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Parents, Did You Get The Scoop?

Our fall issue went home in book bags last week. Please look for our latest color issue highlighting fall events. Once you've enjoyed your copy, please don't toss! Pass on to a neighbor, leave on the magazine table at the dentist's office...help spread the word throughout our community that **Sutton Means Success!**

Click [here](#) to view the new fall issue online.

Bleacher Nameplate Opportunity: Show Your Sutton Spirit!

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

Calendar

November

8 No School

9 Basketball –Sutton vs Bunche Middle School 5:00 pm AWAY

10 JA Day at SMS

10 Menchie's Spirit Night 3:30 - 8

11 PTA COFFEE TALK 9:00 am

11 Silent Dismissal

12 Basketball –Sutton vs Harper Archer 10:00 am SUTTON

15 Picture Re-take Day

17 Sutton Night Live 7 pm

18 All Pro Dads

18 Pep Rally

19 Basketball –Sutton vs Brown 10am AWAY

21-25 No School – Thanksgiving Holidays

30 NAPPS meeting 12:00 - Bolton

December

1 Fall Sports Banquet (Save the date, sports families!)

Sigma Math Results

Winners of First Sigma Contest October 25th:

6th Grade

Tied for 1st place

Will Balish

Roy Dixon III

Mitchell Hebner

Richard Hill

Ian Jezak

Alex Naphin

Warren Schatten

Tied for 2nd place

Alex Carver
Henson Hugh

7th Grade

Tied for 1st place

Emma Kurtz
Zeke Day

Tied for 2nd place

Lucas Livaditis
Wilson White
Bonnie Shea
Amanda Stevens
Grace Hederick
Kendall Kirkman

8th Grade

Tied for 1st place with perfect scores

Taylor Anne Hill
Peter Ellis

Tied for 2nd place

Bethany Bell
Vajrang Kamat
Dianan Sweeney
Jack Tribou
Amber Christman

~Stephanie Daniels, Sutton Math Dept. Chair

Need Some Comedic Relief?

Sutton Night Live is November 17!

Purchase tickets in Ms. Goldstein's room this week: \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids

Entertaining student acts, concessions, audience improv games and some GREAT door prizes will all be part of the evening's fun.

P.S. Some teachers will be our special musical guests!

Media Center

Thanks to all the students, teachers and parents who shopped at the Scholastic Book Fair and the MANY parents who staffed the fair. Who won the contest between the boys and the girls to determine who could donate the most to the One For Books campaign? For the 3rd year in a row, the girls beat the boys. BUT, thanks to everyone's generosity, Scholastic and Sutton will donate more than 100 books to children in need. Look for new equipment and technology in our Media Center purchased with the proceeds of the Scholastic Book Fair. Hope you found your new favorite book! ~Aimee FitzGibbons

Lost and Found

Lost and found will be cleaned out the end of November.

if your child is missing an article of clothing, lunch box or agenda, please check the lost and found found on the first floor near the Cafeteria.

Items not picked up by the the Thanksgiving break will be cleared out.

**Save the Date - Coffee Talk
Friday, November 11 at 9 am**

Our next speaker, Sue Cleere, is the owner of She's Wired, which specializes in instructing parents on monitoring children's online activities. Sue frequently speaks with groups about Facebook privacy controls and works directly with parents to understand social networking sites and computer parental controls. She's Wired, is an Atlanta-based technology company that focuses on computer and device instruction as well as small business website consulting.

If you have any specific questions, you can submit these ahead of time to Margaret Long at long9548@bellsouth.net.

Volunteers Needed for Health Screening

Nurse Agonafer needs parent volunteers to help her with the annual state-mandated scoliosis screening for our 6th and 7th graders.

Parent volunteers will help coordinate getting students to and from classes.

She will start the screening on Tuesday, November 1 and continue through November until all the students with consent forms have been tested. ((9-11am, Tuesday-Friday)

If you can volunteer, please contact Nurse Agonafer at vagonafer@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Time to Order Yearbooks!

Parents, don't wait, go online today and check this off the list. Click [here](#) to order. Soft covers are \$33 and hardcovers are \$40. Get in touch with Mr. Randolph if you have any questions.

jrandolph@atlanta.k12.ga.us Thanks!

Special Section: Academic Competitions Interest Meetings

(parents &/or students) for

- 1. Debate Team Interest Meeting (Grades 6-8) Thursday, November 3, 4-4:45, Mr. Jones' Room 322 – see debate below**
- 2. MATHCOUNTS Club Interest Meeting (Grades 6-8) Monday, November 7, 4-4:45, Mrs. Daniels' Room 269 – see mathcounts below**

For both meetings, pick-up 4:45 in front of school. Transportation required.

Debate Team Info

Atlanta Urban Debate League

Tournament 2011-2012 Schedule

November 12 Tri-Cities High School*

December 3 McEachern High School

January 21 South Cobb High School

February 11 Tri-Cities High School

March 3 State Championships, Tri-Cities

(Co-hosted by Pace Academy)

March 17 City Championships and End-of-Year Celebration Emory University

***Sutton team members will attend November 12 meeting to observe and begin competing in December. Hours: Approximately 8a.m -5p.m. with two debates before lunch and two after. A basic lunch is provided.**

Note: All tournaments will include a judge training session

SMS Coach: Mr. Kenneth Jones - kljones@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Parent Liaison: Ms. Serene Burke - sereneqb@gmail.com, 678-481-1536

Community Mentor: Mr. Julian Thome - JTHOME@amfam.com

Websites: www.atlantadebate.com, www.emory.edu/BF, YouTube Voices of Reason: 25 Years of Urban Debate in Atlanta

Our team, comprised of sixth, seventh and eighth graders will compete with more than 25 Atlanta private, suburban, urban and public middle schools, such as Westminster, Pace, Martin Luther King, Coretta Scott King, Inman, Woodward, Bunche, Calhoun, Harper Archer, High Meadows, etc.

Sutton's teams will be divided according to AUDL distinctions of returning and new members for Novice, Junior Varsity and Varsity categories. No experience is required for membership, and each member is not required to attend every event. Returning or experienced members will be placed accordingly. Meetings will be held once or twice weekly, generally after school and/or weekends. Students must have transportation to/from practices and events. Buses will be utilized for certain competitions, and students must have transportation to/from Sutton. The membership fee is \$10.

Parent/guardian participation is encouraged but not required except regarding transportation. Each event will require at least one volunteer judge per team (2-3). Training is provided on site or by attending a program at Georgia State University (no charge).

A Note to Sutton from Atlanta Debate Program Director:

“Sutton Middle School is a perfect school for debate as your students will have an opportunity to compete with students from other peer institutions. Considering Sutton did very well last year, there is much to build upon and be excited about this year. The Atlanta Urban Debate League is one of, if not, the premier youth development program in the metro-Atlanta area. One would be hard pressed to find another program providing the academic and social benefits to students on a sustained basis throughout the year. The skill sets that students garner from debate yield benefits not just in the classroom but in every facet of their lives. The question going forth in the 21st century is not access to information, but how to process information. Debate uniquely position students to do just that! The Atlanta Urban Debate League seeks to create a cradle to college pipeline so students can be part of a nurturing and rigorous academic environment from middle school, high school and beyond. We look forward to Sutton being a vibrant part of this experience again.”

-James Roland, Program Director, National Debate Project; Director of Community Outreach, Barkley Forum @ Emory University; Director, Atlanta Debate Center; www.emory.edu/BF

MATHCOUNTS CLUB INFO

The **MATHCOUNTS Club** Program is new to Sutton! Open to all students' grades 6-8, it is a math enrichment initiative for grades providing the structure and activities designed to increase enthusiasm for math and to engage students using a variety of math activities. No math skill level is required to join – it is a FUN club open to all.

REEL MATH: TECHNOLOGY & CREATIVITY: Sponsored in part by the Department of Defense, the **Reel Math Challenge** is an innovative program involving teams of students using cutting-edge technology to create videos about math problems and their associated concepts. This new competition is meant to excite students about math while allowing them to hone their creativity and communication skills.

Students will form teams consisting of four students and will create a video based on one of the 300 problems included in this handbook. In addition, students will be able to form teams with peers from around the country.

For more details, visit www.reelmath.org.

MATHCOUNTS CONTEST & PRIZES:

- 1. Bronze level** – All schools that enroll a club

–School receives free Club-in-a-Box Resource Kit

2. Silver level – Clubs that have at least 12*

students take part in 5 Silver Level

Challenges during the year

–Student receives certificate

–School receives trophy

–Club entered into drawing for \$250 gift cards

3. Gold level – Clubs that have at least 12*

students pass the Ultimate Challenge

–All of silver level prizes, plus banner for the school

–Entry into drawing for \$500 gift cards and grand

prize of all-expenses paid trip for teacher and 4

students to MATHCOUNTS National Competition

The **MATHCOUNTS Club** meetings will be held once weekly in Mrs. Daniels' room 269, most likely after school. Best dates will be determined during the interest meeting. Membership fee: \$10. Parent volunteers are needed, especially a few proficient in math.

Thank you to Mrs. Stephanie Daniels, sdaniels@atlanta.k12.ga.us, for her time to develop this new program devoted to the enrichment all students and an easy way to learn that math is fun! See www.mathcounts.org

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Andrea Burroughs, 404.663.5755 a-burroughs@comcast.net

Sutton Academic Committee co-chairs

Worker Bees Needed for Spelling Bee

The Academic Committee needs parent volunteers to help with the annual Sutton Spelling Bee. If you enjoy working with some of Sutton's brightest students, this may be the opportunity for you! In particular, we need volunteers to corral the contestants, copy study guides and help with the Big Bee Event. During the week of November 7th, Language Arts Teacher Ms. Terhune will hold grade level Spelling Bees in her classroom and will need assistants to organize the students. If you are interested in playing an active role with students in the Spelling Bee and are available for a few hours during the school day on November 7th , 9th , or 11th , please contact Gillian Taylor at gptaylor1@gmail.com.

Last Chance to See "Fame" at NAHS Nov 1 and Nov 2, 7pm!

\$10 adults, \$7 students.

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