Mission Statement Embracing diversity to
educate and empower all
students for success. Together
we strive to create the leaders
of tomorrow, today.

Sutton Public Schools Believes:

- *All students can learn given purposeful academic opportunities.
- *Through accountability and high expectations, all students can achieve success.
- *All students deserve a safe, caring and respectful environment that encourages academic and social growth.
- *Strong communication between families, the school and the community will prepare students to be problem solvers and critical thinkers for life.
- *Leadership that develops and supports our staff will encourage growth in student and teacher learning.





Sutton Public Schools

Dec 2023/Jan 2024

From the Desk of Dr.Dana Wiseman, Superinten-

A news article due before the winter activities season and the first thing that comes to my mind is the weather!

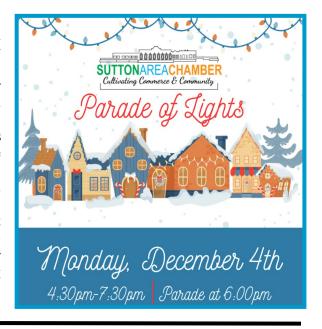
A decision to close school is not always an easy one. The weatherman can predict, but sometimes Mother Nature has a mind of her own. Because of this reason, know that cancelling school for the day may be made as late as 6AM. It would be convenient if inclement weather would strike the night before in time to call school off by 9PM, but it just doesn't always cooperate. Parents will receive a Code Red call/text/email in the event the school day is adjusted to early dismissal or cancellation. To check on school cancellations, check the following TV stations: KOLN/KGIN 10/11 (Lincoln), KHAS-TV (Hastings), or log on to www.suttonpublicschool.org.

The winter sport/activity season has begun! First, congratulations to all the students who participated in a fall sport or extracurricular program. Being involved in extracurricular activities teaches more than just the game. They build well rounded citizens of tomorrow. calendar shows a flurry of activities, an event scheduled in the building every evening. Scheduling activities, meetings, events' is always a challenge and this year is no different. We are fortunate to have a facility to accommodate many of these needs. Students as SPS have numerous extracurricular activity options to take advantage of if they so choose. With the diversity of offerings, it takes at least a year in advance to create the school calendar. And even planning a year out does not address all scheduling issues, so we deal with them to the best of our ability. Our facility is definitely being maximized

Soon you will be able to view our Annual Report to Patrons, which is made available to patrons in January. Go to the district's website, www.suttonpublicschool.org, and look for the link titled, "Annual Report to Patrons." It contains district information concerning general facts, enrollments, student progress, test scores, and financial statistics. It is meant to communicate the status of the Sutton Public Schools District to residents. If you have any questions or are seeking additional information, contact the Superintendent's Office, 773-5569.

It's hard to believe, but preparations will begin to consider the 2024-2025 calendar and budget after the turn of the New Year. Board of Education and the Administrative Team work together to discuss the topics. Things to consider include teacher professional development days, student days, etc. The calendar creation needs to align with rules/regulations mandated by the state – Rule 10.

Wishing you all happy holidays filled with food, family and friends, faith, safe travels!



Winter News: Fall Activities have started to wind down and we have had a lot of successful events. Let conversations with students about using phones me start by congratulating all the sports for another wonderful year with lots of accomplishments. **Volleyball:** The team finished with another 20 win season. They played hard all season against some of the top teams in the state. Records were broken and Coach Mohnike got her 100th win during the regular season.

Football: After a slow start against some top teams in the state they made a late run and got into the playoffs with a young group of players. Girls Golf: In just the 2nd year since the program started we had 10 girls out for the team and found a lot of positive improvements with a bright future ahead. **Jr. High Sports:** We had good participation numbers in all the activities. All programs showed wonderful signs of improvement and we look forward to the growth into High School sports they will make.

Arts Department: I have been extremely impressed by what they have produced this fall. The Talent Show was a huge success with first place going to Lincoln Friesen. The Fall Play saw a number of students showcase their talents in front large crowds in the theater with new lights and sound system. Mr. Weir and Mrs. Linabery have been working hard to grow the number of students that participate in these events. We had our Fall Music program for both the band and choir groups. It was a wonderful opportunity for the community to come see all the talent Sutton has to offer.

Attendance: Just a reminder that attendance is important. As I know that we are coming into cold and flu season so if you are sick please stay home and or go to the doctor. If you do go to the doctor please bring the note to the school.

Social Media: I have had to have some correctly during the school day. Remember that picture taking or videoing during school hours without permission is in violation of the school policies.

School Parking: Please keep in mind the parking lot can get full and blocking in cars from getting out can be frustrating. Try not to park more than three deep and don't be afraid to park over towards the football field. It is a short walk and will help spread out the cars to save on accidents or people getting blocked in. Also please drive slowly coming into and leaving the parking lots each day. We do have students walking through the lots and do not want to see an accident.

Fundraising: We are all very fortunate to live in a giving community. I appreciate all the efforts from the different groups to raise money for programs we have here at Sutton Public Schools. Thank you to all the families who support these programs.

Final Thoughts: We are coming up on the holidays and a long stretch of school days before the breaks. It does help to have consistent weeks of 5 days to implement and execute curriculum. Making sure your student comes to school each day will benefit them greatly. I see a significant correlation between attendance and ineligible list.

I hope you all have safe and happy holidays. Again if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me here at school.

Jason Cafferty jcafferty@spsne.org or 402-773-4303.





ELA Curriculum Update

I wanted to provide a quick update as to where the curriculum team is at with the review/adoption process for next year regarding K-12 English Language Arts (ELA). The team met in October, during Teacher Inservice and came up with a vision that we determined was necessary for the next curriculum that is chosen. This was shared with staff, the board, and now with you. We also identified actions that we felt students and teachers were responsible for and how that works within a curriculum that is selected. By the time this newsletter comes out, the team will have met again, in mid November, to create a rubric to help select the curriculum. From there we will identify no more than three possibilities. During the January Inservice, the team will take the next steps in the review/adoption process. After that, elementary staff and members of the board will review the curriculums. Input from those stakeholders will help us then determine which direction to go and a final decision will be made in February/March. I hope to share that information with you by the time the next newsletter comes out. In the meantime, take a look at the vision the team came up with. Hats off to that team for really diving into and being invested in this process. We have such a great staff and it's an honor to work with them.

Sutton's Vision of ELA Instruction

At Sutton Public Schools, we believe that all students will engage in effective reading instruction and rigorous learning tasks that develop grade-level literacy skills through real-world applications.

Student Actions

- Practice critical thinking and support that thinking with logic, reason, and evidence.
- Access challenging text across a wide variety of genres.
- Actively participate in reading, writing, listening and speaking tasks

Teacher Actions

- Engage students with interactive teaching.
- Provide explicit instruction to enhance learning.
- Differentiate instruction to support all learners.
- Provide opportunities for critical thinking.

October 2023

Bullying and the Power of Words

We are always looking at ways to address bullying and equip kids with any tools they may need to help themselves and others. Last year we held a bullying presentation with just 5th and 6th graders. This year we wanted to include 4th grade and cover the topic again. Mrs. Monica Noel, the K-12 Guidance Counselor, and Jeri George, our school mental health practitioner, teamed up again to hold a presentation with these students back in October. The kids were engaged and had a lot of great things to share.

After the presentation, we gave the kids an opportunity to ask questions or share what they learned in a non threatening or embarrassing way. We had them go back to their home rooms and write down anything that they had questions about, feelings they had, what they learned, etc.. This gave us an opportunity to address any of their concerns or answer any questions they may have had without alienating anyone.

The teachers, Mrs. Noel, Jeri, and myself looked through all of the responses and we received some excellent feedback and questions. Mrs. Noel was able to talk with and answer some of the questions a few of the students had. At the end of the day, I feel like this has become a great opportunity for conversation between our students and staff. While it doesn't stop everything, it does make them aware that what each of them do, right and wrong, can carry a whole lot of meaning.

Special Thanks

Finally, I wanted to give a very special thanks to all of the substitute teachers and paras that have come up this year and helped fill in. Especially in Mrs. Johnson's classroom. We all wish her the best and a speedy recovery.



October 30th the Sixth grade Quiz Bowl team traveled to Hebron to participate in the Elementary Quiz Bowl. They place 5th out of 9 teams. Pictured below Conner Aspegren, AJ Smith, Gatlin Anderson, Chayse Ferguson and Kaige Jones).



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MENTORING PROGRAM

The Sutton Teammates Chapter is pleased to welcome four new mentor/mentee matches this fall. Currently, our program has 24 matches of caring adults paired with students from elementary, junior high and high school. Mentors meet weekly with their mentee during the school day. They enjoy talking, playing games and learning new skills. We would like to see our mentoring program continue to grow as we have many students who would benefit from our program. We have a waiting list of kids who would like to have a mentor. Please consider applying today.

Our goal is to provide our mentees a safe, positive relationship as part of their web of support they need to reach their full potential.

Upcoming events include our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 12th and our Mentor Appreciation Night at the basketball game on Friday January 12th, 2024 during half-time of the boys' game. If you are interested in becoming a mentor contact Kim McElfresh at 402-773-4423.



With the end of the year just around the corner, that means the routes will change when we start back after the first. The drivers will call the country route families to let them know the new routes/times. Reminder the bus only waits for 3 minutes.

Have a Happy Holiday Season! Bus Barn Crew Ginny, Larry, Shannon, Rick

Questions/Concerns? Contact Ginny Pearson @ 402-773-5590 or 402-410-0117



Post Prom

Sponsored by the 2024 Senior Parents



The Sutton High School Prom will be held on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**, in the Sutton High School gym. For the 37th year an alcohol-free Post Prom party will be held immediately after the dance. All members of the Junior and Senior classes and the Sophomores selected as servers are invited to attend the party. In order to add to the success of this event, donations of money and gifts are needed.

If you are interested in contributing toward the success of Post Prom with a donation of money or gifts, please complete and return this form before **Friday**, **January 26**, **2024**. Your monetary or gift support is greatly appreciated! The great support from parents, grandparents and patrons in the community and surrounding area has made the post prom party a successful and entertaining event where approximately 90% of our students participate. Please take the time to do what you can to contribute to the success of this event. Thank you in advance for your contribution. Please contact Gwenda Mau (402)-469-1188 or Connie Buescher (402) 469-9901

	losed a check for the following amount, which will contribute to the success of the Post Prom Packs made payable to: Sutton Post Prom Committee, PO Box 590, Sutton NE, 68979)
(Chec	\$10.00\$15.00\$20.00\$25.00\$30.00Other
	$\hfill \square$ I am interested in working at the Post Prom Party. I will contact a Senior parent.
NAME:	
PHONE	NUMBER:

The Sutton High School's Homecoming week's activities included dress-up days, window decorating for the local businesses, a pep rally on Friday afternoon and the Homecoming dance Friday night. The crowning of the 2023 Sutton Homecoming Royalty was the culminating activity for a week full of exciting events. This year's Queen was Ingelise Andersen, daughter of Josh and Teryl Andersen. She was crowned by last year's Homecoming royalty Madison Baxa. The King was Carson Mau son of Brent and Gwenda Mau and was crowned by last year's Homecoming King Jesse Bergen. The other attendants included Lisa Christensen, daughter of Rina Bjaaland and Johnni Christensen and the exchange daughter of Jennifer and Doug George; Emma Hayward, daughter of Andrew and Sara Hayward and is the exchange daughter of Elizabeth and Keenan Friesen; Lily McCroden, daughter of Jeremy and Lori McCroden; Cole Baumert, son of Dan and Amy Baumert; Devon Griess, son of Lorainne Griess; and Owen Schelkopf, son of Trent and Amy Schelkopf. The crown bearers were Zoey Kliewer, daughter of Matt and Toni Kliewer and Levi Parrish, son of Zach and Tessa Parrish.



Sutton Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.

The Sutton Schools Educational Foundation plays a very instrumental role to students who intend to pursue a post-secondary education. Last year, for example, we awarded \$30,545 in scholarship money to our seniors. To continue this unique tradition, the foundation needs your assistance. We would appreciate any help you could give. Contributions are tax deductible. May we thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Please make checks payable to: **Sutton Education Foundation**

PO Box 590 Sutton NE 68979

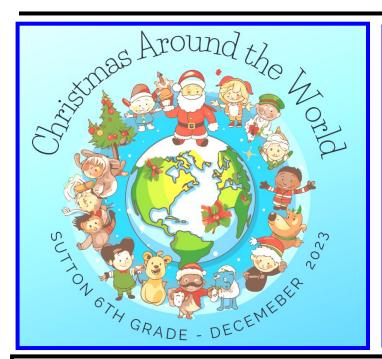
Donation Amount	Signature

Congratulations to the Sutton High School Play Production Team on fantastic performances! Thank you to everyone who came out to support our show!





Congratulations to the Sutton High School Marching Band on a fantastic season! The Band earned excellent ratings at both Columbus and Minden Invitationals. Thank you to all the parents & families who supported us along the way!



Get ready to embark on a magical journey around the world this holiday season with our talented 6th graders! Join us as we celebrate Christmas by exploring the diverse traditions, cultures, and customs from various countries. Our students have invested many hours to create a fantastic series of Christmas Around the World projects, showcasing their creativity and research skills. They've prepared engaging multimedia presentations and eye-catching banners, which will be on display outside the theater during the month of December. We hope you'll have a chance to see them and learn something new as we celebrate Christmas Around the World!







Mrs. Noel mnoel@spsne.org

ACT/SAT Test Prep





All 7-12 grade SPS students have access to the John Baylor "On to College" test prep content. Log in using school email address. If a password is needed or forgotten, contact Mrs. Noel

BOGO DEAL FOR ACT TEST

ACT offers BOGO deal: Students who register and pay for the December 2023 ACT will be able to take another ACT test for free and submit to colleges what the lowa-based testing provider called a "superscore." The offer doesn't apply to students who receive fee waivers, but they can request more than one such waiver. Register for the ACT at https://www.actstudent.org/.



Senior Newsletter (Oct.)



Senior Newsletter (Nov.)



Junior Newsletter (Nov.)

JNK Health Fair

Seven students attended the UNK Health Fair on September 27. The students listened to a panel of medical professionals, toured UNK's campus learning about the different majors offered, and visited with colleges and local business people.



Nebraska Hispanic/Latino Youth Summit

Six students attended the Nebraska Hispanic/Latino Youth Summit at CCC-Columbus on October 17. The students interacted keynote speaker with Carrizosa, Natasha and award-winning multicultural poet; visited with the colleges and local business people; and attended break out sessions.



8th Graders Get on Campus

On October 12, the 8th grade students had the opportunity to visit both Hastings College and Central Community Colleges. Each campus provided the students with a tour of their facilities giving the kids an opportunity to look at college classrooms, dorms, rec building and cafeterias. Students walked away from the day learning more about what college could look like for them and getting a real sense of what a 4 and 2 year college experience would entail. The campus visit field trip brings materials learned in Careers class to life and shows how important planning for the future really is.



Students are determining how much each type of college would cost to attend.

OCTOBER 2023



PINK OUT!

On October 3rd, 2023, FCCLA had their annual Pink Out during the Sutton vs Thayer Central volleyball game. They raised \$336.05. The money will be donated to those in Sutton currently fighting breast cancer and being treated at the Morrison Cancer Center in Hastings.





HALLOWEEN PARADE

The FCCLA Officer team held a Halloween Parade Tuesday, October 31st for kids Pre-K to 3rd grade. The kids went door-to-door collecting candy and laughter from the high schoolers standing by the walls. A favorite was the "Haunted Hallway" that a select few volunteered to decorate.

DIC

District Leadership Conference (DLC) was held Wednesday, October 4th at Hastings Central Community College. FCCLA was able to experience many things. Breakout sessions, line-dancing, and an inspirational speech by Olympic Gold Medalist, Curtis Tomasevicz to name a few. DLC is held every year to expand member's knowledge about FCCLA. They had a wonderful time.



Sutton FFA NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Eight members of our chapter were able to make the trip out to Indianapolis, Indiana to go to the 96th National FFA Convention! From attending general sessions to going on tours they had a great time. Some of the attractions that they were able to tour were Louisville Slugger Museum and Churchill Downs as well as attend a rodeo. Thank you to Mrs. Noel for being the sponsor for the trip!

What's happening the rest of November?

- Meeting: Nov.
 20th
- Fruit Sales
 Delivery: week
 of Nov. 27th
- Livestock Judging & JH Quiz Bowl: Nov. 29th





Members from left to right are Angelina Cloet, Elsa Andersen, Shepleigh Ohrt, Brody Borgmann, Laurel Moore, Breckyn Peterson, Katie Baldwin, and Mia Ochsner.

NOUEMBER 2023



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



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	Freshmen Basketball vs St. Cecilia Girls-6:00 Boys-7:00	Basketball @ Heartland JV Girls-4:30		4:00 Girls JH Basketball @ Thayer Cen- tral	10:00am Varsity Wrestling @Wood River	9:00 am JH Wrestling @Centennial
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	7:15pm Elementary 4-6 Band & Choir	Basketball vs Bruning-		7:00pm 7-12 Band &	Cecilia JV Girls-4:30	County Central Basketball
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Lunch Prices Elementary \$2.90 High School \$3.10	Chicken Nuggets Peas Carrots Roll	Crispito Black Beans Corn Peaches	Pulled Pork Baked Beans Carrots Oranges	Soup Bar Fresh Veggies Pineapple Roll	Pizza Green Beans Carrots Mixed Fruit
Adult \$4.60	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Extra Milk \$.60	В	C	D	A	В
got milk?	15	16	17	18	19
Milk Choices Skim, 1% Chocolate Skim Strawberry Skim	Hamburger Deluxe Peas Carrots Pears Milk	Burrito Rice Corn Beans Milk	Spaghetti Bar Tossed Salad Pineapple Breadstick Milk	Chicken Patty Green Beans Carrots Oranges Milk	Corn Dog Peas Carrots Mixed Fruit Milk
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Please check the School website	Carrots Roll Milk	Rice Peaches Milk	Cooked Carrots Breadstick Milk	Carrots Pears Milk	Carrots Mixed Fruit Milk
www.suttonpubli cschool.org	D	A	В	C	D
And the Facebook page	29	30	31	<u> </u>	
for Menu updates	Breakfast Pizza Hash Brown	Chicken Fajita Rice	Chicken Fried Steak		
	Sausage Patty Fruit Cup Milk	Corn Peaches Milk	Mashed Potatoes Carrots Roll Milk		
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28	SNC Tournaments TBA	SNC Tournaments TBA JH Boys BB Vs Centennial 4:30	8:00 am FCCLA Star Events @ Fillmore Central 1:00 pm JH Quiz Bowl @ Thayer Central	Up	veru	ring

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