

The logo for Sutter Middle School features the letters 'SMS' in a large, bold, black-outlined font. Overlaid on this is the word 'cougars' in a red, cursive script with a white outline and a black drop shadow. The background is white.

Welcome to  
Sutter Middle School

Learning for ALL, Whatever it takes!

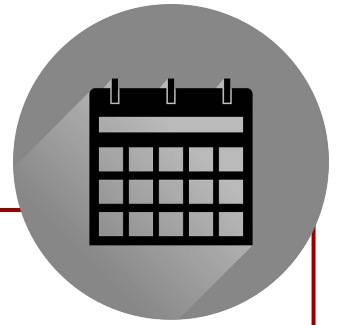


# MISSION STATEMENT:



Sutter Middle School is committed to providing an inclusive, student-centered approach focused on fostering a safe environment where all students can grow academically, socially and emotionally.

## Daily Schedule



- School day: 8:50- 3:30 M-TH and 8:50-2:05 Fri.
- Classes are 52 min. M-TH and 42 min. on Fridays
- Semesters vs Trimesters
- 5 minute passing periods between classes
- No recess
- Lunches are 35 min.- 3 lunches for each grade level

# Mock Student Schedule

Advisory (M-Th)

Period 1- English 6

Period 2- Social Studies 6

Period 3- Lunch

Period 4- Math Course 1

Period 5- Integrated Science 6

Period 6- P.E. 6

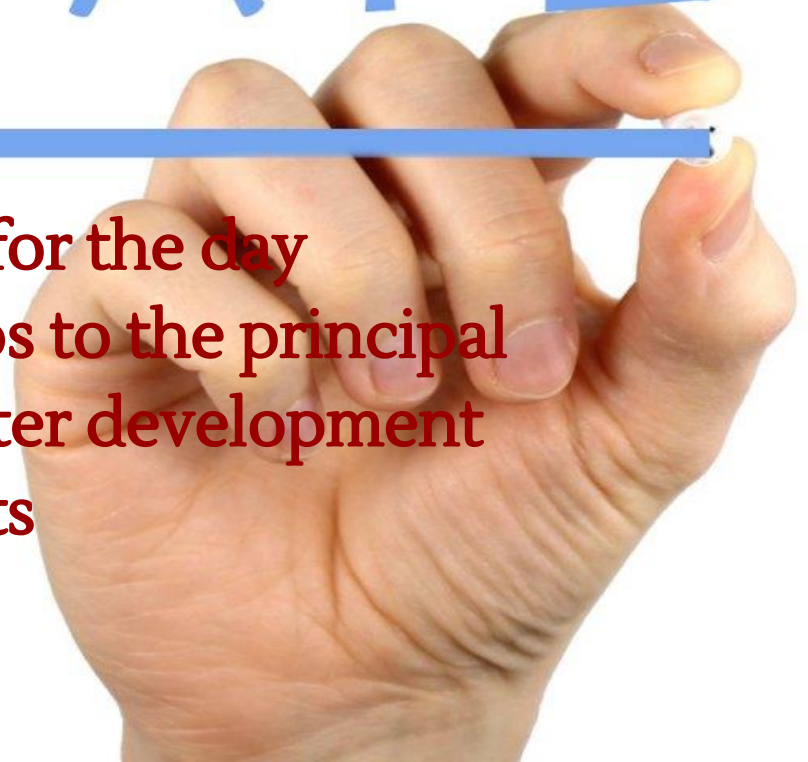
Period 7- Elective

**Core subjects: English, Social Studies, Math, Science, PE**

## Advisory Class

# MOTIVATE

- 25 minutes M-Th
- Non-academic period
- Cougar News announcements
- Organize, ask questions, prep for the day
- Principal's Advisory Board: reps to the principal
- Motivational Monday- Character development
  - Positive behavioral supports
  - Lessons on character



# Physical Education - PE



- Daily
- Majority of 6th graders are in 6th grade locker room
- Students are issued lockers - you provide the lock.
- Students wear PE uniform.
- Opportunity to be exposed to different sports/activities



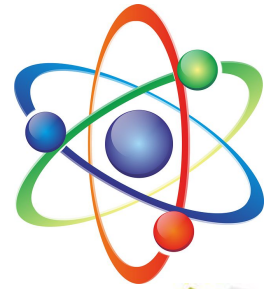
# 6th Grade Elective Options

Please check Counselors' Section of SMS website for elective descriptions.

- **Elective Block-** Two semester courses ***could include*** study skills, creative writing or art. Students do not have a choice on what they get.
- **Beginning Band-** Beginning music class. No experience required
- **Beginning Orchestra-** Beginning music class. No experience required.
- **Chorus-** Students must enjoy singing
- **Yearbook-** Application available online

# Electives for 7/8th graders

- Foreign Language- Spanish
- Choir/Advanced Choir
- Intermediate/Advanced Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band
- Intermediate/Advanced Orchestra
- Robotics
- Computer Game Design
- Art
- Leadership (application available on website)
- Elective Block
- Training & Fitness
- Yearbook (application available on website)
- T.A. - 8th ONLY



Computer Game Designer





# Foreign Language Electives and Sequence

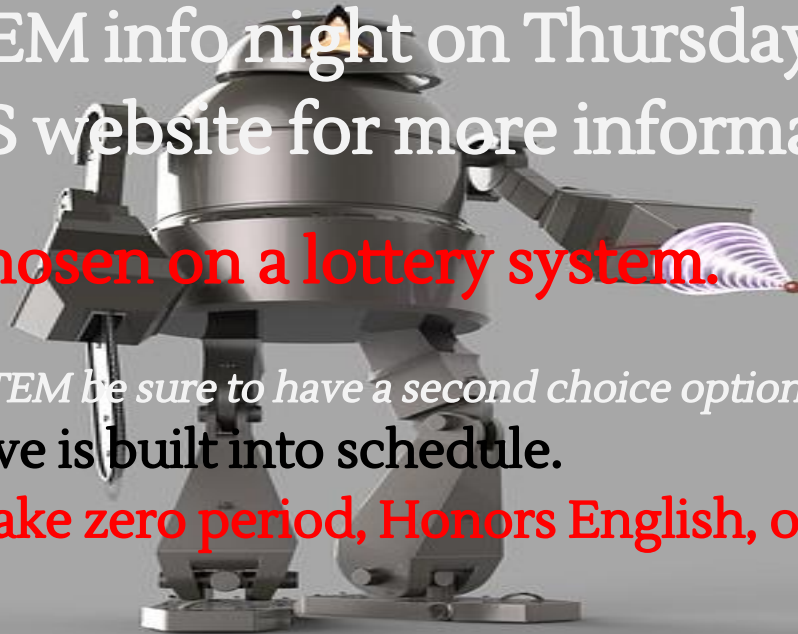
- Spanish- Spanish 1A (7th grade), Spanish 1B (8th grade)
- Spanish courses are rigorous; nightly practice is a requirement.
- A's and B's highly recommended before starting in a foreign language.
- 8th graders may not select Spanish 1A.



# STEM Academy

Please attend STEM info night on Thursday, 2/15, 6-7PM in Multi. See SMS website for more information.

- **Students are chosen on a lottery system.**
  - No testing
  - *If first choice is STEM be sure to have a second choice option selected*
- Technology elective is built into schedule.
- **Students cannot take zero period, Honors English, or skip a math level.**
- Students travel together from class to class with the same set of teachers.
- 3 6th grade sections=105 students & 2 7th grade sections= 70 students



# Advanced Courses

- **Honors English 6th-8th**- Students do not have to test into Honors English. Incoming 6th grade students should have A/B grades in Reading and Writing as well as a Level 4 on STAR Reading Benchmark. See English department website for more info.
- **Course 1 Honors** - Placement based on grades, STAR and CAASPP scores.
- **Course 2 Honors**- Placement based on grades, STAR and CAASPP scores and passing score on placement test which is taken at the elementary school.

# Registration and Elective Selection

- Steps to the registration/elective selection process can be found on the SMS website. Registration will open on 3/1/24.
- Families who live within FCUSD but not within SMS's school boundaries must fill out a school choice form. These forms were due to the home middle school on 2/2/24. Families will be contacted by the SMS office when/if their child is accepted to SMS.
- Families who are not enrolled in an FCUSD school currently, but live in SMS boundaries will also be able to register on March 1st. Parents should come to the office for paperwork.
- *Classes are not filled on a first come first serve basis.*
- *Sutter Feeder Elementaries = SJGE, TJE, NSE, CSE, GRE and BSE*



# Elective Selection Form

- Families will choose their child's elective by completing the online Elective Selection Form available on the SMS website.
- Parents choose their child's elective or the STEM Academy.
- Families must choose a 1st and 2nd choice elective on the form.
- Students on IEP's will have a transition meeting to update their IEP in the Spring; Sutter staff will be in attendance to assist.

# Communication



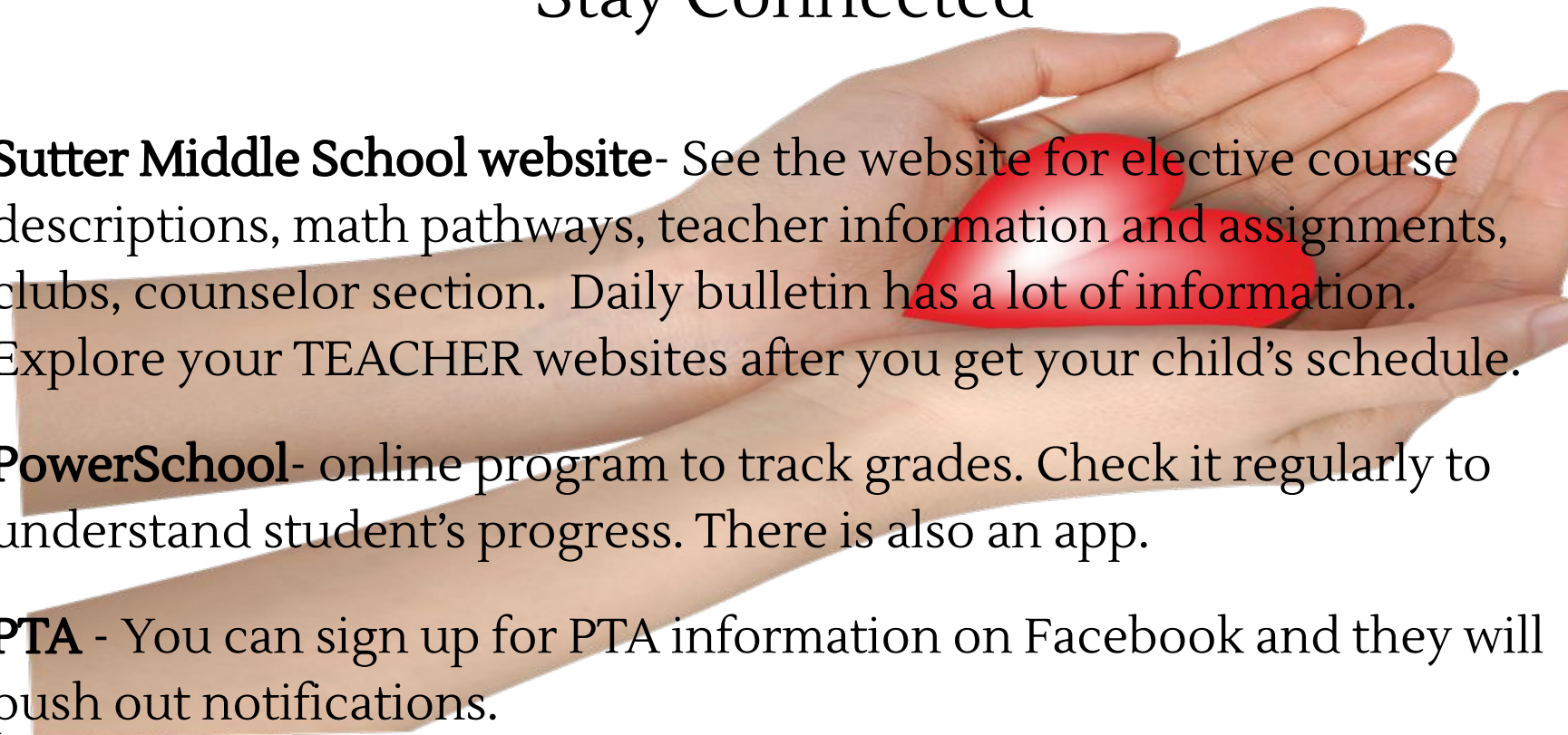
**Email is best!** We are here to help!

**Teachers-** Connect with teachers when you have questions/concerns about their specific class. Look on SMS website for classwork, homework, teacher info.

**Counselors-** Connect with your child's counselor when there are academic, social or emotional concerns. Review counseling section of SMS website.

**Assistant Principals-** Connect with an AP when there is a discipline issue. There is also an anonymous online bullying report form parents can access on the SMS website.

# Stay Connected



**Sutter Middle School website-** See the website for elective course descriptions, math pathways, teacher information and assignments, clubs, counselor section. Daily bulletin has a lot of information. Explore your TEACHER websites after you get your child's schedule.

**PowerSchool-** online program to track grades. Check it regularly to understand student's progress. There is also an app.

**PTA** - You can sign up for PTA information on Facebook and they will push out notifications.

# Options after school

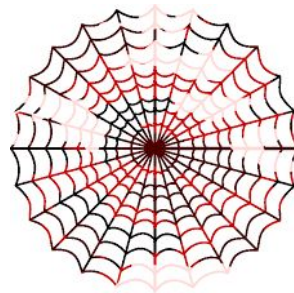
- **The CAVE-** Supervised after school program *run by the City of Folsom*
- **CAVE website**
  - May be an option for after school care.
  - Open until 6PM Mon-Thurs. Fridays until 5:30PM
- **Clubs-** Vary per year - see website
- **Sports**
  - **Select:** Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer
  - **No Tryouts:** Cross-Country, Wrestling, Track/Field
- **Library hours: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**
- **Homework Club-** Mondays-Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 in library
  - Begins in September - read bulletin or see website for start date



# WEB

## WEB (Where Everyone Belongs)

- 8th grade students work with incoming 6th graders to make them feel more welcome and to transition successfully
- Ongoing team building activities throughout school year: advisory activities, socials, tours
- On site Orientation



# Tips to Ensure a Successful Middle School Transition

- Assist with Organization
  - Backpacks to organize vs desk
  - Going from one teacher to 5-6
  - Encourage use of planner
- Encourage your child to advocate for himself/herself.
- Inquire about friendships
  - Normal for changes in friends to occur.
- Check Teachers' Websites/PowerSchool
- Email teachers/counselor when there are concerns
- Listen
- Join PTA

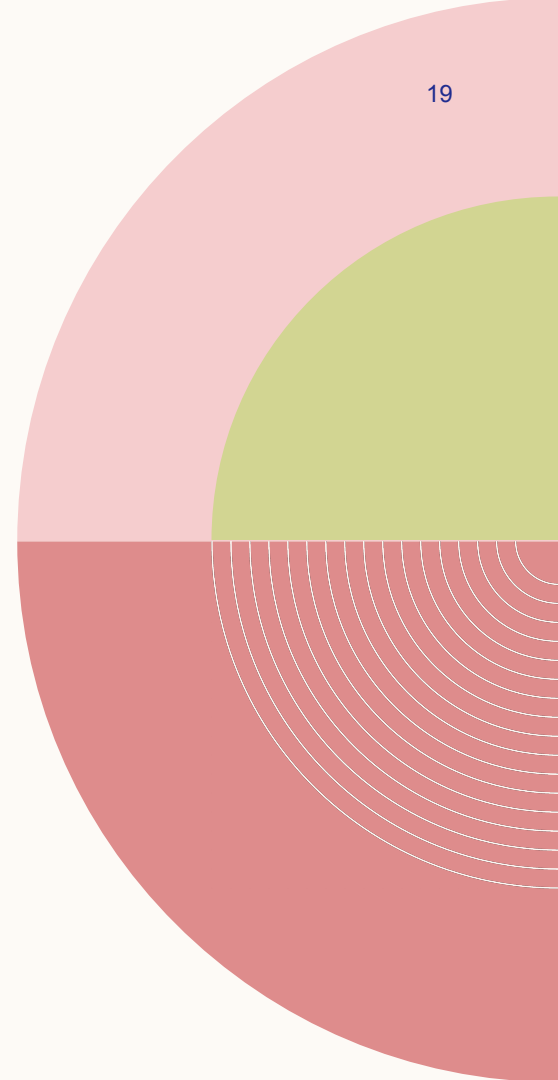
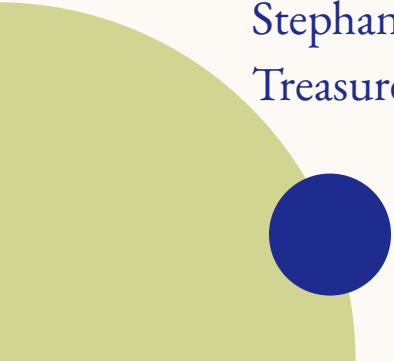


# Parent Teacher Association

Yesim Kurtulus – Sutter Middle School PTA  
President

Glenn Maldonado - Sutter Middle School  
Vice President

Stephanie Shirkey - Sutter Middle School  
Treasurer



## **PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)**



### Purpose



Support and enrich student education through collaboration between parents, teachers, and school staff.

## PTA'S ROLE IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Facilitating communication between parents, teachers, and administration
- Organizing events and activities to enrich student experience
- Advocating for educational policies and resources

## IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Enhances student academic performance
- Boosts student motivation and engagement
- Fosters stronger school communities

## HOW TO CONTACT THE SMS PTA



**<https://www.fcusd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=7597>**



**Email: [Suttermiddleschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:Suttermiddleschoolpta@gmail.com)**



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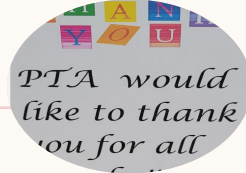
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**JOIN**

[www.fcusd.org/sutterpta](http://www.fcusd.org/sutterpta)



**VOLUNTEER**

**Many Opportunities**



**INVEST**

**Cash for Cougars**



**INVOLVE**

**Become a board member**

# POSITIONS

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Financial Secretary**
- **Auditor**
- **Historian**
- **Parliamentarian**
- **Communications Chair\***
- **Fundraising Chair\***
- **Membership Chair\***
- **Student Store Chair\***
- **Spirit Wear Chair\***
- **PTA Activities Chair\***
- **Reflections Chair**
- **Staff Appreciation Chair**
- **Serenade Under the Stars Chair**
- **8th Grade Celebration Chair**
- \* Member of the Executive Board (Standing Committee Chair)



## Questions?

1. Please go to our SMS website
2. Email your child's future SMS Counselor:
  - Leah Crist (last names A-G) [lcrist@fcusd.org](mailto:lcrist@fcusd.org)
  - Margie Komatsu (last names H-O) [mkomatsu@fcusd.org](mailto:mkomatsu@fcusd.org)
  - Jeanine Hanrihan (last names P-Z) [jhanriha@fcusd.org](mailto:jhanriha@fcusd.org)
3. Call school office (916) 294-9035

We look forward to meeting your child in August!