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Calendar Note: Event dates often shift throughout the school year. Please check the complete master calendar on the website for updates. An updated abbreviated calendar appears in every Source.

## **8th Grade Parent Meeting**

All 8th grade parents are invited to attend the 8th grade parent meeting immediately following the Coffee Talk on Friday, January 13th in the Media Center.

**We will discuss:**

**January 22nd North Atlanta NOW event**

**January 25th 8th Grade Writing Test**

**8th grade trip**

**8th grade promotion, field day and dance**

### **8th Grade Parents:**

--Please submit the \$25 activity fees to the homeroom teachers no later than Friday, January 20th. The fee covers the 8th grade t-shirt, field trip and dance.

Contact Angela @ [churcha@bellsouth.net](mailto:churcha@bellsouth.net) with questions

--**Mark your calendars for "North Atlanta Now"** on Sunday, 1/22/12 from 1:30 - 3:30. (NAHS Theatre). **8th graders and all prospective North Atlanta High School students and parents** are invited and will hear in depth information about the IB program and the school model. Senior students and administrators will speak. Tour the campus and learn about NAHS academics, athletics and student life! Keep an

eye out for an "open" evite that will go out shortly.

## **This Friday is Our January SMS Coffee Talk: Starting the New Year Off in Good Health**

Ever wondered what it means that Sutton received the Bronze Award from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation? Ever get confused about what types of snacks are approved for school events? Ever wish you could think of ways to fundraise besides bake sales? All of these topics and more will be covered during the first Coffee Talk of 2012, when Adrienne Gill from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation will join us for a discussion. Mark your calendars for this Friday- January 13, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Media Center. We look forward to seeing you!

## **Bleacher Nameplate Opportunity: Show Your Sutton Spirit!**

Deadline for submitting your SMS Bleacher nameplate is Friday, January 20th.

Forms are available in the PTA workroom or download from our website:

<http://suttonmiddleschool.org/Documents/pta/bleacherfundraiser.doc>

## **Sutton Showcase 2012**

We will have a student interest meeting this Friday, January 13 during exploratory. Only students who are interested in trying out for Showcase may attend. We will be handing out registration forms at the meeting as well as going over expectations. You can also download a Showcase form from the Sutton website.

## **Report Cards – going home Tuesday**

Parents, First semester report cards will be sent home Tuesday, Jan. 10th. Please sign the copy and return to the Homeroom teacher on Monday. You will then receive a color version to keep for your records. Also, look for the IB Grade Descriptor sheet attached to report cards which explains the IB Grade or visit <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/25515> for more information

## IB NEWS

Click [here](#) to read this important and useful information concerning the

### **International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.**

This information will help you to understand how this program benefits your child in their present and future schooling.

## Sixth Grade Williamsburg Trip

**The \$50 deposit to secure a seat for your child is due by next Friday, Jan. 13th, 2012.**

There are only a few seats left.

For more information and payment forms, please go to <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/page20277> or call 404-802-5631.

## Williamsburg Trip Fundraisers

We have two fundraisers that we are working on at the moment to help reduce costs and allow us to offer some scholarship money to deserving students. Please visit <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/20277> for the forms and information or call 404-802-5631.

The Stadium Cushion ads may be business or personal. **PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.** Thank you. ~Mrs. Edelstein

## 6th Grade After-School Program

### Junior Achievement Means Success (JAMS)

Looking for your 6th grader to get involved? Sutton Middle School 6th grade students have been afforded a fantastic opportunity to participate in a Junior Achievement initiative, JAMS (JA Means Success). JAMS is a multiyear, in-depth project that is an after school based program, for students in 6th grade only. JAMS focus will be multi-level, with emphasis on real world issues, critical thinking, problem solving skills, enhancing educational skills, financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Students will work alongside business volunteers to explore real life educational and business challenges. They will engage in experimental field trips and a host of other meaningful experiences.

We need 30 students, representing the diversity of our school, to participate in the 8 week program beginning on January 19th 2012. The school leaders, along with Junior Achievements volunteers and community leaders will meet with the students every Thursday for 8 weeks from 4:00pm until 5:45pm. Transportation will be provided to the students who typically ride APS school bus. Pick up an application from the main office, Ms. Joyner (6th grade Social Studies Teacher) or Mrs. Chase (room 42). Questions? khaynes@atlanta.k12.ga.us

## Cougar Robotics Team Advances to State Finals

Last Saturday, only 16 teams out of 48 advanced from this "Super Regional-Middle Georgia" to the State Finals being held at Georgia Tech. Amazing accomplishment since this is the first team ever at SMS. What a statement to the time and dedication put forth by Ms, Chase and the team! We are so proud of our students and Ms. Chase, but perhaps most important is how our students conducted themselves at Saturday's competition.

When the judges mistakenly awarded the team extra points that they had not earned at one of the three table competitions, our students brought the error to the attention of the judges so that the score could be corrected. This display of integrity and honesty is perhaps that of which we are most proud. At the awards ceremony the Cougar team was called on stage to be recognized for its display of **honesty and integrity** and were **acknowledged as the best example of what exemplifies this competition**. Way to go Cougars! We will keep you posted on the date for the State Finals at Ga Tech. ~Angela Boardman

Sutton made the news: Click [HERE](#) for for the link to the news station and [CLICK HERE](#) to link the **video**. Look in video for **Knox Willoughby** and **Richard Hill** in yellow Cougar Robotics t-shirts running the robot on the table.

## Spelling Bee is Next Week

The annual Sutton Spelling Bee will take place next week, Thursday, January 19 at 6pm in the Sutton Theater. Spelling Bee participants should meet in the school cafeteria at 5pm the night of the Bee. Mandatory dress rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, Jan 17 and Wednesday, Jan 18

from 3:45 to 5:30pm. Participation in both days' rehearsals is encouraged but participation in at least one dress rehearsal is mandatory.

Spelling Bee participants should bring a snack to rehearsals. For more information please contact parent volunteer Gillian Taylor at gptaylor1@gmail or Spelling Bee Coordinator Ms. Dee Terhune at dterhune@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

## Parent Involvement Survey

Parents, please click [HERE](#), print, complete and return to your homeroom teacher by January 26.

## FBLA, Cougar Robotics hosting Warm Coats + Warm Hearts Coat Drive

The homeroom with the most coats will **win a GREAT surprise** for his or her teacher. In addition, the homeroom will receive a Community Service Award. Please encourage your classmates to participate in this worthy cause.

Be part of **MLK Day of Service 2012** and help us reach a coat drive milestone – collect our 1 millionth coat and help those in need stay warm all across the country! Dr. King called for individuals from all walks of life to work together to strengthen communities, empower individuals, bridge barriers, and create solutions. How can you be part of MLK Day this year? It is easy; donate any gently worn coat to your homeroom.

Where to drop off the coats? Please keep the coats/jackets in your participating homeroom or Mrs. Chase's room until the **deadline of January 17**.

## Calendar

January

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| 12 | Menchie's Spirit Night 3:30 – 8pm                |
| 13 | PTA COFFEE TALK Friday 9:00 am/8th Grade meeting |
| 16 | No School – MLK Holiday                          |

- 19 Spelling Bee
- 20 All Pro Dads
- 21 Basketball –Sutton vs Brown 10:00 am SUTTON
- 22 North Atlanta Now 1:30 – 3:30pm
- 25 NAPPS meeting, 12:00 – Jackson Primary Campus (please note location)**
- 25 8th Grade Writing
- 25 Basketball –Sutton vs Price 5:00 pm SUTTON – GOLD RUSH
- 26 Spirit Night Verde Restaurant. - Collier Road
- 28 Basketball –Sutton vs Inman 10:00 am AWAY

February

- 10 PTA COFFEE TALK Friday 9:00 am**

## Warrior Window

**Next NAHS tour:** February 23rd from 9-11 am. Reservations: Kelley Day at 404-802-4700.

**Host Families are needed for Colombian Exchange Students the week of March 12th.** Eighteen student musicians - ranging in age from 10 to 18 years old - and three adults from Colombia will visit our school. Biographical sketches will be available so you can select the student that is a good fit for your family. If you are interested in hosting one or more of these students, please call or email Reginald Colbert at 404-802-4728 or rrcolbert@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

**Don't miss "Barrage"** on Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 PM in the NAHS Theatre. **Barrage is a high-octane fiddle fest** that features an international cast performing an eclectic mix of music, song and dance. This tribute to the versatility of the violin has been described as **"Stomp" meets "Riverdance."** Check out the group in action [www.barragevideo.com](http://www.barragevideo.com). Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults and will be available at the door.

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