI
COMMUNITY!

BASEMENTEERS* SCORE
20% OFF:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 to
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7



OR SHOP ONLINE WITH YOUR
DISCOUNT RIGHT NOW!



***NON-BASEMENTEERS STILL SAVE 11%!**

*Even sale items! Coupon combines with store specials and markdowns but not other coupons. Coupon not valid on trips, rentals, gift cards, bikes or services. See website for exclusions. POS: 2050009260248. ONLINE: APGIANNINI. Valid from 8/21/25 to 9/7/25.



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