

SUTTON SOURCE

QUICK NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUTTON FAMILY

THE PTA WEEKLY PUBLICATION

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 30th Sutton Executive Board Meeting 9:00 am
- 30th **Sutton Showcase**
at Chastain Amphitheatre - Rain or Shine
so bring your umbrellas, just in case!

MAY

- 3rd 8th Grade Math 1 Test
- 3rd Local School Council meeting 4:15pm
- 4th National Teacher Appreciation Day
- 4th Sutton Sports Banquet 6:30 pm
- 5th Coffee Talk 9:00 am WEDNESDAY morning
- 5th-6th Price Waterhouse Interviews
- 6th Spring Concert 7:00pm
- 7th Spring Concert at Sutton 9:00am
- 7th All Media Center Materials due
- 10th-14th Media Center closed for inventory
- 11th Incoming 6th grade registration at Sutton: Sarah Smith, Bolton, Brandon - (9:30am-6:00pm)
- 11th Honors Reception 7:00 pm
- 12th North Atlanta High School Incoming Int'l Studies Freshman Orientation (Parents/Students)- Lecture Hall 7:00pm
- 12th Incoming 6th grade registration at Sutton: Jackson, E. Rivers, Garden Hills-(9:30am-6:00pm)
- 12th-13th IB Middle School Portfolio Days
- 13th-15th 8th Grade Boston trip
- 17th-21st Scholastic Book Fair- Media Center
- 17th-21st Student Council Elections week
- 18th Last day for lockers and backpacks
- 19th 6th grade Wellness Day
- 20th 7th grade Wellness Day
- 21st 6th Grade Honors 9:15 am
- 22nd 8th Grade Dance – North Atlanta lecture hall 7:00-10:00pm
- 24th 7th Grade Honors 9:15 am
- 24th 8th grade Field Day
- 25th 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony 9:15 Walk of Fame
- 25th Last Day of School

PTA POSTINGS

Our last Coffee Talk PTA meeting of the year will be Wednesday, May 5 at 9am in the media center. It is so strange to write those words---this year has flown. When people ask us about our year, we can't say enough about how wonderful it has been to work with such a great group of people. Sutton has really impressed us with an energy and enthusiasm that was more than we ever expected. Please join us for this important year end meeting—where there is still much to discuss! *And, see you at Showcase Friday night!*

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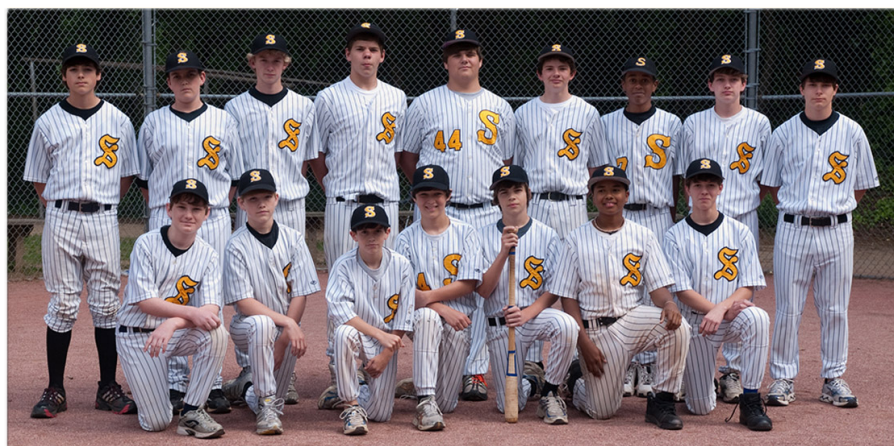
America's Favorite School Contest!

Please vote for Sutton Middle School—We could use the \$20,000! Please go to <http://www.care2.com/schoolcontest/1300/087/?refer=12274.05.1271949330.936484>

Sponsored by greatschools.com and care2.com. Voting ends May 21. Spread the word—the current leader only has 1300 votes. We could win this with some effort. Must be 18 or older to vote. Please send to your networks and ask them to help support our public middle school. Thank you!

A Fun Baseball Season Goes Out With a Bang!

The Sutton baseball team capped another successful season with a 4-1 victory over a talented Holy Innocents team in the playoffs. Sutton plays in a 38 team middle school league and is considered a year in/year out top five program, evidenced by a .750 winning percentage this year. This is noteworthy considering Sutton carries and plays many 7th graders each year. This developmental strategy ensures a consistent pipeline of top baseball talent and bodes well for the future of North Atlanta baseball. **Coach Marcus Shoemake** and his "Sutton Way" coaching philosophy are a jewel in the crown of Sutton athletics. ~Erik Hume



Annual Sutton Sports Banquet

Calling all 7th & 8th Grade Team Sports Families

We are gathering together to recognize our student athletes. Please join us for dinner and the awards presentation with our athletic directors and coaches!

Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. — Sutton Gymnasium
\$3.00 per adult, \$2.00 under 10 years

***Each Athlete is asked to bring one dish (serving 10-12)

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| Track- green salad | Cross Country- fruit salad |
| Softball- pasta salad | Boys' Soccer- dessert |
| Football- vegetable | Cheerleaders- dessert |
| Girls' Soccer- pasta salad | Basketball- dessert |
| Golf and Baseball- vegetable | Step Team- vegetable |

Tickets will be pre-sold in the main lobby on Friday morning, April 30th and also at the door, Tuesday, May 4th. —Casual attire.

Honors Dessert Reception

All A/B Honor Roll Students should look for an invitation to the SMS Honors Ceremony and Reception scheduled for 7pm, Tuesday, May 11 at The Foundry at Puritan Mills. Please email mcgaffigansp@comcast.net or paynemarykay@gmail.com if you are available to help.

Julie Corey's Science Class Televised on "Class Act"

Link http://www.11alive.com/news/education/class_act/default.aspx#

Principal's Corner



Parents, Thank you so much for all of your extra efforts in ensuring great attendance during the CRCT testing. On Thursday, April 23rd, no 6th graders were absent, and on all other days we had very few absences across all grades. Also, thank you to Ms. Kaltman, our testing coordinator, who organizes all testing procedures and processes, provides snacks for students and staff, and ensures our students have the best testing environment possible! You will receive your child's results with the last report card, or in a separate mailing if necessary.

These last weeks of school, we have so many events. Mark your calendars for Friday, May 21st 9:15am 6th Grade Honors Ceremony; Monday, May 24th 9:15am for 7th Grade Honors Ceremony; and Tuesday, May 25th for 8th grade Honors Celebration at 9:30am. Please be sure your child is at school every day, all day up until 3:35pm, so that he or she does not miss out on anything special! Both in the morning and in the afternoon, we do daily announcements, the latest updates on all the exciting things happening at SMS!

Audrey Sofianos - Principal, Sutton Middle School

Wellness

Join the School Lunch Revolution

You may be aware of UK chef Jamie Oliver's drive to change the food served at schools across the country. Let's support his efforts to draw attention to this issue. Many have tried, but he has really gotten our nation's attention! <http://www.jamieoliver.com/jfr-beta/petition.php#petForm>.

Urge Congress to Pass Child Nutrition Reauthorization (Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act) -- On March 24, the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry unanimously passed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, a bill to reauthorize school meals and other child nutrition programs. This is the first step in the process to improve child nutrition programs that only occurs about every five years. This includes a \$4.5 billion increase in funding over the next 10 years. Now that the Senate Agriculture Committee has unanimously passed their version of the bill, the full Senate will need to vote on it. In addition, the House of Representatives has yet to formally begin their reauthorization process. Although there has been widespread, bipartisan agreement on the majority of the provisions in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, some work remains to be done on certain aspects of the bill. See link for full report. <http://www.pta.org/4023.htm#2>.

Orientation for Rising 6th Graders was a Blast!

— Thanks to our tour guides and dress code models for making it extra fun!



"Do The Write Thing Challenge" Winners in ELA 8

Congratulations are in order for eighth grade students **Jessica Sanchez** and **Brandon Castro-Navarro** whose compositions were selected as the school wide winners in the "Do The Write Thing Writing Challenge." Sanchez and Castro, along with their writing instructors **Ms. Parker** and **Mr. Lloyd**, will be honored at an awards banquet in May. Sutton middle school students continue to "Exceed" the standard! -Dan Lloyd



School Store End of Year SALE!

The school store is celebrating the end of CRCT testing by having a SALE! Our Sutton School Store has a few too many pens, highlighters, and other odds and ends. It is the perfect opportunity for students to pick out a colored gel pen or 4-1 colored pen for just \$.25, a calculator is now \$.75 - half the regular cost! We've reduced the price on these items so we can clean out the closet for summer. Come by on Tuesday or Thursday mornings to get supplies to keep you going until May 25 and through the summer. Please spread the word!

WARRIOR WINDOW

For information on summer events for rising 9th graders please see: <http://www.northatlantahigh.org/cms/content/view/472/220/>



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Sutton Middle School's Orchestra Sweeps Awards

A 55-student orchestra from Atlanta's Sutton Middle School was awarded top honors Saturday (April 17) at the National Adjudicators Invitational at Atlanta Symphony Hall. Conductor Natalie Colbert accepted trophies for: Superior rating, outstanding strings in concert performance and exceptional achievement by a superior concert performance group (middle school). Eleven student orchestras from Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina and South Carolina performed at the Invitational, but Sutton Middle School was the only Atlanta school to perform. Both middle and high schools participated in the event, which ran from 9 am to 4 pm.

A festival official said the organization had not experienced such a large number of "exceptional musicians." Other schools received awards, but only Sutton received the "outstanding strings" award and was the only middle school to receive the "exceptional achievement" award.



Attention 8th Grade Parents!

8th Grade Dance Committee Meeting — The next meeting will be held immediately following the coffee talk on Wednesday, May 5th, in the conference center.

8th Grade Dance— Announcements for the 8th grade dance will begin on Monday, May 3rd. Collections for ticket money for the dance will begin on Monday, May 10th through Friday, May 14th. The \$15 ticket fees will be taken by the 8th grade homeroom teachers.

8th Grade Parent Social- Hosted by NAHS/Sutton— The NAHS/Sutton hosted 8th grade parent social will be held during the 8th grade dance @ Nancy & Jeff Johnson's home from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm. The Johnson's home is located at 481 Overbrook Drive. All 8th grade parents are invited to attend. Contact **Angela Church** @ (404) 629-9886 with questions.

Please Donate Beach Reading Material for Teacher Appreciation

We are collecting gently used paperback books & magazines that teachers might enjoy reading over the summer. Books/magazines will be distributed to teachers during teacher appreciation next week. Parents should bring to the parent center by Friday. Thanks! ~Kim McCauley

Web Designer Needed to Help Update Our Graphics

Please contact suttonpta@gmail.com if you can lend your services to redesigning our website pages. It's time for some updating but we need a pro on this. Check out our website suttonmiddleschool.org and give us your thoughts. Thanks!

Mr. Smith's Art Class

Doug Smith's student art teacher, Kelley Hardin, sent this note. She finished up her student teaching at Sutton on April 27. Parents, please share this with your art students!

Thank you to all art students and especially to Mr. Smith for an amazing student teaching experience. 8A and 7A students did an awesome job on their figure drawings. All of you are very talented! I wish each of you the best of luck next year in high school. 6A and 6B students worked extremely hard on their Keith Haring, "Art In Transit" murals. Thank you for all your hard work. It was a pleasure to work with each one of you. Last, Mr. Smith is an outstanding art teacher and a joy to work with. Sutton Middle School is very lucky to have Mr. Smith as their art teacher. He is talented and hard working. Thank you Mr. Smith for taking me under your wing. Thank you students for teaching me and for allowing me to teach you. All the best to each and every one of you. —Mrs. Hardin



Submit Soon.

Please notify us early with your Source news submissions. Remember that our big Source issue is every other week, alternating with a calendar-only blast. Deadline for each issue is Monday at 2pm (suttonsource@gmail.com). Thank you!

