



Sutton Source #21 - January 17, 2012

## CALENDAR

View SMS Calendar here: <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/12370>

### January

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| 19 | Spelling Bee 6:30pm   |
| 20 | All Pro Dads  |
| 21 | Basketball –Sutton vs Brown Middle School 10:00 am SUTTON   |
| 22 | <b>North Atlanta Now 1:30 – 3:30pm NAHS Theatre</b><br>All Sutton 8th graders are invited, as well as any students in our district who may be interested in transferring from another high school. Please see Warrior Window below and click on RSVP link to respond. |
| 25 | NAPPS meeting, 12:00 – Jackson Primary  |
| 25 | 8th Grade Writing (make-up)   |
| 25 | <b>Basketball –Sutton vs Price 5:00 pm SUTTON – GOLD RUSH</b><br>(see permission slip below)  |
| 26 | <b>Spirit Night Verde Restaurant. - Collier Road</b>  |
| 26 | Parent Workshop 6 – 8pm Theater   |

## Sutton Website Changes

The Sutton PTA website has changed! Several areas have now moved to the APS Sutton Middle School website. More specifically; **Media Center, Faculty/Staff and Teacher Listings**. A new link to the APS site is available in the menu bar at the top of the home page. Better yet,

### Add to your toolbar favorites:

Sutton PTA website - [www.suttonmiddleschool.org](http://www.suttonmiddleschool.org)

APS Sutton School website - <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/2620>

## January 2012 Reminder!

Things to do in the New Year: Make sure your family has joined Sutton's PTA!  
Thank you to those who have joined--450 parent members! However, based on a student population of over 1300, we know there are families who have not joined yet. There is still time, we are still collecting dues and donations and will distribute directories, magnets and gym bags to those who qualify! Click [here](#) for the form.

If you have questions, please contact Mary Chambers, [mchambo@comcast.net](mailto:mchambo@comcast.net) or Carolyn White, [carolynwhite@bellsouth.net](mailto:carolynwhite@bellsouth.net)  
Thank you!

Academic Committee updates

### Geography Bee Winners Announced!

8th grader Emily Pinkston won the Sutton Geography Bee and will now take a test to qualify for the State Geography Bee. 2nd place went to 8th grader Nic Durham. 3rd place went to 6th grader Casey Gentry. Congratulations to these worldly students!

### Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee is Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 in the Sutton Theater.  
Everyone is invited to attend this edge of your seat event!

### Science Fair

Seventh grade scientists Micha Andras Thomas, Carlo Orlando, and Caroline Alting will be representing Sutton Middle School at Best Academy on Feb 1st and 2nd for the One Academic Fair. These students have moved past our local academic fair and onto the next round. Congratulations to these hard workers!

### Debate

The Debate Club is gearing up for their second tournament on Jan. 21st. We are hoping for another top showing of our debate teams as they move up from Novice to Junior Varsity Division. They are a bright and energetic group as they debate this year's topic on Space Colonization. We still have new members joining us and always welcome anyone who is interested. Contact Ms. Edelstein at [nedelstein@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:nedelstein@atlanta.k12.ga.us)

### 2012 Nominating Committee

It is that time again! PTA is currently putting together the nominating committee, which will slate next year's PTA Executive Board. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Leigh Darby by Friday, January 27th. We will vote on members of the nominating committee at the February 10th coffee talk.

You can self-nominate or nominate someone who you know would be great for a board or committee chair position. You may also nominate rising 6th grade parents for chair positions. Three years go by fast and it is crucial to get involved early! Nominating forms will be available in the PTA room or can be accessed on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

All members of the Nominating Committee as well as candidates for PTA positions must be PTA members. The Nominating Committee will present the candidates for next year's board at our March PTA Coffee Talk on Friday, March 16th.

Thank you to all of our PTA members who contribute to make our school a success!  
Leigh Darby and Margaret Long  
Sutton PTA Co-Presidents

### Sutton Showcase 2012

Tryouts for this year's Sutton Showcase will be February 7, 8 and 9 in the theater. If you did not pick up a tryout form on Friday you can download one from the Sutton website or pick one up from Jennifer Miller at the front desk. All forms must be turned in by 1/27/12 in order to tryout. We will post your child's specific tryout date in the front lobby.

Showcase will be sometime in early May. We will receive a date from Live Nation the first of March and will pass along to all participants.

Please contact with any questions: Cathi Onley [cathionley@me.com](mailto:cathionley@me.com) Millie Dunn  
[milliedunn@aol.com](mailto:milliedunn@aol.com)

### Spirit Night - Thursday, January 26th Verde Restaurant

Don't know what to do for dinner or too tired to cook?

Come to Verde Restaurant Thursday, January 26th for our first spirit night of the New Year! See familiar faces from Sutton and enjoy meeting new ones. SMS parent and board member David Dollar will be "on staff" that night so drop in and say Hello!

Verde Tacqueria - (1193 Collier Rd. Atlanta, 30318)

10 % of all sales from 6:00 pm till close will be donated to the Sutton PTA.

### Next round of APS Demographic Community Meetings Set

**Demographers will present new options and maps to the public and request input. Our cluster meeting for SRT 4, which includes all schools feeding into North Atlanta High School, will be at North Atlanta on February 1 at 6:30 PM.**

During the meetings, **new proposed scenarios** will be presented that incorporate community input obtained over the past several months from throughout the district. The original scenarios were intended as a starting point to provide parents and community members examples of redistricting proposals to elicit comment and recommendations. Independent demographers will conduct the meetings and explain the new scenarios, after which they will again solicit community input that will be considered for the next set of scenarios. The new scenarios will be available on the district Web site ([www.atlantapublicschools.us](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us)) under [Demographic Study](#).

### **APS Community Listening Sessions**

For more information, see the APS Sutton website (<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/2620>) 3rd column "Headlines" for information, as well as on our Calendar (<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/12370>).

Parent Workshop Information for Jan 26

For more information, see the APS Sutton website <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/12369>

### **Warrior Window**

#### **North Atlanta Now Annual Open House**

The North Atlanta Family would like to invite all Sutton Prospective Students and Families to our annual **Open House** this coming Sunday, 1/22/12 from 1:30-3:30PM in the NAHS Theatre. Please park in our Northside Drive lot, and join us through the Atrium entrance for an in depth presentation of our unique IB Diploma Program and School Model. You will hear testimonies from some of our super seniors, and you will also have a chance to hear from several of our incredible administrators concerning academics, athletics, and student life.

We look forward to seeing you!

Click [HERE to RSVP](#) for **North Atlanta Now Annual Open House**.

The next NAHS tour will be held on February 23rd from 9-11 am. Reservations are required, so please contact Kelley Day at 404-802-4700.

### **Don't Miss the 2012 GOLD RUSH!**

Support Our Cougar 2011-2012 Basketball Teams

Who: Sutton vs Price  
When: January 25 in Sutton's Gym  
Time : 4pm to 7pm / Tip-off is 5pm  
(immediately after school: includes one hour of study hall)  
Cost: \$3.00-Student Ticket

OR

**Special SMS GOLD RUSH**  
**T-Shirt/Ticket Combo for \$10.00**

**\*\*Tickets and shirts MUST be purchased in advance from Coach Fielder in front of the main office during homeroom.**

Pick-up: Bus circle in rear of school by 7:00pm

**ATTRACTIONS:**

- **Girls hit the floor first and Boys follow**
- **Concession Stand will be open with your favorite goodies!**
- **Cheerleaders**
- **Step and Dance Team Performances**

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Please complete and return this portion to Ms. Fielder.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutorial Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number where we can contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: LATE PICK-UP WILL RESULT IN CHILD NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND FUTURE AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS. YOUR SIGNATURE REFLECTS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT YOUR CHILD MUST BE PICKED UP BY 7:00PM.**

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