## **Sutton Middle School Clubs for Fall 2025**

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Club Name and Description: Digital Media Club
☐ The Sutton Digital Media Club produces a digital school newspaper. Students learn skills such as interviewing, digital art, and photography, while also publishing information about all things Sutton to our website and social media page.
Sponsor Name and Email:
☐ Sara McCracken <u>sara.mccracken@apsk12.org</u>
Meeting Information: Powers Ferry Location (Room 118)
**First Meeting**
☐ Wednesday, August 27th @ 4:45PM
Remind: @4917ab
Club Name and Description: Drama Club
☐ Drama Club is a space for students to explore theatre in all forms, including but not limited to

improvisation, technical theatre, character development, scene studies, audition preparations, and more.

creativity and imagination. **Sponsor Name and Email:** Anna King (McCarthy) <u>anna.mccarthy@apsk12.org</u> ☐ Lauren Revard Goins (parent volunteer) lrargoins@gmail.com **Meeting Information:** Powers Ferry (Room 165) \*\*First Meeting\*\* ☐ September 3rd @ 7:30AM Remind: @7k3fbc Club Name and Description: Bulls & Bears ☐ Students will learn the fundamentals of investing in the stock market through a board game. Students will also participate in a stock market competition administered by Georgia State University **Sponsor Name and Email:** ☐ Tasha Rainey <u>tasha.rainey@atlanta.k12.ga.us</u> **Meeting Information:** Powers Ferry (Room 122) \*\*First Meeting\*\* ☐ September 10th @ 4:45 - 6:00PM Remind: https://www.remind.com/join/bullsbea Club Name and Description: Jr. Beta Club The Junior Beta Club is a national organization that promotes academic achievement, leadership, character, and service among middle school students. It encourages members to excel in school, develop strong moral values, and actively participate in community service projects. Through various activities and competitions, the club fosters teamwork, responsibility, and personal growth, helping students build skills for future success. It emphasizes integrity, respect, and citizenship, creating a positive environment where young learners can thrive socially and academically. **Sponsor Name and Email:** ☐ Matthew Bryant matthew.bryant@atlanta.k12.ga.us Robert Bailey Robert. EBailey@atlanta.k12.ga.us **Meeting Information:** Northside Campus (Community Hall) \*\*First Meeting\*\* ☐ September 9th @ 4:30PM

Involvement in a Drama Club can lead to higher self confidence and public speaking skills and enhances

Remind:	
☐ Send Text to: 81010 ☐ Text this message: @3kak9c8	
Club Name and Description: Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl	
☐ The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is a state wide competition in which teams read ten books and answer questions about the books using a buzzer system. Details on the format of the competition can be viewed at https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/hrrb/format-rules/. Anyone can join the team and participate, but only ten team members will be able to compete during competitions. In the second semester, we will begin meeting more often and having mock competitions. Please keep in mind that signing up and joining the club does not mean that you will be able to participate in the competition portion of the club.	
Sponsor Name and Email:	
☐ Melanie Burdis <u>Mxburdis@apsk12.org</u>	
☐ Darcel Hogans <u>Darcel.Hogans@apsk12.org</u>	
Meeting Information: Powers Ferry Media Center	
**First Meeting**	
☐ August 20th	
Remind: @hrrbsms	
Club Name and Description: SMS Math Club	
SMS Math club is a group that provides a fun and engaging environment for students to explore mathematics beyond the typical classroom setting. It offers opportunities to develop mathematical skills, participate in competitions, and discover real-world applications of math. Our goal is to foster a positive attitude towards Mathematics	
Sponsor Name and Email:	
☐ Kelli Jones <u>kellijones@atlanta.k12.ga.us</u>	
Meeting Information: Powers Ferry (Room 140)	
**FRIDAYS @ 7:45	
Remind: d7cgc2g	
Club Name and Description: Dungeons and Dragons	
Students will have an opportunity to learn how to play dungeons and dragons with their friends. If you are interested in role-playing adventures this is the club for you. If you have never played before, come check out what it's all about. Mr. Sedita will make sure that you have dice and will help you roll a	

**Sponsor Name and Email:** ☐ Alex Sedita <u>alexander.sedita@apsk12.org</u> **Meeting Information:** Northside Campus (Room 323) \*\*First Meeting\*\* ☐ September 8th @ 8AM (Meet at the front entrance) Remind: bffk29 **Club Name and Description: SMS Debate Team** Last year, the Sutton Middle School Debate Team was undefeated and awarded the 1st Place Sweepstakes Award as well as a top Community award in addition to numerous individual and partner awards. The Debate Team is an academic club where students learn the art of debate and compete in tournaments in an organized fashion. Emory's Atlanta Urban Debate League determines the topic each year and provides the participants with a packet of evidence. This evidence is what is used to argue during debate tournaments. Students work with the same topic all year and compete one Saturday each month (schedule forthcoming). This club is open to all 6-8th graders. No prior experience necessary. Debate is an activity that involves teamwork and flexibility. Students work in pairs, and while it is nice to always have the same partner, there may be times when a switch is needed. Parent participation is also a MUST in this club. Parents are asked to be volunteer judges at as many of the Saturday competitions as possible, but a minimum of once every two competitions the student participates in (exceptions can be made, but without parent volunteers, we cannot compete. Sponsor Name and Email: Melanie Burdis Mxburdis@apsk12.org **Meeting Information:** Powers Ferry (Theater Building) \*\*First Meeting\*\* ☐ August 19th Remind: @smsrules Club Name and Description: Origami Club Origami is the Japanese art of folding a simple piece of paper into an animal, plant, or an infinite number of other interesting shapes. You will develop eye-hand coordination, geometry skills, and friendships when you spend Tuesday afternoons folding paper with us. All materials are provided. **Sponsor Name and Email:** ☐ Hikaru Sahara <u>hikaru.sahara@apsk12.org</u>

**Meeting Information:** Powers Ferry (Room 131)

character and learn the basics of Dungeons and Dragons. Looking forward to see you there!

**First Meeting**
☐ Tuesday, September 2nd @ 4:30PM
Remind: @68aa6a6
Club Name and Description: E-Sports
Sponsor Name and Email:
☐ Alex Sedita <u>alexander.sedita@apsk12.org</u>
Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Room 323)
**First Meeting**  □ September 3rd @ 4:30PM
Remind: esportssut
Club Name and Description: SMS Handbells Club
☐ The SMS Handbells Club offers students a unique and rewarding opportunity to explore the art of handbell ringing. Members will learn proper ringing techniques, music reading skills, and ensemble performances practices while working together to create beautiful, coordinated music. The club will perform a variety of repertoire, ranging from traditional hymns to contemporary arrangements, and will showcase their work at school events, community performances, and special programs. Participation in the Handbells Club encourages teamwork, discipline, listening skills, and creativity. No prior musical experience is required, just a willingness to learn, cooperate, and contribute to the group's success. Through dedication and collaboration, students will experience the joy of making music together and representing Sutton Middle School with pride.
Sponsor Name and Email:
☐ Denise Huewitt <u>dhuewitt@apsk12.org</u>
Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Orchestra Room 139)
**First Meeting**  August 18th @ 4:30

Club Name and Description: Chess

☐ The Chess Club at Sutton Middle School is led by Mr. Studen, a highly accomplished coach with an impressive background in competitive chess. Mr. Studen is a National Chess Master and a two-time Georgia Chess Champion (2009 and 2013). Under his guidance, students will learn strategies that build critical thinking, problem-solving, and concentration while developing their skills in one of the world's most respected games. Whether your child is a beginner or an experienced player, Chess Club offers a supportive environment to learn, compete, and grow.
Sponsor Name and Email:
☐ Mr. Damir Studen <u>damirstuden@gmail.com</u>
Meeting Information: FRIDAY 4:30 - 5:30PM
Club Name and Description: SMS Academic Bowl  ☐ Students interested in joining the Sutton Middle School Academic Bowl for the 2025–2026 school year should be curious, motivated learners who enjoy challenging themselves with trivia, problem-solving, and teamwork. The Academic Bowl is a great opportunity for students who love exploring a wide range of subjects—including math, science, history, literature, and current events—while building quick-thinking skills and collaborating with peers in a competitive yet supportive environment.
Sponsor Name and Email:
☐ Kaitlin Tossing
kaitlin.tossing@apsk12.org
Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Rm. 326) **Wednesdays @ 4:15- 5:00