



Sutton Source September 20, 2011

Chastain Parking Volunteers Needed FRIDAY!

There is a sold-out Chastain concert **this Friday night** -- Earth, Wind & Fire. This concert was never on our parking calendar, so we don't have any volunteers. If you are able to help, please sign up now. This will be a big money-maker for Sutton, so we need the volunteer help!

Remember, this is Sutton's main fundraiser---we don't hold auctions or ask you to sell gift wrap. Please pitch in...this is much more fun, too!

Many thanks,

Anne Williams & Rush Levitt

Sutton's Chastain Parking Co-Chairs

To view the sign up, go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/chastain/707539

SMS Homecoming Dance

When: September 23rd

Time : 4pm to 5:30pm **6th graders**/ 4pm – 6pm **7th & 8th graders**

Where: Sutton Gym (immediately after school)

Cost: \$3.00

ATTRACTIONS:

- Concession Stand will be open with your favorite goodies!
- Gervais' PhotoShop – Have a festive picture taken with your best buds for only \$2.00 per print!
- Dueling DJ's...Mr. Weatherly and Mr. Smith will battle out the tunes for your dancing pleasure

*****Post-Dance Carpool Pick-Up Procedure:**

6th grade and any older siblings - pick-up in front of school at 5:30pm

7th and 8th by cafeteria at the bus circle at 6pm

Note from Ms. Sofianos: Please be prompt for dance pick-up due to a **SOLD OUT CONCERT** on Friday night! 6th graders get picked up at 5:30 in the lot behind the school (entrance behind the gym) with our 6th and 7th graders being picked up at 6pm at the front. Our lot could get very crowded at that hour and possibly delay your return home! Also, students who are not picked up on time jeopardize invitations to participate in future after school events. If parents arrive on time, all should work well, and concert goers can make their way to the amphitheatre while you make your way back home. Carpooling encouraged!

SMS Homecoming Game is this Saturday, September 24

Homecoming will be at the SMS field, Sept 24th 10am. Concession stand will be running full force. Bring your dollars to spend. This is a terrific way to show support of our SMS football team. It is also a win-win situation for all. You get to eat and the team raises money! Yes... Ms. Kepler needs a parent or two to volunteer to bring and fire up a grill to cook hot dogs for the homecoming game.

~Lisa R. Kepler, Athletic Director PTA Sports, lkepler@atlanta.k12.ga.us

BBQ Palooza—One of our favorite Sutton Traditions!

The annual BBQ this past Sunday night was a huge success! The glorious weather brought

out a record number of families to enjoy great BBQ from One Star and socialize with fellow middle schoolers! The new picnic tables that the PTA purchased this past summer were put in just in time for everyone to enjoy. The Kerry Hill Band played favorites for two hours and the raffle tickets produced much excitement....Fall Frolic tickets....Showcase tickets....lunch with Ms Sofianos – many families walked away with some great prizes!

A big thank you to Cathy Pennington and her team of volunteers who spent weeks in advance and all day Sunday getting set up and putting this event on!

~ Leigh Darby and Margaret Long, PTA Co-Presidents

Ultimate Frisbee Team Going Strong

Sutton came out strong against Shamrock Middle, a school with a relatively new Ultimate program. Sutton Cougars pounced hard with a quick jump to 9-0, before giving up just a single point. Final score was 16-1, which took just 33 minutes of game time!! Sutton had very good offense from everyone, and the new players held up their end of the deal with equally strong defense to hold off additional scoring from Shamrock. Sutton loves the competition against friendly schools, but we love taking the "W" also.



Sutton Community Garden and Streamkeepers

Come watch our garden grow! We are in the planning stages for the Sutton Community Garden which will also include a pollinator garden. Dr. Brochstein really needs help right now as she writes three grants for the garden. Eventually, she will also need help maintaining the garden. Luckily, a local Boy Scout has made the building of the garden beds his Eagle Scout project! Grant writers and garden helpers, please lend a hand as we enrich our science program!

If you are interested in becoming a certified water quality tester with Georgia Adopt-a-Stream, then become a Sutton Streamkeeper! Dr. Brochstein is sponsoring this club where once month on Saturdays you and your child can come help monitor a portion of Nancy Creek near Sutton. For both clubs you can contact Dr. Brochstein at bbrochstein@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Walk To School Day is Coming!

Get out your walking shoes and reduce greenhouse gasses! International Walk to School day is Wednesday, October 5. (Rain or shine!) International Walk to School Day is an initiative promoting added physical activity to enhance cardiovascular health as well as clean air by reducing automotive exhaust emissions into the atmosphere. Anyone who lives within walking distance to Sutton is encouraged to walk or bike to school, enjoy some extra physical activity, and take in a breath of fresh air. If you do not live close enough to walk, or there are no safe routes to walk from your home, we will have a special drop off point at the Chastain gym off West Wieuca Road. PTA volunteers will be unloading students and directing traffic from the Chastain gym so students can walk to school from there in groups between 8 and 8:30 am. Please no drop offs after 8:30 am as the students will not have supervision after that time. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the event, please email Sarah Callaghan thecallaghans@comcast.net. And by all means....please join your middle school student and walk to school too! Let's make this a family event!

8th Grade Parents Meeting: Friday, September 30th 9 am

The Lodge @ Peachtree Presbyterian Church, 3417 Roswell Road

This is a casual 8th grade parent meeting that will discuss:

8th grade activity fee update

NAHS representatives visit SMS

8th grade social on October 4th
NAHS tailgate on October 28th
NAHS tours
8th grade class field trip

2 WEEKS LEFT TO SIGN-UP

for

Future Business Leaders of America

Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA, is dedicated to making today's middle school students, tomorrow's leaders. Through leadership opportunities, academic competitions, conferences, and social activities, FBLA will not only make your middle school years memorable, but also prepare you for the world of work in the most innovative ways. Membership dues for 2011-2012 school years are \$15 (CASH ONLY). FBLA is open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Membership application and fee to Mrs. Chase in room 42 by October 3, 2011. Go to suttonmiddleschool.org for application.

Youth Roundup After-school Program

at

Sutton Middle School

Youth Roundup After-school program is a non-profit mentoring organization designed to inspire, empower and cultivate our youth. Through an innovative, tangible curriculum, YRU addresses the various facets of life and highlights the importance of self-esteem, personal values, community service, cultural awareness and education. YRU is committed to helping our youth discover their greatness, exercise their right to dream boldly, set goals and achieve them. Our goal is to unite our community by teaching children (from families of all income levels) new, fun ways to enjoy recreation together, foster good health, by providing active alternatives to television during after school hours. YRU will teach our children through good role models, teamwork, community service and the joy of learning. For more information visit our website at www.youthroundup.org.

Parents Need to Sign Agenda Each Night

As a reminder, a student agenda, provided by APS, has been distributed to your child. This agenda is a valuable tool for success in our Middle School Transformation Program. Your

child will be required to bring this with him/her to every class, one every day of school. This agenda will serve many purposes as the school year goes by. In addition to recording assignments and being a daily planner that will help to build organizational skills, it will serve as an effective communication link between you, your child, and the school.

You, as the most important advocate for your child's future, are being asked to read this agenda and sign it every night as you monitor your child's assignments and activities. Teachers will also check it regularly and let you know of your child's progress. Our goals are to increase student achievement, create a supportive organizational structure, and strengthen relationships among the teachers, parents and students of the Sutton community. Thank you, the SMS Faculty

Warrior Window

Come support the North Atlanta Warrior football team at 7:30 pm this Friday, 9/23, at St. Pius.

The first Prospective Parent tour is next Thursday, 9/29 from 9am-11am. Please make a reservation by calling Kelley Day at 404/802-4744.

Prospective parents are invited to attend "An Evening with Mark MyGrant," principal of North Atlanta, on Tuesday, 10/4 at 7:00 pm at the home of Phyllis & Jeff Smith - 4179 Randall Court NW. Administrators, teachers, and parents will be attending and will provide insight and answers to your questions concerning high school. Please mark this date on your calendar to enjoy a lovely buffet at this informative and valuable evening.

Sutton families are invited to a Tailgate party on Friday, 10/28 in the NAHS parking lot, where a complimentary BBQ dinner will be served, and you will have the opportunity to mingle with other Sutton and North Atlanta families. It's especially fun for rising 9th graders to socialize with other prospective North Atlanta students and to get a look around the North Atlanta campus! Everyone is also invited to caravan together to cheer on the Warriors after the tailgate party.

Congratulations to former Sutton students, NAHS sophomore Bailey Palmer and junior Adelaide Henderson, both of whom were chosen to participate in highly selective study abroad programs this year. Bailey is one of 50 students from the U.S. chosen to participate in the Kennedy-Lugar Youth

Exchange and Study Abroad program administered by the U.S. State Department. She is living with a host family in Muscat, Oman and attending on full scholarship the Azzan Bin Qais International School for her sophomore year.

Adelaide was also chosen to participate in the Congress Bundestag program and was given a full academic scholarship to spend her junior year studying in Lohne, Germany. As a "Youth Ambassador" Addie spent her first month in a German culture and language immersion program, before joining her host family. Now, she is in a complete German immersion program and attending a local German high school.

Both Bailey and Adelaide interviewed extensively and were chosen out of hundreds of students from around the country.

Calendar

September

22	Soccer - Sutton vs Paidiea (B) Home 5:00
22	8th Grade Orchestra Fall Concert – NAHS 7:00
23	Homecoming Dance (6th grade– 4 -5:30pm; 7th/8th grades 4 – 6pm)
24	Football –HOMECOMING Sutton vs Young Middle School 10:00 am SMS
26	Soccer - Sutton vs Killian Hills Away 5:00
27	Softball – Sutton vs Young Southside
28	NAPPS meeting 12:00 – Garden Hills
29	Ultimate Frisbee vs Henderson 4:30 Home
30	Soccer - Sutton vs AIS Home 4:45

October

1	Football –Sutton vs Inman Middle School 10:00 am NAHS
4	North Atlanta Prospective Parent Party 6:30 – 8:30pm @ The Smiths
4	Ultimate Frisbee vs Galloway 4:30 Home
5	Walk to School Day
6	Soccer - Sutton vs Inman Home 5:00
8	Football –TBA playoff
10-11	No School –Fall Break

11/13 Softball – Sutton playoff game
13 *Menchie's Spirit Night 3:30 - 8*
14 – 21 Book Fair
22 Fall Frolic
