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December 1, 2011

## Sutter Middle School December Newsletter

This month's announcements...



### Information from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we are already in December. December is one of the shortest school months of the school year. Winter break begins Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. I'm asking all of you to have a conversation with your student about the importance of not mentally starting their winter break early. With continued focus, our students can maintain their academic goals and at the same time enjoy the activities we have planned. Please refer to the activity calendar for upcoming activities and events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Sutter community for their efforts during this year's Jog-A-Thon. The students did an amazing job running their hearts out during the two day event. Students who turned in \$200 or more will be invited to attend a pizza party and prize raffle on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> during 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> period. It is truly a team effort that makes Sutter Middle School, "The Pride of the City".

This year, local comprehensive high schools will be hosting "High School Visitation Nights". Each comprehensive high school will host their own night, and the small high schools will host a "Small School Visitation Night" at the Serna Center. The dates for these events are posted on the district's website, our website, as well as Sutter's PTSO website which contains valuable information regarding upcoming events ([www.sutterptso.com](http://www.sutterptso.com)). We have also sent home flyers with your student with this information.

Sutter will be hosting a High School Information Night on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. High schools from across the school district will be on hand to share valuable information with parents and students. Sutter will also be hosting a PTSO sponsored Non-District High School Information Night on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. These two events will be held in our cafeteria/multi-purpose room.

In addition to hosting "high school nights," we are scheduling our own visits for current sixth graders who are considering attending Sutter Middle School via the Open Enrollment process. We have scheduled eight visitation days in December, the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Visitation times will begin at 8:45 am. Please contact our Office Manager, Ms. Braunwyn, at 264-4150 extension 1010 to schedule a visit.

Please enjoy your winter break.

Sincerely,

*David Rodriguez*

### Yearlong Calendar Highlights

Dec. 5-9	Toy/Canned Food Drive
Dec. 15	Winter Ball Semi-Formal Dance 6-8pm
Dec. 23	Sports Rally
Dec. 24- Jan. 8	Winter Holidays
Jan. 16	M.L.King Jr. Day
Jan. 27	End of 1st Sem. 1/2 Day
Feb. 13	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 20	Washington's Birthday
Mar. 19	Spring Pictures
Mar. 31- Apr. 8	Spring Holiday Open House 6:30- 8:00pm
April 11	8th grade promotion pictures
April 13	End of Quarter 3
May 28	Memorial Day
June 13	Last Day of School



## SCUSD

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"Pride of the City"

### VISITOR PASS

Parents, when visiting the school please come up to the Main Office and check-in. You will need to sign-in and get a Visitor's Pass.

Thank you!

**LOST & FOUND** - Please remember to check the Lost & Found in the main office. There are plenty of jackets, sweatshirts, tennis shoes, lunch boxes, house keys, cell phones and other lost articles. If these are yours, please come to the office. The volume of clothing is too great for us to continue to keep. Please claim before Winter Break.

### HELP NEEDED FOR E-WASTE FUNDRAISER ON JANUARY 28, 2012

Adult helpers will be needed from 8:30AM – 1:00PM on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, please contact Mrs. Grady in the main office so that we can be reassured of securing enough help. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated. Gloves and closed-toed shoes are required. Our Leadership class will provide us with enough student helpers for the entire day. See the flier in this newsletter for items that may be donated. For your convenience, donated items may be brought in during the week. Contact family, friends and business associates who would also be interested in donating E-WASTE items. Make arrangements for early drop-off with Mrs. Grady at 264-4150 ext. 1000 or by email at [pamgr@scusd.edu](mailto:pamgr@scusd.edu)



### ATTENDANCE ISSUES

When your child is sick or going to absent, please call the Attendance Office at 916-264-4362 anytime day or night, or you can send a note with your student when he/she returns to school. When your child returns to school, they should report to the Attendance Office for a re-admit slip. If you need to have your child dismissed early, you may send a note with your child before school that day or call/email the Attendance Office at least 30 minutes before the dismissal. [Carolyn-Thomas@scusd.edu](mailto:Carolyn-Thomas@scusd.edu)



**SUTTER'S HOLIDAY CANNED FOOD AND TOY DRIVE** – This year Sutter's Leadership class and MESA are teaming up to give to those in need during the holiday season. We are combining our annual, school-wide canned food drive and toy drive into one event. This will take place from December 5<sup>th</sup> through December 9<sup>th</sup>. Students will be out in front of campus each day before school collecting your donations. You may bring cans and other non-perishable food items and/or a new, unwrapped toy to drop in our boxes. Canned and non-perishable food items will be donated to the Sacramento Food Bank and all toys will be donated to local Sacramento charities.

Thank you in advance for your support and Happy Holidays!



## Announcements cont....

### USED

#### PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Sutter is collecting empty inkjet and laser cartridges for recycling. This is an excellent fundraising program for the school since it has zero selling and cost to anyone.

We encourage parents, students and teachers to participate by collecting them from home and work. Turn them in to the office.



### WINTER CONCERT

It's winter time, and you need a family event that will put your family in the mood for the winter holidays. You're probably wondering, "How can I get some winter excitement in my life?". You are in luck because Sutter has an answer for you! Come out and open your ears to the orchestra and band winter concerts. Our orchestras perform on December 13th, at 7pm in the multipurpose room and our bands perform on December 14th, at 7pm in the multipurpose room. For any more questions please check out [www.MinerMusic.org](http://www.MinerMusic.org) or email Mr. Stroh at, [Bryan-Stroh@sac-city.k12.ca.us](mailto:Bryan-Stroh@sac-city.k12.ca.us).



**WINTER ARTS/CRAFTS FAIR FUNDRAISER!!!** Come one and all to Sutter's wonderful Winter Arts and Crafts Fair Fundraiser, Wednesday, December 14th, from 4-6:30pm in Room 104 (just prior to Sutter's fabulous Winter Orchestra Concert across the quad. Admission to the fair is free, and thousands of beautiful handmade arts and crafts are going to be sold at a steal (cash purchases only, please)! Proceeds from the sale will be going to fund a number of

Sutter student field trip scholarships and, by student vote, the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA)! In addition to raising funds, we will be collecting books and blankets for the SSPCA bring a bag of gently used books or a blanket or two and get entered into our holiday raffle! Support these great causes and get your holiday spirit on!

### RT BUS STICKERS

The **December** bus stickers are available in the office. The cost is \$35 for the month or \$17.50 for a half month. **RT requests CASH ONLY.** Students can purchase the bus stickers during lunch and after school until 3 pm.

Students who need a Photo ID can go to 1225 R Street (light rail station) Monday - Friday 9am-5pm Photo ID cards are \$3.00 cash only. The card is valid for 3 years. Students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or must show proof of enrollment at Sutter.



## PTSO NEWS

### SHOP AND FUNDRAISE FOR SUTTER!!

Is your holiday shopping helping Sutter Middle School? Community shopping programs make it easy to bring money right back to the school without any extra work. Can you imagine if every family at Sutter had their Target Red Card linked to Sutter? We would have a fabulous fundraising program with money you already spent.

Here are some easy ways to bring money back to Sutter:

**Target Red Card:** Target will donate 1% of all purchases to Sutter! All you have to do is link your card: Go to [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) and enter Sutter Middle School (in Sacramento, CA), and you will be set up to fundraise while you shop.

**Save Mart (S.H.A.R.E.S. card):** This one's already programmed. ... Just grab one in the school office and start shopping and fundraising!

**Raley's/Bel Air "Quality of Life" cards:** Grab one in the school office or at checkout. Register at [www.raleys.com](http://www.raleys.com)

**Safeway:** Get a card in the school office or at checkout. Register at [www.escript.com](http://www.escript.com)

**Nugget:** Get one in the office or at checkout. Register at [www.script.nuggetmarket.com](http://www.script.nuggetmarket.com)

**Office Depot:** No registration and no card required! Just ask the checkout clerk to credit Sutter Middle School (in Sacramento) and they will give us 5% back! EASY FUNDRAISING!

(Thanks to Michele Arnott for coordinating our community fundraising programs!)

**Company Matching Programs:** Do you work for PG & E or have an employer that offers a corporate giving program? We currently have five parents signed up for a community fundraising program through PG & E. Sutter receives a donation check yearly, thanks to these parents. If you are a PG & E employee, won't you join? If not PG & E, then take a moment to see if YOUR employer has a corporate giving program. Many companies have programs including direct giving and matching gifts. With the severe budget cuts schools are going through, we need all the financial assistance we can get. With your help, this money can go straight to Sutter and into your child's classrooms!

### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS @ SUTTER

Dec 7th- 6-8 PM. In-District High School Information Night. SCUSD schools will be present to offer overviews of their schools and answer questions. The following schools will be attending:

C K McClatchy (HISP/AFJROTC) - West Campus - John F Kennedy (PACE/Criminal Justice) - The MET (Charter) -Sacramento New Tech (Charter) - Washington Carver (Charter) - Arthur Benjamin: Health Professions – Burbank (IB) - Hiram Johnson - Rosemont - School of Engineering and Sciences (7-12) - Sacramento Charter High

Dec 8th- 6-8 PM. PTSO-sponsored NON-District High School Information Night. PTSO is sponsoring this information night for all 7th and 8th grade students and families. Come learn about the exciting choices available to you from private schools, out-of-district schools and specialized programs including: Mira Loma, Rio Americano, Jesuit, Christian Brothers, St. Francis, Cristo Rey, and Country Day. Thank you to Sutter parent, Susie Jones, for organizing this informative night for our Sutter Families.

## PTSO NEWS CONT...

### RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to everyone who visited Chargins Bar and Grill over the holiday break. They donated a percentage of money back to Sutter! And thanks to Shannon Martin for organizing. Next up: Suzie Burger on December 15th; B.J.'s and Paragary's dates coming soon!

### PTSO MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all of our members. Your donations help keep Sutter strong. Every dollar you give to the PTSO goes straight back to programs that help your kids. Our membership-drive drawing was held at our November meeting, and the winners are :

- First prize/\$75 gift card to Selland's Market-Café: **Kylea Ala'chappell**
- Second prize/Party at College Greens Cabana Club: **Jonathon Kao Saechao**
- Third prize/Groceries from Trader Joe's: **Derek Van Zanten**

**It's never too late to join. Click on the membership link on our website ([sutterptso.com](http://sutterptso.com)).**

I personally want to thank all the families (students, parents and teachers) who have jumped into the "Save Sutter" cause. We all know this is an incredible school, and I am proud to serve as your PTSO President. The proposed changes to move Sutter and make this location a high school were real and unfortunately have not been taken off the table yet. But together we have done a great job of letting the District, the School Board and the community know that Sutter must remain here. There is a 50-year legacy of Sutter thriving at this very location. The Sutter Miner's Alumni are strong and proud. Your letters, phone calls and attendance at community meetings have shown Sacramento that dismantling Sutter cannot happen. Thank you for rising to the cause. We will continue to keep you informed of proposals and votes before the School Board. Together we are strong voice for Sutter. Go Miners!

Kellie Randle

[President@sutterptso.com](mailto:President@sutterptso.com)

Make sure to visit our website ([sutterptso.com](http://sutterptso.com)), and sign up for our email announcements (PTSO Newsflash!) for all the latest PTSO news and Sutter happenings.

And follow us at on Facebook (Sutter Miners Middle School) and Twitter (Sutter Miners).



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

# Sutter Goes Green

**Help Sutter and Save the Environment**

## **E-Waste Collection Fundraiser**

sponsored by CEAR, INC.

California Electronic Asset Recovery, Inc.

A state approved electronic waste collector and recycler



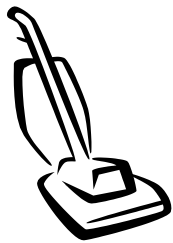
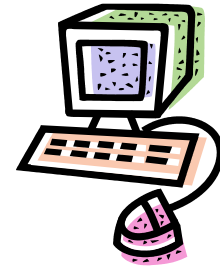
### **Sutter Middle School**

3150 I Street

Proceeds benefit

Sutter's

Technology & Scholarship Programs



Saturday, January 28, 2012

9 AM—1 PM

(School's parking lot—Alhambra & I Streets)



**Accepted Items:** Monitors / TVs / Desktop PCs / Notebook PCs  
VCRs / Stereos / Speakers / Keyboards / Mice / PDAs  
Zip Drives / Digital Cameras / Telephones / Cell Phones  
Video Game Consoles / Printers / Copiers / Fax Machines  
Laser & Multi-Function Peripherals / Scanners  
Microwaves / Vacuums / Small Appliances (blenders, mixers, toasters)  
Satellite Dishes / Non-PCP Ballasts (without fluorescent bulbs)

**Not Accepted:** Large Household Appliances (refrigerators, washers / dryers, etc.)  
Furniture / Hazardous Household Waste (fluorescent light bulbs,  
car batteries, paint, pesticides, used oil, cleaning supplies, tires)

**For Optimal Security: CEAR, Inc. shreds all accepted computer hard drives**

Their facility is monitored 24/7 by surveillance cameras, [www.cearinc.com](http://www.cearinc.com)

**REQUEST FORM FOR TRANSCRIPTS/OTHER DOCUMENTS**

**TODAY'S DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to Mrs. Fong in the Office**

**STUDENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Print student's full name)

**Please "circle" the high schools that you are applying to:**

<b>C. K. McClatchy HISP</b>	<b>J. F. Kennedy PACE</b>	<b>West Campus</b>
7/8 Official Transcript Test Scores Current Language Arts Rec. Any other current teacher Rec.	7/8 Official Transcript Test Scores 8 <sup>th</sup> Attendance Report Language Arts Rec. Community Member Rec.	7/8 Official Transcript (semester grades) Test Scores Attendance Report Discipline Report Math/Language Arts Rec.
<b>Rosemont</b>	<b>Other High School</b>	
7/8 Official Transcript Test Scores Attendance Report Behavior Report	Name of School _____ 7/8 Official Transcript Test Scores Attendance Report Discipline Report	
If there is a school not listed, please call Mrs. Fong in the main office at 264-4150 Ext. 1002 She will help you with additional requirements for other school sites.		

"Official" transcripts/documents will be processed within 1-2 days and given to the student. If you prefer to have this mailed directly to the high school, please provide Mrs. Fong with a stamped business size envelope addressed to each high school. **NOTE:** ZANGLE CONNECTION transcripts are not considered "Official" transcripts. Order them through Mrs. Fong.

**8TH GRADE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS** - Transcript request forms are located on the counter in the main office. Please fill it out and give it to Mrs. Fong. When asking a teacher to complete your recommendation form, a stamped envelope addressed to the high school must accompany each form. Principal recommendations are required for West Campus, St. Francis, Christian Brothers, Jesuit and Cristo Rey. Mr. Rodriguez has developed a short questionnaire, and the information provided will assist him in completing your recommendation form. Return the completed questionnaire, Principal recommendation and a stamped addressed envelope to Mrs. Fong for processing.

**STUDENTS WHO ARE APPLYING TO WEST CAMPUS** – If you are applying to West Campus, you will not receive your transcript until around Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. West Campus requires semester grades, not quarter grades. The end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester is January 27<sup>th</sup>. Please go ahead and order your transcript now for West Campus, and Mrs. Fong will put you on her list. After the first week in February, you will receive your semester transcript, test scores, attendance and behavior reports.

**STUDENTS WHO ARE APPLYING TO CHRISTIAN BROTHERS** – If you are applying to Christian Brothers, the deadline for completed Principal and teacher evaluation forms, reports cards from 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and the first "semester" of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as standardized test scores must be received in their office no later than Monday, January 23, 2012. Since "our" semester ends January 27<sup>th</sup>, they will accept the Quarter 1 transcript. On the Language Arts and Math recommendation forms, there is also a spot for the student's current grade from those teachers. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Fong will scan the semester grades to Christian Brothers for those who previously requested a transcript.

**STUDENTS WHO ARE APPLYING TO JESUIT** - If you are applying to Jesuit, they require "semester" grades. They will accept Quarter 1 transcripts with their application and then on February 6<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Fong will scan the semester grades to Jesuit for those who previously requested a transcript.

For high school application questions, please call Rob Lessler, Counselor, at 264-4150 ext. 1022 or email at [Rob-Lessler@sac-city.k12.ca.us](mailto:Rob-Lessler@sac-city.k12.ca.us)

# John F. Kennedy High School

## School Visitation Days and Open House

**PACE Visitation Days** are scheduled for:

Tuesday, December 6th, 2011 from 8:30 am to noon or

Tuesday, December 13th, 2011 from 8:30 am to noon

No reservations are needed

Please arrive to the JFK auditorium by 8:30 am for a brief orientation

Parking available in the west lot on the corner of Florin and Gloria

All students must be accompanied by an adult

One adult may bring a group of students

Visitors are not required to stay through noon

This is a great opportunity to visit classrooms and meet other Kennedy students

\* If you're not interested in PACE, you can visit other special programs including Band, Culinary, ROTC, Criminal Justice, Robotics, Auto Shop, Engineering, Speech and Debate, VAPA, Student Government and Foreign Language

**PACE Open House** is scheduled for:

Monday, December 12th, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Please arrive to the JFK auditorium by 6:00 for a brief orientation

This is a great opportunity to meet with Kennedy teachers and students



John F. Kennedy High School 6715 Gloria Drive Sacramento, CA 95831 (916) 433-5200

[www.jfkcougars.net](http://www.jfkcougars.net)

**2011/12 SCUSD High School Visitation NIGHTS (@ the High School sites)**

The following district high schools are offering an opportunity for parents and students to learn about the different programs that are available to future freshman.

<b>High School</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time &amp; Place</b>
<b>Small High Schools:</b> <b>The MET (Charter),</b> <b>New Tech (Charter),</b> <b>Health Professions,</b> <b>Carver School of Arts &amp; Science,</b> <b>School of Engineering &amp; Science (Grades 7-12)</b>	<b>Dec 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6-8 PM @ Serna: Community Room</b>
<b>Sacramento Charter High</b>	<b>Dec 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6-7 PM</b>
<b>Rosemont</b>	<b>Dec 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6-8 PM</b>
<b>John F. Kennedy</b>	<b>Dec 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6-8 PM</b>
<b>Luther Burbank</b>	<b>Dec 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6-8 PM</b>
<b>West Campus</b>	<b>Dec 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6-8 PM</b>
<b>Hiram Johnson</b>	<b>Will visit middle school site.</b>	<b>N/A</b>

# Sutter's High School Information Night

**What:** High School Information Night @ Sutter Middle

**When:** Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 8 PM

**Where:** In Sutter's cafeteria/multi-purpose room

High schools from across the school district will be at Sutter to share information with parents and students. This will be a great opportunity to dialogue with representatives from the various district high schools and programs.

The following schools will be in attendance:

**C K McClatchy (HISP/JROTC)**

**West Campus**

**J F Kennedy (PACE/Criminal Justice)**

**The MET (Charter)**

**Sacramento New Tech (Charter)**

**Washington Carver (Charter)**

**Arthur Benjamin - Health Professions**

**Burbank (IB)**

**Hiram Johnson**

**Rosemont**

**School of Engineering and Sciences (7-12)**

**Sac High Charter**

## **SCUSD High School Visitation DAYS:**

**Students and parents are invited to the following high school Visitation/Observation/Shadowing Days. Prior to the day, please notify Carolyn Thomas, Sutter Attendance, at 264-4362 or email [carolyn-thomas@scusd.edu](mailto:carolyn-thomas@scusd.edu).**

- ⇒ **John F Kennedy PACE & Other Specialized Programs** - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>,  
8:30 AM - 12 PM, no reservations needed # 947-8199
- ⇒ **C K McClatchy HISP** - Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 AM to 12 PM, # 264-4401 x2105
- ⇒ **George Washington Carver** - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>,  
# 228-5751
- ⇒ **Sacramento Charter High** - Any day (except Wednesdays) - 7:30 AM to 10 AM.  
Call ahead at 649-7910 (3 days in advance)