



Tiger Newsletter

September, 2026



A Message From Principal Evans

Hello John Still Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope everyone has had a smooth start to this school year so far. We are happy to have you all here.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Campus Kick Off event in August! It was great to meet so many families and see so many of you taking advantage of the fun and food provided by our after school program providers, Rose Family Empowerment Center!

We have a lot of activities this month for students, parents, and caregivers to get involved in as well, and are hopeful that we will see you at them. Please check our school website, ParentSquare, and social media pages for information on what is happening around campus and feel free to reach out to teachers and school staff with any questions. We're so glad to have you at John Still and we are looking forward to a great year!

Joanna Evans
Principal
John Still TK-8

September School Events

September 4

PTO Event - Meet the Chick-fil-A Mascot, 8:00 AM

September 6

School Supply Giveaway, 1 PM - 4 PM

September 7

Labor Day Holiday - No School

September 11

Kona Ice After School

September 15

PTO Meeting, 5:30 PM (West Library)

September 23

Fresh Produce Drive-Thru, 9:30 AM

September 25

Principal's Coffee Chat, 8:15 AM

September 29

School Site Council/ELAC, 2:30 PM

In the Spotlight



Welcome Back Tigers!

We welcomed our students back on August 11 and are excited to begin the 2026–27 school year together.

This year, students returned to a brand-new gym floor, and we are also excited to welcome many new faces to our campus! New students have joined our John Still community, along with new teachers and staff members who are joining our wonderful returning team.

With a fresh start, new energy, and a dedicated staff ready to support our students, we are looking forward to a successful year.

We are committed to helping every student grow.

Fall Sports Are Underway at John Still!

Fall sports are officially underway at John Still TK-8, and we're excited for a great season!

Boys Flag Football: Our middle school boys will play their first game on September 2 at Umoja. Future games will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Girls Volleyball: We have two middle school girls volleyball teams this year! Their season begins August 31 at John Still, with future games on Mondays and Wednesdays.

We're also excited to kick off our co-ed elementary flag football season! The first game will be held at John Still on September 8, with additional games throughout the season.

Team schedules are available on the **John Still TK-8 website** and through this [link](#).

A huge thanks to our coaches, and good luck to all of our Tiger athletes! We can't wait to cheer you on this season!

August Highlights



Campus Kick Off Brings Our Community Together

Last month we celebrated the beginning of the school year by welcoming families to our Campus Kick Off event. Families joined us on both the elementary and middle school campuses for an evening filled with free food, games, community resources, and opportunities to connect.

Families had the chance to meet their students' teachers, learn about upcoming activities, and get important information about the school year. We were also excited to welcome Crispin, the SCUSD mascot, who was a big hit with our students and posed for plenty of photos!

A special thank-you goes to the Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center for supporting our Campus Kick Off and helping make the event such a wonderful start to the school year. We appreciate all of our families and community partners who helped us begin the year together!



Community School Updates

Join us for the 2026-27

PTO Membership Drive

Join the Parent/Teacher Organization to support John Still students, staff, & families

8/31-9/11/26

1. Fill out the membership form
2. Donate \$5-20 for your yearly dues (cash or check only)
3. Return envelope to your student's class or front offices

WIN A PIZZA PARTY FOR YOUR CLASS!



John Still Parent Teacher Organization

Board Members

President: Lori "Froggie" Nixon

Vice President: Eleni Arreola

Treasurer/Secretary: Katie Burns

- **Next Meeting: September 15, 2026**
- 5:30 PM
- Elementary Campus Library

The John Still PTO is kicking off its Fall Membership Drive, running through September 11. Families can join with a contribution of \$5-\$20.

The PTO is a great way to connect with other caretakers, support our school, and help make special events and activities possible. We have lots of fun planned for the 2026-27 school year!

PTO Membership Challenge: Following the membership drive, classes with the highest percentage of PTO membership will win a pizza party sponsored by the PTO.

Questions? Contact the PTO at johnstillpto@gmail.com.

- BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE RECLAMATION PROJECT -

SUPPLIES FOR SOLIDARITY

BACK IN SACRAMENTO

DEL PASO HEIGHTS
Saturday, September 5
12:00PM - 3:00PM
Robertson Community Center
3525 Norwood Ave

FREE FOR ALL!
School Supplies, Household, Health & Hygiene Essentials, Clothes, Books, Food, Games & Resources for Kids, Families, & Community!
Bring your own bag or box. Drop by the site most convenient for you. Supplies are first come, first served until cleared out!

In Collaboration With MAN's Strong Families, Strong Communities Event.

MEADOWVIEW
Sunday, September 6
1:00PM - 4:00PM
John Still TK-8 School (Cafeteria)
2200 John Still Drive

OAK PARK
Sunday, September 6
1:00PM - 4:00PM
Fr. Keith B. Kenny Elementary School (MP Room)
3525 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

SIGN UP & LEARN MORE!



Supplies for Solidarity: Free Community Resources

We're excited to share a community resource with John Still families! The Reclamation Project, a Sacramento-based, youth-led grassroots organization, is hosting its annual Supplies for Solidarity mutual aid distribution on September 6 at John Still Middle School. The event hours are from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

This free event provides families with school supplies, health and hygiene essentials, household items, clothing, books, and food to our community members.

Since 2022, Supplies for Solidarity has supported more than 500 families and redistributed more than 35,000 essential supplies through partnerships with local businesses, foundations, and community organizations.



Monthly Fresh Produce Giveaways

John Still TK-8 is continuing to partner with Molina Healthcare and Bienestar is Wellbeing to bring monthly fresh produce giveaways to our campus!

About the program:

- The goal is to reduce food waste
- Produce is generously donated by local farmers and grocery stores
- Items vary each time, but typically include fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables
- All community members are welcome! You do not need to have a student at John Still

Stay connected:

We often receive only a few days' notice before each giveaway. Be sure to check ParentSquare, Instagram, and Facebook for updates! ***Our social media links can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.***

Interested in volunteering?

We could use help during future giveaways with produce sorting, bagging, and boxing. Please contact Katie Burns at katherine-burns@scusd.edu for more information.



Celebrating our Meadowview Starbucks Manager

We recently had the opportunity to celebrate our local Starbucks manager, Sue, as she begins her well-deserved retirement! For many years, Sue has been an invaluable partner of our school and has gone above and beyond to support our students and families.

From coordinating backpack and shoe drives to donating coffee for our monthly meetings, Sue has always found ways to give back to our school community. She has also coordinated our annual December celebration, known as **Starbucks Santa**, which has become a special tradition for our youngest students.

We are incredibly grateful for Sue and for the amazing partnership we have shared with **Starbucks Meadowview** over the years. We wish Sue a wonderful retirement filled with happiness, relaxation, and new adventures!

Looking Ahead to September



Hispanic Heritage Month Begins September 15

September 15–October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to celebrate Hispanic and Latino history, culture, and contributions to the United States. While we recognize and celebrate these communities throughout the year, this month provides an opportunity to highlight their rich traditions, vibrant arts and culture, advocacy, and many contributions to our nation.

The Latino presence in what is now the United States spans centuries, and Hispanic and Latino communities have played an important role in shaping our country's history and culture. Today, more than 60 million Latinos live in the United States, contributing as entrepreneurs, artists, athletes, scientists, educators, public servants, and in countless other ways.

At John Still, we look forward to recognizing and celebrating the diverse histories, cultures, and contributions of our Hispanic and Latino students, families, and community members.



Labor Day, September 7

Labor Day is observed each year on the first Monday in September as a celebration of the contributions and achievements of American workers.

The holiday grew out of the labor movement of the late 19th century, when workers and labor activists advocated for recognition of the important role workers play in our nation's strength, prosperity, and well-being. In 1894, Congress established Labor Day as a federal holiday.

Today, Labor Day is often marked by parades, community events, and gatherings with family and friends. It is also an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the hard work and contributions of workers in our communities and across the country.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

California Native American Day, September 25

California Native American Day, observed on September 25, is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of the Native peoples indigenous to California.

Established by California in 1998, the fourth Friday of September is dedicated to increasing understanding of California Native American history and challenging misconceptions and stereotypes. California is home to many distinct tribal communities, each with its own traditions, languages, and histories that extend back thousands of years.

California Native American Day also provides an opportunity to recognize both the accomplishments and challenges experienced by Native communities and to continue learning about the important role Native peoples have continued to play in California's history and communities.

Source: <https://www.nativeamericanday.org>

Visit our website for the latest updates and information.

John Still TK-8 Website

Check Us Out on Social Media!

John Still TK-8 is now on Facebook and Instagram.



While Parent Square remains our official platform for important announcements and updates, you can now follow us on social media for extra stories, event highlights, and celebrations of our amazing students and staff.

You can find our [Facebook page here](#), and our [Instagram page here](#).
