



# Tiger Newsletter

December, 2024



## A Message From Principal Evans

We've made it to December! I hope everyone had a restful and safe fall break. We missed seeing the kids this past week! I was grateful to be on campus Monday for the Sacramento Food Bank and SCUUSD Central Kitchen food give away. It was a successful event for everyone as we gave away 200 boxes of food being donated. And because we love food here at JSTK8 we are also excited about this week's Panda Express Fundraiser. Check out the details in this newsletter. Our Breakfast with Santa is Saturday December 14th and we will be holding our Principal's Coffee Chat on the 20th. We plan to eat our way through the next three weeks, and before you know it, we will be on winter break! We have additional events coming up as well that we are hoping to see you at, so please check out the newsletter for more information and to see what's been happening! Go Tigers!

## Upcoming Events

- December 5  
Panda Express Fundraiser at Delta Shores
- December 10  
School Site Council/ELAC Meeting, 2:30 PM
- December 11  
PTA/PTO Information Meeting 5:30 PM  
Winter Concert 6:00 PM
- December 14  
Breakfast with Santa 9:00 AM - Noon
- December 17  
PTA/PTO Information Meeting 8:15 AM
- December 20  
Principal's Coffee Chat, 8:15 AM
- December 23 - January 3  
Winter Break

Joanna Evans, Principal  
John Still TK-8

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# November Highlights: Celebrating Community and School Spirit

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## Multicultural Night Celebration

On November 20th, our school hosted Multicultural Night, where students showcased their talents through performances and activities that highlighted the rich cultural diversity within our community. This special event was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many cultures represented by our students. We are so fortunate to have such a diverse and inclusive school community, and Multicultural Night was a beautiful way to honor and share these unique traditions and experiences. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a memorable success!

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## Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

On November 20th, John Still TK-8 participated in the annual Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, a meaningful event that honors Ruby Bridges' historic steps as the first African American child to integrate an all-white public school. Students and staff wore purple in solidarity, showing their commitment to ending racism and all forms of bullying. This day of dialogue encouraged our students to think about how they can take part in activism and work toward a more inclusive, respectful world. It was inspiring to see our students proudly wearing their purple caps, symbolizing unity and a shared dedication to creating positive change.

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## John Still Middle School E-Sports Team Prepares for Upcoming Competitions

Our John Still Middle School E-Sports team has been working hard every Friday afternoon in preparation for their Thursday afternoon competitions against other SCUSD schools. With Mr. DeJager's guidance, students engage in exciting Minecraft building challenges that test their critical thinking, strategic planning, and creativity.

These weekly practices allow students to hone their skills and work together as a team, ready to showcase their talents in upcoming competitions. The photos above capture some of our talented team members in action!

We're excited to see what they achieve in their upcoming matches and wish them the best of luck as they continue to grow and learn through this unique and engaging e-sports experience!



## Fall Sports Wrap-Up & Winter Basketball Excitement

Our fall sports season has officially wrapped up, and what a season it was! Our student-athletes showed incredible dedication and sportsmanship in flag football, volleyball, and cross country. A big thank you to all our players, coaches, and supporters for making this fall sports season a success.

Basketball is in full swing! Both our boys' and girls' basketball teams are in full swing, and the action is heating up. Games are held on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout December and January, so be sure to mark your calendars and come out to support our Tigers.

For the latest game schedules and updates, visit the [John Still website](#). We hope to see you at the games—let's fill the stands and cheer on our teams!



# Looking Ahead: Exciting Events and Opportunities in December

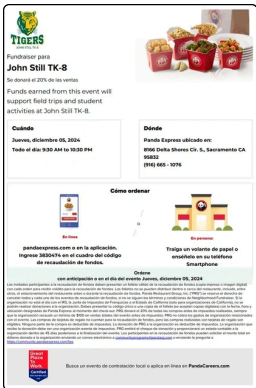
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## Celebrating National Special Education Day: Honoring Inclusion and Empowerment

In honor of National Special Education Day on December 2nd, we celebrate the dedication, resilience, and achievements of students, teachers, and families in the special education community. This day recognizes the landmark signing of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in 1975, which ensures that every child, regardless of their abilities, has access to a quality education. We are proud to support and empower our students with diverse needs, and we remain committed to fostering an inclusive environment where all students can thrive.

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## Panda Express Fundraiser on December 5th

Make a purchase at Panda Express and support John Still T8-K!

We've partnered with Panda Express at Delta Shores for a John Still fundraiser on Thursday, December 5, 2024. Present our **flyer** (either printed or on your phone), or use the code 3830474 on your Panda app and John Still will receive 20% of the pre-tax proceeds from your purchase!

The event runs all day on December 5th, from 9:30 AM until 10:30 PM.

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## Join Us for Breakfast with Santa on December 14th!

Join us for a festive morning of breakfast, arts and crafts, games, and special photo opportunities with Santa—made possible with support from the **Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center!**

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 noon**

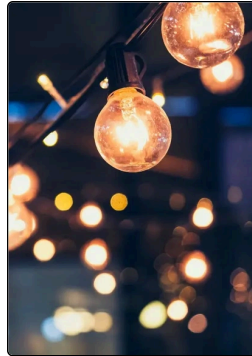
John Still Middle School Cafeteria

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## Wishing You a Joyous Holiday Season!

As we approach the holiday season, we want to take a moment to wish all of our students, families, and staff a joyful and restful time with loved ones. Please note the following important dates:

- **December 25, 2024** – Christmas Day:
- **December 25, 2024** – Hanukkah Begins: Celebrated from the evening of December 25 to sundown on January 2, 2025.
- **December 26, 2024** – Kwanzaa Begins: Celebrated annually starting on December 26.



We hope everyone enjoys this special time of year!

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## Visit our website for the latest updates and information.

**John Still TK-8 Website**

