

APG PTSA + Family Newsletter · 9/3/2020

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Hello APG Community,

I would like to give a huge thank you to all teachers, administrators and staff that helped to facilitate the distribution of class materials! I heard (and saw) how smoothly it went!

If you thought our first day of school social, Q & A, town hall meeting was helpful so did we!

They are coming back to field questions: **Principal Tai Schoeman, Assistant Principal Gloria Minjares and Assistant Principal Elena Rosen** will be attending our first Coffee Chat and first PTSA General Meeting of the year next Thursday:

APG Parent Coffee Chat & PTSA General Meeting —Thursday 9/10 @ 9–10am

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8189481195>

phone: +1 669 900 6833 US | meeting ID: 818 948 1195

Reminders:

- 1) Join the **APG Google Group** to keep up to date on issues affecting our community: bit.ly/apg-subscribe
- 2) Join the **APG PTSA**: bit.ly/apg-joinptsa
- 3) Visit the **school website** regularly: sfusd.edu/school/ap-giannini-middle-school

Take good care,

Tina M. Yun

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Invite + Include = Community

Events/Reminders

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THIS WEEK **Friday 9/4 – Sunday 9/13:** Shop at **Sloat** this week and our school will receive 10%* of purchases back! Just mention APG at checkout. It's a fun opportunity to spend time gardening on this 3-day weekend. [\[SEE THE FLYER\]](#) [\[ESPAÑOL\]](#)

NEW Through 9/30: **Good Eggs** is an online grocery that delivers fresh food and menu options for busy families. They're kicking off a September bonus program for new customers who use the code **SHOP4APG**. Our school receives \$50 per sign up this month. Click [here](#) to start shopping!

By 9/28: Complete the Multipurpose Family Income form (a.k.a. school lunch form) at sfusd.edu/MFIF (available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese). **Even if your child does not eat school meals, this form is essential to help secure classroom funding.**

If your child qualifies for meal benefits, you can pick up **FREE MEALS** on Wednesdays by presenting their barcode (mailed to homes last month, and available via the SchoolCafe app).

Complete your Emergency Card form—via the ParentVUE app or online! From the app, log in and find the **purple OLR button** (Online Registration). From a web browser, log in and find the **black Online Forms button**. For detailed instructions, go to bit.ly/sfusdemergencycard. If you haven't activated your ParentVue account yet, see the next item!

Activate your ParentVue/Synergy account if you haven't already done so. **This is the only source of official school and district news.** If you haven't activated your account yet and need assistance, please contact your child's grade-level counselor: [6th—Mr. Jang](#), [7th—Mr. McDaniel](#), [8th—Mrs. Lau](#).

NEW Anytime: Mark Hopkins Hotel Fundraiser—Intercontinental Mark Hopkins San Francisco will give \$10 per night back to APG when you check in and mention A.P. Giannini. Perfect for a fun staycation for your family or for friends visiting from out of town. [\[SEE THE FLYER\]](#)

Beacon

Morning Activities 8:30–8:45am DAILY

Get your day started by joining our morning WAKE UP activities! All students, families, and teachers are welcome to join! [\[VIEW SCHEDULE\]](#)

Monday: Monday Music Meditation
Tuesday: Dance Workout
Wednesday: QuarantONING
Thursday: Body Appreciation Movement
Friday: Mindfulness Meditation and Yoga

Lunchtime clubs start Monday 8/31

You can try/join as many clubs as you'd like! View [this calendar](#) for Zoom links. All club details are posted on [apgbeacon.org](#) under the LUNCH CLUBS tab.

New clubs added:

Self-Care Self-Love: Young leaders empowerment group through self love and self-care
Level Up: Connect with other passionate computer gamers through online gaming

Homework Center

Do you need homework support? Come to the homework center to complete homework, join peer study groups, get tutoring, tutor other students, ask questions, or play academic trivia games. Come with friends and ask to put in your own breakout rooms! This is open for ALL APG students. Join through [apgbeacon.org](#).

Monday – Friday, 2–3pm
Tuesday + Wednesday, 3–4pm

Afterschool Beacon Program

It is not too late to join! If you are interested in joining any of the clubs below, email amcgowen@bacr.org with your club interests!

Virtual Basketball Training
Virtual Recreation
Electronic Music
Origami and Cartoon Club
Science
Comedy/Joke writing
Self-Care Club
Gamer's World Workshop
Movie Appreciation/Critics
Cooking and Food Equity

Learning Resources

NEW! Free tech support: Go to booking.appointy.com/volunteertechsupport for free 1:1 tech support provided by volunteers who can help with basic questions about Zoom, Google Meet, Google Classroom, and Seesaw

NEW! Family technology video tutorials: Check out sfusd.edu/family-technology-tutorials for videos on how to use district Chromebooks, hotspots, ParentVue, and digital platforms

SFUSD technology helpline: familylink.sfusd.edu | familylink@sfusd.edu | 415-340-1716

Internet access via SFUSD hotspots: sfusd.edu/internet

SFUSD technology resources: sfusd.edu/familytechnology

Arts at home: createca.org/createathome

Community Resources

Free meals for qualifying SFUSD students: All families with SFUSD students can pick up five days of meals for kids on **Wednesdays @ 10:30am–12pm**—from APG or any of 17 other locations. **Free for students who qualify**, \$22.50/bag for all others. You will need to present your student's barcode (mailed to homes in August, and available via the SchoolCafe app). See sfusd.edu/schoolfood for details. **[MORE INFO]**

Food resources: The [SF-Marin Food Bank](#) distributes pre-bagged groceries at a pop-up pantry in the school parking lot on **Fridays @ 9am–1pm**. For more pantry locations and schedules, see sfmfoodbank.org/find-food. Additional SFUSD partner food resources: [map](#) | [list](#). Additional City food resources: sf.gov/get-food-resources | **call 311 any time 24/7**.

Free produce: [Alemany Farm](#) supports self-harvest of some vegetables (respecting distancing guidelines), and distributes a lot of produce through their Free Farm Stand (Sundays 12–3pm at Parques Ninos Unidos on 23rd & Treat). Anyone in need of food is welcome—no questions asked.

Noticias en español: Regístrese para recibir las últimas noticias sobre COVID-19, un servicio gratuito del diario Mission Local: joinsubtext.com/mlesp **[ESPAÑOL]**

Sunset info: To help others in the community while we shelter in place—or to request assistance—contact the **Sunset Neighborhood Help Group** (phone 415-212-8770) and/or check out the state's **COVID-19 volunteer page**.

San Francisco info: The [Outreach Toolkit](#) includes facts, videos, and more. **[CHINESE | ESPAÑOL]**

California info: The [COVID-19 page](#) provides facts and figures, and links to services.

Help

Join our Garden and Chicken Care Volunteers: Sign up for a shift! School may be virtual, but the APG garden is still growing! We need volunteers to help weed and water to keep the garden alive until the students can return to enjoy it. You can come in on your own time, as often or as occasionally as you like. Email garden@apgsf.com to be part of the team!

The chickens need our help, too! Email amcgowen@bacr.org to join the chicken care team and sign up for shifts. This is a fun and rewarding volunteer job for kids!

Links

Shop for APG: <https://apgsf.com/fundraising/shopping>

Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com> – To support APG for free while shopping on Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and choose A P Giannini Middle PTA as your cause.

Donate: <https://bit.ly/apg-jagfund>

Calendar: <https://apgsf.com/calendar> – To subscribe from your calendar, go to **Add a Calendar > From URL**, and then paste this URL:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/gianninipta%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

PTSA Website: <https://apgsf.com>

School Website: <https://www.sfusd.edu/school/ap-giannini-middle-school>

Instagram page: https://instagram.com/apg_middle_school_ptsa

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/APGSF>

Newsletter feedback: newsletter@apgsf.com

Join the APG parent Google group: <https://bit.ly/apg-subscribe>

Join the APG Chinese parent WeChat group: wechat@apgsf.com **[CHINESE]**

Join the PTSA: <https://bit.ly/apg-joinptsa>

Contact the PTSA: ptsa@apgsf.com

Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/apg-help> **[CURRENTLY INACTIVE]**