



Information from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As I sat down to write this, it hit me that it is already March! It has been an amazing time for me as Principal. My staff continues to work extremely hard and our students continue to exceed our expectations.

We will soon begin our trips to Ashland’s Shakespeare Festival, Washington D.C., Boston, UCLA, and will continue with all the amazing day trips the students are taking on a regular basis.

On Tuesday, March 6th, our seventh grade students will be taking the Seventh Grade Writing Exam in their CORE classes. The Core teachers have been working very hard to get our students prepared. The Seventh Grade Writing Exam is the kick off for testing. STAR testing will begin on April 30th. Our teachers have begun preparing our students with test prep strategies and reviewing the curriculum so we can continue to improve our test scores.

Our spring sports, golf, soccer, softball, and track have been practicing and are preparing themselves for league play.

As we begin to move into the warmer spring months, I want to take the opportunity to remind all parents of our school dress code. If you question it or think it might not be appropriate for school, it’s probably not. Please refer to your student’s planner for a full list of items that are not appropriate for school.

Sincerely,

David Rodriguez
Principal



Yearlong Calendar

March 6	7th Gr. Writing Exam
March 14	Pi Day
Mar. 16	Sutter Green Dance 2:45-4:45
Mar. 19	Spring Pictures
Mar. 31—Apr. 8	Spring Holiday
April 11	8th Gr. Promotion Pictures
April 13	End of Quarter 3 1/2 Day
April 20	Spring Dance 2:45-4:45
Apr.30-May 11	STAR Testing
May 22	Open House 6:30-8pm
May 28	Memorial Day
June 5	1st & 2nd Period Finals
June 6	3rd & 4th Period Finals
June 7	5th & 6th Period Finals
June 8	8th Gr. Six Flags Trip
June 11	Graduation Dance 7-10 pm
June 12	Awards Assembly
June 13	8th Gr. Promotion 1/2 Day 7th Gr. Picnic 1/2 Day

VISITOR PASS
Parents, when visiting the school, please come to the Main Office and check in. You will need to sign in and get a Visitor’s Pass. Thank you.



SUTTER YEARBOOKS - \$40.00

The 2011-2012 Sutter Yearbooks are **\$40.00 cash or money orders only**. Please, no personal checks. Money Orders may be made payable to Sutter Middle School. Don't be left out, as this year's book will be awesome! Reserve your book before April 11th. Please return payment envelopes to Mrs. Grady in the main office.



ZANGLE PARENT CONNECTION
Parents, by now you should be checking your student’s grades/assignments on Zangle Parent Connection on a weekly basis. If you don’t have a pin/password, please see Mrs. Grady or Mrs. Fong in the main office. Please refer to Pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter for Zangle instructions/directions.

PICTURE DAY PROGRAM FOR SPRING - Spring school pictures are just around the corner. All students will be taking their spring pictures during their PE class on March 19th. The program offered by Lifetouch provides the ability for parents to pre-pay online at www.mylifetouch.com or via flyer to bring to the camera people on picture day. You **also** have the option to send your child to the camera people without pre-paying, and they will receive a proof of those photos. We are looking for about 4 volunteers who can help all day. If you are interested, please call Nadine Fong at 264-3382.



8TH GRADE PROMOTION PICTURES - Lifetouch Photographers will be here on Wednesday, April 11th to take 8th grade promotion pictures for their memories booklet. All 8th graders will have their pictures taken during their CORE class. We are looking for about 4 volunteers who can help all day. If you are interested, please call Nadine Fong at 264-3382.

7th GRADE PICNIC

The end of the year festivities will be here before we know it! The 7th grade picnic is a fun tradition held at McKinley Park on the last day of school, Wednesday, June 13th. Parent volunteers are needed to make this a successful and safe event. Please contact Mr. Marc Lee by email at Marc-Lee@scusd.edu if you are available to supervise during the picnic from approximately 8:30 a.m. to noon. We also need parents to donate individual portion **wrapped** snacks or individual serving size drinks (bottled water, boxed juices, etc.) for the kids to enjoy throughout the day. If you prefer to donate cash, we will gladly use it to purchase the drinks and snacks for the kids. If you can supervise and/or provide snacks, please let Mr. Marc Lee know no later than Friday, May 18th. Please bring your non-perishable snacks to the main office by Wednesday, June 6th. Your support is greatly appreciated!



LOST AND FOUND - Please remember to check the lost and found closet in the main office and the PE lost and found for your lost clothing and items. At the end of each month, all remaining clothing will be sent to the PTA Clothes Closet.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Cold and flu season is here. You can help! We need boxes of tissue, disinfecting wipes or hand sanitizers. With the budget cuts, our teachers can also use reams of paper. Thank you.



PRINTER INK 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 no cost to anyone.

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



LUNCH PRICE

\$2.00 Full Price Students
\$0.40 Reduced Price Students



RT BUS STICKERS - The March 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 9 am—5 pm. Photo ID cards are \$3 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.



ATTENDANCE ISSUES - When your child is sick or going to be 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 you 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



SCUSD High School Visitation DAYS:

Students and parents are invited to the following high school Visitation/Shadow Days. Prior to the day, please notify Carolyn Thomas, Sutter Attendance, at 264-4362 or email carolyn-thomas@scusd.edu

George Washington Carver – March 6th
8:30 to 10 AM # 228-5751

Sacramento Charter High – Any day (except Wednesdays) –
7:30 to 10 AM, Call ahead at # 649-7910 (3 days in advance)

Raleys-BelAir Quality of Life Cards: If you shop at Raleys/BelAir, please come to the office and pick up a Quality of Life Card. Sutter receives 5% of your purchases. Once you've picked up your card, just log on to www.Raleys.com to activate your card. If you have any problems, please call 1-800-925-9989, and the Consumer Affairs Department will help you. If you want to change your donation going from your previous school to Sutter, just click on the "Frequently Asked Questions" to change your organization.



Save-Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. Cards: If you shop at Save Mart or Food Maxx, please come to the office and pick up a S.H.A.R.E.S. Card. These cards are already activated so when presented at the time of purchase, Sutter will receive a percentage of what is spent.



FIRST ANNUAL TASTE OF SUTTER

Join us for our first annual Taste of Sutter! This is a night for parents and friends to come together for a fun night filled with tastings of food and adult beverages representing cuisines from around the world. We, parents, work so hard throughout the school year to support our child's success at Sutter Middle School. It's time we have a night to ourselves to kick up our heels, mingle, eat, sip, laugh and create our own lasting memories.

Enjoy food from Sellands, Old Spaghetti Factory, Chef Jill Zenti and more! There will be multiple stations set up for food and adult beverage pairings as well as adult beverages from Lagunitas. We'll also have a bar where you can purchase additional adult beverages. Dance the night away or give a karaoke performance under the stars. We'll even have a photo booth set up for you to capture the moment.

Will call tickets are available in the office with Mrs. Grady and online tickets will go on sale, Monday, March 5th at tasteofsutter.com.

When: Saturday, April 14th

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: College Greens Cabana Club

Cost: \$25/person (includes food & adult beverage pairings at all stations)



Questions? Would you like to contribute as a volunteer or as a vendor for this FUN event? Contact Christine Trice at fundraising@sutterptso.com.

SUTTER'S RESTAURANT NIGHTS!

Go to sutterptso.com under "fundraising program" to print fliers.

Every First Tuesday of the month is Sutter night at the **Old Spaghetti Factory** downtown. Stop in for dinner from 4 - 10 pm or call ahead for take out. Sutter receives 15% when you give them our flyer.



And **BJ's at Arden Fair Mall** is the place to be on the 3rd Monday of the month. Every month for the rest of the year! Bring the family for dinner or pick up take out from 4 - 10 pm. What a great fundraiser! Sutter receives 15% when you give them our flyer.



PTSO - Get involved!

Are you using your shopping cards to raise money for Sutter? Thank you to everyone who swipes their shopping cards at Raleys and Bel Air. (And Nugget and Safeway too!) The money goes directly to fund necessities for your children. In this time of drastic budget cuts, the administration relies on PTSO funds to supplement the school budget and keep our programs running. If you haven't joined the PTSO.... visit our website and JOIN TODAY! You can now pay online with Pay Pal! We also have many EASY fundraising programs set up. Grocery shopping cards, employee gifting programs (PG & E), The Target Red Card... they take a few minutes to set up and then you will be earning money for Sutter as you go about your daily life. It couldn't be easier. All information is at sutterptso.com !!

Read our Newsflash eblasts and check our website often! Great things are happening at Sutter with PTSO. Go Miners!

Kellie Randle
Sutter PTSO President
president@sutterptso.com



DIRECTIONS FOR ACCESSING PARENT CONNECTION IN ZANGLE

- Step 1. Go to <http://www.scusd.edu> and on the right side under “Resources For:”
Click “Parent” and then scroll down to “Zangle Parent Connection.”
The parent connection Login window for Sacramento City Unified will appear.
- Step 2. Enter your Parent Connection PIN and Password (passwords are CASE sensitive) and click on the Login button.

PIN: (provided by the office)

PASSWORD: (provided by the office)

If you do not know your PIN and Password, please see any of the ladies in the office.
You must sign off to identify receipt.

ALTERNATIVE: You can also log on using your student’s identification and birthdate by clicking on “Students” and then choosing “Check My Grades (Zangle) instead of the Parent Connection.

PIN: 607##### (Student ID #)
PASSWORD: mm/dd/yr (ie. Date of birth)

- Step 3. If you have more than one student at a school with Parent Connection to Zangle, you will need to select each student individually on the Student drop down menu on the top left side.
- Step 4. Begin accessing your student’s information by clicking on the links in the left hand column.

FAQ: “When I Google Parent Connection, I can open the Zangle Login screen but my password and PIN are not valid, why?”

Make sure that the school district says, “**Sacramento City Unified School District.**”
www.scusd.edu

What Can I Find in Zangle and How Do I Find It?

Current Grades in Progress

By clicking on the “Assignments” tab, Zangle allows you to monitor your child’s current progress in each subject. Assignment scores and current grade totals can be viewed in “real time” as soon as they are entered by the teacher.

Note: After you click on the “Assignments” tab and the window opens, make sure to click on “show all assignments” in the upper left corner for complete information.

Homework and Classroom Information

Many teachers post daily assignments as well as information and reminders about classroom events. This information can be accessed by clicking on the “Class News” tab.

Note: When accessing class news, a monthly calendar will appear. You must scroll down past the calendar to see teacher postings.

Report cards and Deficiency notices

By clicking on “Marks” you can view the end-of-quarter grades that have posted to your child’s report card for **the current year**. It also allows you to view mid-quarter progress reports if issued.

By clicking on “Transcripts” you can view all past report card postings from your child’s entire time at Sutter.

Standardized Test Scores

The “Testing” tab allows you to view your child’s most recent standardized test scores (STAR test scores). For eighth graders, these scores usually appear in Zangle before you receive them in the mail in late August.

Attendance and Student Schedule

The “Attendance” tab allows you to review your child’s absences. The “Schedule” tab allows you to view your child’s current classes and teachers.

Teacher Email Access

Zangle provides direct links to teacher emails. First click on the “Schedule” tab. Then simply click on the name of the teacher you wish to contact. The system will automatically link you to that teacher’s email.

Permanent Access

Your ability to access information through Zangle will not end when your child leaves Sutter. You will be able to continue using the system throughout high school if your child remains in the Sacramento City School District.

18th Annual



Saturday
March 17, 2012
at
Sacramento State

University Union Ballroom
6000 J Street, Sacramento

FREE!

Check-in Time: 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Program Ends: 12:00 p.m.

Space is Limited!

Register Online!

www.csus.edu/cmih



Door Prizes!!

For More Information

(916) 278-2481

cmih@csus.edu

Workshops for Parents & Students Grades 6-9

Designed to communicate the importance of early academic and financial planning to assure all children have choices after high school.

Meet college admissions counselors

Find out how to pay for college

Spanish presentations offered

Interactive workshops about college majors & careers in:

- Teaching
- General Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine
- Criminal Justice-CSI
- Engineering & Computer Science
- Business
- Theatre Arts ...and more!



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