

Sutton Middle School Clubs for Fall 2025

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Club Name and Description: International Club

- ☐ The Sutton International Club is designed to celebrate the rich cultural diversity in our school and community. We also aim to be leaders at our school that work to fulfill the IB's mission of "developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through education that builds intercultural understanding and respect."

Sponsor Name and Email:

- ☐ Brett Flater/Iris Medina
- ☐ brett.flater@apsk12.org
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Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Rm. 183)

****First Meeting****

- ☐ **September 10th @ 7:45AM**

Remind: @smsintl

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 sara.mccracken@apsk12.org

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

Sponsor Name and Email:

- ☐ Anna King (McCarthy) anna.mccarthy@apsk12.org
- ☐ 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 tasha.rainey@atlanta.k12.ga.us

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: Girls Who Grow

- ☐ Girls Who Grow is a year-round mentoring club designed to help middle school girls develop the confidence, skills, and vision they need to thrive. Through weekly gatherings, students connect, explore new ideas, and take part in hands-on projects that stretch their creativity and leadership. Our sessions combine open conversation, skill workshops, community service, and goal-setting activities, creating a safe and inclusive space where every member feels valued. We focus on growth in every sense — personal, academic, and social.

Sponsor Name and Email: Sasha Riggins sasha.riggins@apsk12.org

Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Room 363)

****First Meeting****

- ☐ **September 9th @ 8:00AM**
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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**

Remind:

- ☐ **Send Text to: 81010**
☐ **Text this message: @3kak9c8**
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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 Mxburdis@apsk12.org
☐ Darcel Hogans Darcel.Hogans@apsk12.org

Meeting Information: Powers Ferry Media Center

****First Meeting****

- ☐ August 20th

Remind: @hrrbsms

Club Name and Description: Eco Club

- ☐ Club that will develop a recycling culture along with promoting sustainability and an environmentally-conscious student body at Sutton.

Sponsor Name and Email:

- ☐ Amanda Brodtman amanda.brodtman@apsk12.org
☐ Luis Dunn luis.dunn@apsk12.org

Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Room 265)

****First Meeting****

- ☐ September 3rd @ 4:45PM

Remind:

Google Classroom:

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 kellijones@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Meeting Information: Powers Ferry (Room 140)

****First Meeting****

- ☐ September 12th @ 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 character and learn the basics of Dungeons and Dragons. Looking forward to see you there!

Sponsor Name and Email:

- ☐ Alex Sedita alexander.sedita@apsk12.org

Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Room 323)

****First Meeting****

- ☐ September 8th @ 8AM (Meet at the front entrance)

Remind: bffk29

Club Name and Description: SMS Step Team

- ☐ Being on a step team means being part of a group that uses rhythm, movement, claps, stomps, and chants to create powerful, synchronized performances. It's more than just dance—it's about teamwork, discipline, and expression. Every member must listen, watch, and move in perfect unison, often telling a story or showing school or community pride. Practices are intense, requiring precision, endurance, and creativity. Step teams often build a sense of family, where members encourage and push each other to improve. It's a blend of art, athleticism, and unity that turns movement and sound into something bold and unforgettable.

Sponsor Name and Email:

- ☐ Nakia Washington nakia.washington@apsk12.org
☐ Lynae McMurray lynae.mcmurray@apsk12.org

Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Room 263 & Theater)

****First Meeting****

- ☐ **2nd Semester Club ONLY**
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Club Name and Description: Shotokan Karate Club

- ☐ Shotokan Karate - Traditional instruction of basic techniques, kata performance, self-defense applications and controlled sparring

Sponsor Name and Email:

- ☐ Darryl Adams dadadams@aps12.org

Meeting Information:

Northside Campus (Small Gym)

Small Gym is located at the top of the stairs next to the cafeteria.

****First Meeting****

- ☐ **September 2nd @ 4:45PM - 5:45PM**

Remind: 7170

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: Alma Latina Hispanic Club (Latin Soul)

- ☐ Alma Latina Club aims to create a supportive and inclusive safe space where students can embrace their unique identity, excel academically, emotionally, and socially, and make meaningful contributions to society.

Sponsor Name and Email:

- ☐ Sugel Cruz Sugel.cruz@atlanta.k12.ga.us
☐ Juan Alonso Juan.Alonso@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Meeting Information: Powers Ferry (Room #207)

****First Meeting****

- ☐ **September 11th @ 7:45aM**

Remind: @7hhka6a

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 hikaru.sahara@apsk12.org

Meeting Information: Powers Ferry (Room 131)

****First Meeting****

- ☐ Tuesday, September 2nd @ 4:30PM

Remind: @68aa6a6

Club Name and Description: E-Sports

Sponsor Name and Email:

- ☐ Alex Sedita alexander.sedita@apsk12.org

Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Room 323)

****First Meeting****

- ☐ September 3rd @ 4:30PM

Remind: esportssut

Club Name and Description: National STEM Honor Society

- ☐ We are proud to offer students the opportunity to join the National STEM Honor Society (NSTEM)—a prestigious national organization that recognizes excellence in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Through membership in NSTEM, students are not only celebrated for their academic achievement and passion for STEM, but they also gain access to enriching opportunities that promote leadership, innovation, and community impact.

Sponsor Name and Email:

- ☐ Cisely Marshall cisely.marshall@apsk12.org

Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Room 434)

****First Meeting****

- ☐ 09/03/2025; 4:30-6:00 pm

Remind: @9fee6bk

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 dhuewitt@apsk12.org

Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Orchestra Room 139)****First Meeting****

- ☐ **August 18th @ 4:30**

Club Name and Description: Journalism Club

- ☐ Joining the Journalism Club in middle school is an exciting opportunity for students who are curious, creative, and eager to share stories. As a member, students learn how to write articles, conduct interviews, and report on school events and student life. They also explore photography, design, and even digital media to bring their stories to life. The club helps students strengthen their writing, teamwork, and communication skills while giving them a platform to express their voices. Being part of the Journalism Club means playing an important role in keeping classmates, teachers, and the school community informed and connected.

Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Room 319)**Sponsor Name and Email:**

- ☐ Dr. Taiwana Walker Taiwana.Walker@atlanta.k12.ga.us

****First Meeting****

- ☐ **September 10th @ 4:30 - 5:30**

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 damirstuden@gmail.com

Meeting Information: Classes begin this FRIDAY (September 5th) from 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:

- ☐ Kaitin Tossing
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Meeting Information: Northside Campus (Rm. 326)****First Meeting****

- ☐ **September 10th @ 4:15- 5:00**