

SUTTON SOURCE

QUICK NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUTTON FAMILY

THE PTA WEEKLY PUBLICATION

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 11th Blues & BBQ on Sutton's back patio 5:00-7:30p.m.
Bring chairs/blankets
- 14th Local School Council Meeting 4:15pm
- 15th Boys Soccer vs. Paideia @ Home – 4:30 p.m.
- 17th Boys Soccer vs. Inman @ Home – 4:45pm
- 17th Softball vs. Bunche Middle School @ Southside Park - 5:00pm
- 22nd Boys Soccer vs. Killian Hills @ Home – 4:30pm
- 23rd Prospective parents Tours – 9:00am
- 24th Ultimate Frisbee vs. Galloway @ Home, upper field – 4:00pm
- 24th 7th & 8th grade orchestra concert at NAHS – 7:00pm
- 25th All Pro Dads – 7:35am
- 25th Sutton Executive Board Meeting 9:00am
- 25th Sutton Tailgate at the NAHS Football game.
Tailgate time: 4:00pm.
Location: NAHS Front Parking lot.
Game Time: 7:30pm @ Riverwood
- 26th Football vs. Young Middle School @ Home – 10:00am

PTA POSTINGS

Another busy week! Starting it off at the Labor Day Slow Food picnic was a great beginning. Intramural Frisbee has begun and we'd like to remind parents that pick up is at 5:15 in the back parking lot. We had our first Coffee Talk yesterday – thanks for the big turnout! We look forward to this Friday night's Blues & BBQ bash on Sutton's own back patio. There's always something great going on at Sutton. Please stay tuned to the Source for weekly updates!

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Cheer a COUGAR. Hear the Roar.

Come out and support our student athletes at their games in the coming months! Admission to all football, soccer, and softball games is free, and the players love to see you there. You will also not want to miss the football cheerleading squad under the direction of Mrs. Middlebrooks. Mark our games on your calendars – they are not to be missed. **Catch the Cougar Spirit!**

Parents: If you are interested in helping us out on the sidelines with the chains or operating the scoreboard for the home football games, please let our Athletic Director, **Amanda Fielder**, know at afielder@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Principal's Corner



On Friday, September 4th, we held our first **College Colors Day!** Staff and students showed their college pride by wearing their university spirit wear or the colors of their favorite university. Students participated in a scavenger hunt, as they matched their teachers and other staff with their university. Throughout the day, students and staff were cheering on their colleges, as they found a fellow supporter or another person proudly wearing their university colors! Go Indiana University! I was so excited to find three Cougars set on going to my alma mater!

We are very fortunate to have a full-time Graduation Coach, **Kalisha Woods**, at our school. Ms. Woods has been a GC since the program began two years ago. This is a state-sponsored program, with the goal of increasing the rate of high school graduation. Middle and high schools from across the state have either full- or part-time Graduation Coaches. Kalisha will lead all school events that encourage students to begin planning and goal setting for college, such as our **College Colors Day**. She will work with small groups of students (or with individuals as needed) to ensure great attendance and a strong focus on academics. Even though college may seem a long way off, the habits, study skills, and content that our students are learning here at Sutton will help them to successfully graduate high school and attend the college of their choice!

Audrey Sofianos - Principal

Staying Informed: It Has a Nice Ring

Did you get a "reminder call" last week for the Open House? If not, then we need your contact information for our **Callingpost**. Callingpost is an automated calling system that we use to supplement other means of communication at Sutton. Please send your child's name, grade and one phone number (including area code) for important school reminders to mcgaffigansp@comcast.net.



Sutton Spotlight

Robert Weatherly

7th Grade Geography / SS Department Chair

First and foremost, Mr. Weatherly is a UNC Tarheel. He would teach the geography of Tobacco Road – but it is not in the standards. He grew up in Durham, a Duke fan. Of this he is not ashamed, adding "We all make mistakes in this life."

Mr. Weatherly went to UNC. There, he was in a popular cover band called Had Matters. They toured the fraternity/sorority scene throughout North Carolina and occasionally ventured out of state.

He became a teacher in his late twenties, and taught high school for three years before changing careers for a brief stint in sales. He later got back into teaching by substitute teaching for APS. After a few months he learned that Sutton was the place to be in Atlanta Public Schools so he became a permanent sub at Sutton. Mr. Mygrant and he had a few talks and before you knew it, he was back in the profession with a permanent position in 7th grade teaching math.

When not teaching, Mr. Weatherly goes after the dream of becoming a rock star. He plays in a couple of local bands, and his next original band will be called BoB Weatherman and the Report. Mr. Weatherly also has a guitar club, which will be starting up soon and will continue into the spring. "We have a blast learning and recording songs...what a wonderful school we have at Sutton."

Obviously, this is one Sutton teacher who rocks.

To learn more about the guitar club, contact him at: <http://web.me.com/rockster123/geo>



Wellness Committee Update

Our local "Time for Lunch" Eat-In was graced with a warm, sunny afternoon in the middle of Chastain Park. We planned our picnic with two goals in mind: First, was to build community; second, was to raise awareness about how to improve the quality of school lunches. We focused on building community by organizing our Eat-In around the six primary schools feeder schools to SMS, Sutton, and North Atlanta High School. In other words, since our children either do or will attend the same schools, we saw great value in bringing these families together. Our awareness-raising efforts were enormously enhanced by a presentation by Josh Vertel, President of Slow Food USA. We were extremely grateful that Josh was able to share his vision with our families and thrilled that, out of more than 300 picnics going on all over the country, he was able to attend ours. We also encouraged people to sign a petition to urge Congress to increase funding for the Child Nutrition Act (a/k/a the "School Lunch Act") and to become involved in the PTA to advocate for better policies and food in schools. By all accounts, the highlight of our picnic was the wonderful music and vocals provided by 8th graders Caroline Geckler, Shelise duCille and Emma Holderread from the SMS Orchestra. We thank the musicians, orchestra liaison Millie Dunn, and Mr. and Mrs. Colbert for making it happen. It was a great day for our neighborhood families!

Sutton Wellness Committee--Stacey Dougan
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Parents! Remind your kids to use this valuable resource: The **APS Homework Hotline** is 678-553-3029 or ask questions on-line: www.myhomeworkhotline.org

Committee Chairs: Need to schedule a meeting? Check PTA room availability with Board Secretary **Christie Derrick** ccderrick@yahoo.com beforehand. Thanks!

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

It's 10:00 am.
Do We Know
Where Your Child Is?

Parents of any Cougar that **is not at school** by 10 am, Please call **404-802-5635** each day your child is absent.

You can also email Sutton at suttonattend@atlanta.k12.ga.us to report an absence.



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Calling All (Pro) Dads

Be An All Pro Dad! Our first meeting is **Friday, September 25** at 7:35, in the theatre with guest speaker, "**BIG JAMES**" Henderson! Big James stands 6 ft. 5 inches tall, weighs over 400 pounds, is a five-time World National Champion Power Lifter, and is in the Guinness Book of World Records for bench pressing 711 pounds! Big James will motivate and inspire while making you laugh. All Pro Dads meet monthly for breakfast (an hour before school), where fathers and their children meet with other dads and kids for food, fun, fellowship, and door prizes. Any man who serves as a role model for a child is welcome to attend. Mothers and their kids are also welcome. Now's the time to reserve your biscuits from Chick-fil-A (\$2/each) by rsvp'ing to **Daniel Walker** at walkerdl61@bellsouth.net. To make sure you receive email reminders regarding All Pro Dad meetings, please contact jshelton@laborlawyers.com. All Pro Dad is a fatherhood initiative of Family First, a national non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families. To learn more about the organization, visit www.allprodad.com. Please park in the Chastain parking lot.



Our School Recycling Program Now Includes drink bottles and cans!

Sutton now recycles **cans** and **#1 PET bottles!** In conjunction with Newell Recycling and Coca Cola Recycling we have set up schoolwide recycling for aluminum cans and those plastic bottles with the #1 marked on the bottom. Please help keep our school "green" by keeping these recyclables out of the landfill.

WARRIOR WINDOW

North Atlanta Prospective Parents:

Reservations are now being accepted for Prospective Parent Tours at 9 a.m. on:
 October 20 • November 17 • December 9 • January 21 • February 9 • March 18 • April 20

Parents will have the opportunity to see some of the more than 280,000 square feet of newly renovated instructional space at NAHS during a walking tour. A discussion follows with NAHS Principal Mark MyGrant and Athletic Director Rob Whitman, as well as representatives from our three Small Learning Communities (SLCs), that include International Studies, Center for the Arts & Communications and Business, Leadership & Marketing.

Though there will be many opportunities for prospective parents to interact with NAHS students, teachers, administrators and parents over the coming year, these tours are the only chance to observe NAHS during instructional periods in order to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum. Space is limited and demand has been high!

Please call Kelley Day at 404/802-4744 in the NAHS administrative office to make your reservation.

Save the Date: Thursday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. for a cocktail party just for SMS 8th grade parents. **With Sutton now the only feeder school for NAHS**, this is our 8th grade parents' special night to learn as much about our community's high school as possible. Invitations are en route to those of you who have turned in directory information and indicated your interest in NAHS.

Finally, come experience the Warrior spirit in action at the annual Sutton/North Atlanta tailgate party on Friday, September 25. Sutton and NAHS parents will tailgate at NAHS before heading to Riverwood for exciting Warrior Football under the Friday Night Lights! Stay tuned for more details.

Great things are happening at North Atlanta this year. Check it out at <http://www.northatlantahigh.org/>



On-line Means On-it

Want to:
 • know what the cafeteria is serving for lunch?
 • get a form to order some spirit wear?
 • learn more about our sports programs and schedules?

The answer to these questions - and many more - can be found on the Sutton website www.suttonmiddleschool.org

Please be sure to check it regularly.



NO PARKING

For obvious reasons, please do not park in the turnaround areas in the front parking lot.

After-School Parking

A reminder that if it's after 5 pm, please pick up your child at the back of school. There are several weekday concerts remaining in the Chastain Park concert series. That means we need our front spaces open till the end of the season. Thanks for your cooperation!

The deadline for **Sutton Source** submissions is **Monday at 2:00 pm**. Please submit your article in full with all important details. All content subject to editing and approval by PTA. Send articles to Suttonsource@gmail.com

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