Extracurricular Academic Activities
(open to all students)

Parents are notified via SMS Matters.
Students are notified via school announcements and flyers.

Robotics (FLL)

Fall, After school meetings (Note: Teams for this school year are already full.)

First Lego League competition for 7th and 8th graders
http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fll

Spring, Before or after school meetings
6th graders learn building and programming basics

Film Club

Year long, Before or after school meetings
8th graders write/film/edit film for the Virginia Film Festival
http://virginiafilmfestival.org/yfa/

Spring, Before or after school meetings
7th graders learn how to write, film, and edit a feature film

Destination Imagination
https://www.destinationimagination.org/
Fall into early spring, Before or after school meetings
• Teams of up to 7 students
• Parent volunteer coaches needed
• Promotes creative problem solving and teamwork
• Competition in February or March

Writer’s Eye Contest
http://www.virginia.edu/artmuseum/edu/k-12-programs/writers-eye/
Tentative field trip date September 30, Entries Due Dec. 2
• Students take field trip to UVA Art Museum
• Write prose or poetry in response to selected art
• Students work outside of school with assistance as needed

Sutherland Debate Team
Year long, Monday after school meetings
• Run by UVA students from the Charlottesville Debate League
• Learn debate rules and procedures
• Participate in informal debate contests throughout year

**Sutherland Chess Club (not definite)**
*Tentative plan for Fall, Tuesdays before school meetings*
Run by Mr. Szejniuk from Playing ACES

**MathCounts**
[https://www.mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series](https://www.mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series)
*Fall and early spring, Tentative Wednesday after school meetings*
  • Middle school competition held in February
  • Student practice begins in fall
  • Ten students will represent Sutherland

**National History Day**
[https://nhd.org/](https://nhd.org/)
*Fall and into spring, Meet during Chomp*
  • Intensive research project
  • Time outside of school required
  • Theme: TAKING A STAND IN HISTORY
  • Competition in spring

**Piedmont Regional Science Fair**
[http://vprsf.org/](http://vprsf.org/)
*Fall and into spring, Meet during Chomp*
  • Scientific and engineering projects allowed
  • Time outside of school required
  • Competition held at JPJA in spring

**Spelling Bee and National Geography Bee**

Spelling Bee:
  • Sutherland Bee is held in January during school
  • County wide spelling bee is usually in February

Geography Bee:
  • Sutherland Bee is held in January during school
  • State Bee is held in April

**CTY Talent Search**
• Center for Talented Youth at John Hopkins University
• Students may apply online at [http://www.cty.jhu.edu](http://www.cty.jhu.edu)
• If accepted, can register to take SAT or ACT tests
• Scores determine eligibility into John Hopkins programs