



SUTHERLAND SCHOOL
10015 S. Leavitt St.
Chicago, Illinois

**PARENT
HANDBOOK**

**2009 - 2010
SCHOOL YEAR**

Sutherland Faculty Roster

2009 - 2010

Ms. Catherine Gannon, Principal
 Ms. Maureen Elwood, Assistant Principal

Ms. Annie Malone, Counselor/Case Mgr.
 Ms. Jeanmarie Ford, School Clerk

Kindergarten

	Room
Ms. Patricia Hovey	103
Ms. Darlene Sheahan	105
Ms. Michele Carberry	106

Grade 1

Ms. Mariann Bending	100
Ms. Joy Willie	102
Ms. Julie Powers	109

Grade 2

Ms. Joyce Holmes	107
Ms. Bernadette Stankus	108
Ms. Sandra Ahrendt	110

Grade 3

Ms. Yvonne Clark	200
Ms. Jada Gilleylen	201
Ms. Danielle Casey	202

Grade 4

Ms. Mary Carmody	203
Ms. Tina Fosnacht	207
Ms. Meredith Weber	208

Grade 5

Ms. Rosalind Faulkner-Booker	204
Ms. Yolanda Sanders	205
Ms. Regina O'Connor	206

Grade 6

Ms. Pamela Civik	209
Mr. Robert Cahill	210
Ms. Cheryl Kite	212

Grade 7

Ms. Maribeth Cira (Lang. A)	004
Ms. Melissa Boyd (Science)	008
Mr. Alan Wax (French)	112

Grade 8

	Room
Ms. Jeanette Hamilton (Soc. Stud.)	001
Ms. Margaret Hilburger (Math)	002
Ms. Connie Meyer (Lang. A)	003

Learning Disabilities

Ms. Stephanie Muzzarelli	098
Ms. Helen Ptacek	104
Ms. Margaret Dreznes	120
Ms. Barbara Reynolds	005

Additional Staff

Ms. Jennifer Mastropaolo	Art
Ms. Jacquelyn Whitler	Computer
Ms. Sharon Ryan	MYP
Mr. Terrell Henderson	P.E.
Ms. Mary Simon	French
Mr. David Reyes	Violin
Mr. Phil Enns	Band
Ms. Sandra Connor	Speech
Ms. Pam Boughton	Nurse
Ms. Nicole Dillon	Social Worker
Ms. Megan Daley	Psychologist
Ms. Mary Bansley	Librarian

Teacher Assistants

Ms. Wanda Landingham
Ms. Susan Cody
Ms. Debra Barnum
Ms. Millie McNamara
Ms. Karen Conway
Ms. Ivy Jefferson

School Assistants

Ms. Ellen Burke

Sutherland School

September, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sutherland School to those who are returning and those who may be new. We are looking forward to another successful year. The purpose of this handbook is to provide you with useful information that you will be able to refer to throughout the school year. We hope that you will find it beneficial.

One of the most important issues in today's schools is safety and security. We need your cooperation in ensuring that our students are safe. Please remember that the morning entrance bell rings at **8:55 a.m.** Students should not arrive before **8:45 a.m.** as students will not be supervised until **8:45 a.m.** Parents are asked to keep traffic flowing on Leavitt and 100th Street by not parking in front of the school in the morning. Children will be escorted into the building by the teachers. Adults who have official school business should go to the main entrance on Hamilton and ring the doorbell so that they may go to the office, sign in, and obtain a visitor's badge.

Please do not drive onto the teacher's parking lot during the school day or one half hour before or after school. Children should be dropped off at the sidewalk. We cannot have moving vehicles in areas where our students congregate before entering school. It is not safe. Please consider walking your child or allowing your child to walk to school whenever possible as traffic is a significant concern.

This year the fee for materials not provided by the school board will be \$75 for grades 1-8 and \$50 for Kindergarten. The fees are due by September 25, 2009. If you are unable to pay the fee, please call the office for a waiver. Fee accounts must be cleared before student's participation in any extra curricular activities. No child with outstanding fees will be allowed to participate.

Finally, we need your assistance in many ways. Please become involved; join the PTA, attend an event, volunteer to help with a program or event, visit the school at Open House and for report card pick-up, or schedule a conference with your child's classroom teacher. In addition, continue to check the website for current school information and events. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Catherine A. Gannon
Principal

School Hours for Students - 8:55 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

SUTHERLAND SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Sutherland's mission is to educate every child to be an academically successful student, a socially responsible citizen, and a life-long learner by teaching the necessary knowledge and skills and developing an appreciation of cultural diversity.

Sutherland School fosters excellence, mutual respect, creativity, and the joy of learning with an effective, caring, innovative staff, in partnership with home and community.

IBO MISSION STATEMENT

The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the IBO works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

SUTHERLAND SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEETS

Staff	Principal:	Ms. Catherine Gannon
	Assistant Principal:	Mrs. Maureen Elwood
	Counselor:	Ms. Annie Malone

Phone:	School Office	535-2580
	Counselor	535-2634

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. daily.

School Day: The school day begins at 8:55 a.m. Students are dismissed at 2:45 p.m.

Entry/Dismissal **Autos should never enter the playground/parking lot during school hours or when children are present; children should be dropped off at the curb. All entrances to the school will be used for entry and dismissal. Students should not be on school grounds before 8:45 a.m. Students will only be allowed to enter the building when escorted by a teacher or staff member.**

Entry (cont.) Grade K & 1 excluding Room 109: Main Entrance (NE Door)
Grade 2 and Room 109: Between Annex and Main Bldg.
Grade 3: NW Door on Leavitt Street
Grade 4: SW Door on Leavitt Street
Grade 5 & 6: SW Playlot along Leavitt Street
Grade 7 & 8: SE Playlot outside of Annex

Bell Schedule: 8:55 a.m. Entry
11:30 a.m. A.M. Kindergarten Dismissal
2:45 p.m. Dismissal

School Visits: All residents are invited to visit the school. As a parent, you are welcome at any time, using the following guidelines:

Protocol for Visiting School Properties, other Administrative Properties, School Functions or other Board Functions

Visitors may enter CPS school buildings or premises, other administrative buildings, School Functions or Board Functions when such entry is made in connection with the conduct of official business with CPS personnel or as authorized to attend a scheduled activity or function. In such event:

All visitors must report to the main office or security to state their reason for entering the property, identify themselves with a valid photo identification (e.g., driver's license, state identification, or school identification) and request permission to enter, sign-in and obtain a visitor's pass.

Visits to classrooms by parents or guardians shall be as approved by the principal or pursuant to local school rules and or procedures.

Visitors enter through the Center East door and report to the office to obtain a visitor's pass. During school hours, entry to the Annex will be through the main building. Pupils will not be interrupted during school hours by outside calls or messages except in case of emergency.

Teacher Conferences: Teachers are available for scheduled appointments before school. Parents should request an appointment or a return phone call in writing. Teachers cannot be called to the phone during the school day.

Attendance: Students who are absent **must** bring a parent note to their teachers, otherwise absence will be recorded as unexcused. A minimum of nine unexcused absences can result in retention. Additionally, please notify the school (535-2580) between 8:30-9:00 a.m. if your child will be absent. Excessive absence may impact academic progress.

Tardiness: Tardy students must report to the office for an admit. Parents may send a note to explain an excused tardy; otherwise, parents will be contacted and the student may serve a tardy detention for three unexcused tardies.

- Illness or Accident:** Parents or designated adults must pick up ill or injured children. Please check that emergency information is current and correct. School must be able to contact a parent in the event a child is hospitalized.
- Early Dismissal:** Should be minimized and written requests should be made in advance. Students must be signed out by a parent or designated adult. Excessive early dismissal requests may result in loss of attendance and negatively impact academic progress. Please do not request "convenience" early dismissals after 2:00 p.m.
- Lost and Found:** The Lost and Found is in the main office, and students may visit it before or after school. Parents are encouraged to label children's belongings.
- Evacuation Plan:** Should emergency conditions dictate evacuating the building and not returning:
1. Students in Kg.-3 will be walked to St. Barnabas School, 10100 S. Longwood Drive, for shelter;
 2. Students in grades 4-8 will be walked to Ridge Park, 96th and Longwood Dr., for shelter;
 3. Parents and guardians will be called to make necessary arrangements for retrieving their children.
- Textbooks:** All basic texts are **loaned** to the students for their use during the school year. Each child is responsible for the condition of his/her textbooks. All books **must** be covered, kept clean, and handled carefully. Name, grade, and school should be written in the books. Damaged or lost books must be paid for by the family to receive the final report card.
- Gym Uniforms:** Gym shoes are required. Dark shorts, a plain white or gray T-shirt or blouse and clean socks are recommended as appropriate uniform items for mobility. Students may purchase Sutherland gym clothes from "Schools Are Us," 3146 W. 111th St., Chicago, IL 60655.
- Food Service:** Students may bring a bag lunch from home. Lunch boxes are recommended for the environment. Milk may be purchased for 35¢. A nutritious well-balanced cold lunch, including milk, is available for \$1.85 per day.
- Lunch:** Sutherland is a closed campus school. All students eat in school. Only bag lunches or school lunches are permitted. **Parents are asked not to deliver fast-food lunches to their children.**

STUDENT ASSESSMENT:

Grading Scale: CPS Grading Scale – **A: 93-100, B: 87-92, C: 78-86**
D: 70-77, F: Below 70

STUDENT ASSESSMENT: (cont.)

- Report Cards:** Report cards are issued 4 times during the school year, following each 10 week marking period. November 18, 2009 and April 21, 2010 are the Parent Report Card Pick-up Days.
- Progress Reports:** Five-week progress reports are given half-way through a marking period to grades 3-8. This is the official communication of the student's progress. Further information concerning the Parent Portal will be available. Parents of students in grades 3 through 8 will be able to access their child's grades and attendance. The CPS Promotion Policy is available on their official website: www.cps.k12.il.us.
- Student Planners:** Student planners are provided to students in grades 2-8. Parents need to check their child's planner regularly, if not daily. This is an important form of teacher/parent communication.
- Honor Roll:**
- A student will be recognized for the Principal's List if he/she earns A's in the major subjects, satisfactory in the remaining subjects.
- A student will be recognized for the First Honor Roll if he/she earns no more than 2 B's and the rest A's in the major subjects, satisfactory in the remaining subjects.
- A student will be recognized for the Second Honor Roll if he/she earns no more than 2 C's and the rest A's and B's in the major subjects, satisfactory in the remaining subjects.
- Additionally, teachers may name students to be recognized for "Most Improved", "Greatest Effort", "Perfect Attendance", and "Good Citizenship."
- Honorable behavior is expected from Honor Roll students.
- Student Records:** Parents have the right to review their child's school records following a written request to the principal.
- Homework:** The homework policy of each teacher will be communicated to parents early in the school year. The teachers will keep to the spirit of the Board of Education Homework Policy which suggests: 15 minutes for kdg., 30 minutes for grades 1, 2, and 3, 45 minutes for grades 4, 5, and 6; and 90 minutes for grades 7 and 8. Students in Grades 2-8 will use their homework planner daily. Parents need to check their child's planner daily.
- MYP Programme:** All students in Grades 6-8 are included in the Middle Years Programme and must complete the MYP requirements. Community service is one of the requirements. Level 1 requires 10 hours, Level 2 requires 15 hours and Level 3 requires 15 hours of community service. A total of 40 hours is required for graduation. All hours should be completed by April 30.

Parent Activities: Sutherland School has an active PTA. President Kitty Carroll welcomes inquiries at: 535-2580. Parents assist in many ways at Sutherland. If you wish to contribute your time or talent, call the main office for the number of the PTA Volunteer Coordinator. A PTA membership letter will be sent home with your child at the start of the school year. Please join. Visit the Sutherland Elementary School website at www.sutherland.cps.k12.il.us for more news from the PTA.

Dress Code: **Students are expected to dress neatly in attire appropriate for a learning environment. To this end, please note the following:**

- Halter tops, low cut tops or tops that display the midriff are not permitted.
- Skirts and shorts should be modest and appropriate. Spandex and bike shorts are not allowed
- Pajama bottoms are not allowed.
- Boys' pants should be worn at the waist and belted. Pants should be mended as needed.
- Hats/bandannas are not to be worn in school by boys or girls.
- Children should not wear flip-flop sandals for safety reasons.
- Chains, clothing and accessories representing possible gang affiliations are strictly prohibited.
- Clothing with inappropriate language and images, as well as advertisements for cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, popular music groups, TV programs, or films which are not conducive to a learning environment are prohibited.

Parents will be called and asked to bring their child the appropriate clothing for school.

Discipline: Respect, responsibility and safety are the basis for a successful Sutherland community. The Uniform CPS Discipline Code is enforced, more specifically:

- All adult staff members are authority figures and should be respected.
- Students should always adhere to the classroom rules that have been established by their teachers and monitors.
- Rough play and physical contact is forbidden.
- Profanity, threatening or obscene gestures and disrespectful actions will not be tolerated.
- Objects should not be thrown in or around the school.

Discipline: (cont.)

- Electronic equipment and games are not to be brought to school. **Cellular phones will only be allowed upon written request from a parent or legal guardian. Cell phones must then be in the off position and left in the child's locker during school hours.** Laser pointers are illegal.
- **Gum chewing is strictly forbidden.** Food and beverages should be consumed in designated areas or during lunch periods.
- Quiet and order are expected in the hallways.

Field Trips:

Classes may take educational field trips throughout the year. Appropriate positive behavior is expected. Parent chaperones are required and volunteers are necessary. Also, unless requested by the teacher, children should not carry additional spending money because the cost of the trip will include all necessities.

Extra-Curriculars:

Sutherland students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of athletic, cultural, academic, social, and enrichment activities through the school or approved school organizations.

Program	Grade	Sponsor
Basketball	4-8	Parent Coaches
Bowling	4-8	Mrs. Landingham, PTA Volunteers
Drama	4-8	Beverly Art Center
Instrumental Music (tuition based)	4-8	Mr. Enns
Academic Contests	6-8	Teacher Volunteers
Safety Patrol	6-8	Mrs. Cody, Mr. Henderson
Stew Crew	5-8	Parent Volunteers, Mrs.
Cira		
Violins	K-2	Mr. & Mrs. Reyes
Volleyball (boys & girls)	4-8	Parent Coaches
Young Authors	1-8	Teacher Volunteers Mrs. Mary Bansley

Information about activities will be sent home at an appropriate time. Interested volunteers should contact Ms. Gannon or the sponsor.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Eligibility to practice or play on any organized Sutherland School team, whether in pre-season or the regular season, is determined every five weeks by the athlete's grades. An athlete must earn a minimum of all C's and one D in the core subject areas for their particular grade level. A student-athlete who is ruled ineligible may regain eligibility at the next five-week grade reporting period. Suspended students or absent students may not play or practice on the days that they were not in school.

PARENT PERMISSION FOR STUDENTS TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED

Frequently, throughout the school year, news agencies are invited to document the projects or events that are taking place at Sutherland School. If for any reason you might object to having your child photographed or have his/her name appear in an article, please contact the office and send a letter to the principal which will be kept on file.

Your child's school work or academic accomplishments may be documented on the Sutherland School website. Again, if for any reason you as the parent or guardian might object to this, please notify the office by sending a letter to the principal which will be kept on file.

POLICY ON STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS NETWORK

PURPOSE:

This policy, also referred to as the "Student Acceptable Use for Electronic Network Related Technologies and Access Policy" ("AUP") sets forth the standards governing Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") students' use of the CPS Electronic Network Related Technologies and Access ("CPS Network") system. This policy also sets forth the rules under which student authorized users may continue their access to and use of these resources. This policy promotes the ethical, legal and school-related use of the CPS Network and ensures CPS compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Personal electronic devices will be governed under this policy when such devices are attached to the CPS network.

Authorized student use of information resources must be consistent with the educational purposes for which these resources have been provided. Use of the CPS Network is a privilege that is provided to help student authorized users complete and deliver educational obligations. The CPS Network provides student authorized users with the means for communicating effectively with schools, teachers, administrators, the public, other government entities, and educational experts. These resources should be used in a manner that both enhances students' educational experiences and complies with the policy and regulations established from time to time by the Chicago Board of Education ("Board"). CPS students, through their use of the CPS Network will gain skills and expertise that prepare them for an increasingly technology-oriented society.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR STUDENT USE OF THE CPS NETWORK

A. ACCEPTABLE USES

CPS students may use the various resources provided by the CPS Network to pursue educationally-related activities. Teachers and other staff should help guide students in their use of the CPS Network so that students will learn how Internet resources such as discussion boards, instant messaging and chat rooms can provide valuable educational information from classrooms, schools, and other national and international sources. In addition to using the CPS Network strictly for educational pursuits, students will be expected to follow generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following: