

Happy Holidays!



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS! This month we will observe December 23rd and 30th respectively for the yearend holidays. **Day Care will be available during the Christmas Break.** For Grades K-12, school will be on Winter Break from December 19th 2011 and school will resume on January 2, 2012. Students enrolled in the *Before and After School Program* may attend activities during this time.

- Starting Gate School will have its annual pot luck Holiday party on Friday, December 16, 2011 starting at 10:30 A.M. Please, inform your students teacher what you intend to bring. Whatever your age, don't forget the camera, come and see Santa.
- Parents please check out the Basic Fund link on our home page SGS. This scholarship for 2012 is usually obtainable to those who apply early.
- We are having a warm coat and canned food drive to help support local charities of Vallejo. Please drop your non perishable food items and gently used clothing off at school.
- Please contact Teacher Dorothy early in this month if you wish to sign up your preschooler for our annual Tike-A-Thon. Donations will be received by St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Students provide their own tricycle for this school event. We look forward to your parent support as chaperones assisting in this week long marathon, come January 2012.
- Teacher Dorothy is encouraging preschool parents to talk with their toddlers about the use of inappropriate words which Starting Gate School does not consider acceptable. Always remember that your child is a sponge for knowledge. Talking to your children about their day's event is a great way to assist our teacher's in presenting these early learners with proper speech. Thank you.
- Special thanks to Starting Gate's Eagle Gwen Nishida, our school benefactor, for giving the gift of a school library to the student body. Completion and operation is expected within the next two weeks.
- This month's winner of the most recycled bottles goes to Mrs. Vlach and her 1st grade class. Please watch for the correct blue recycle containers when disposing your bottles at school. Remember, what can't be reused can be recycled.



- It's time to start buying your Crab Feed tickets for family and friends. Tickets are \$35.00 each and may be purchased in the Main Office. We are limited to only 200 seats this year. This is Starting Gate Schools first attempt at a Crab Feed Fundraiser. Our goal is to have successful turnout, to make this an annual event, and reduce the number of multiple fundraising events throughout the school year. Each family is asked to buy, and or sell a minimum of 5 tickets for this family oriented event at Post 550 on Feb. 17, 2012
- *Scrooge! The Musical:* Bay Area Stage joins the Mira Theatre Guild to present a 2011 Christmas production of *Scrooge! The Musical*. A delightful musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel A Christmas Carol.
December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16-17 – 8:00pm
December 4, 11, 18 – 2:00pm
Tickets available at the box office or online via the [Bay Area website](#).
- Vallejo Ballet presents "An Old Fashioned Christmas" benefiting Starting Gate School. Spend this December 17, 2011 with the Vallejo Ballet at Hogan Auditorium at 6:00 P.M. 850 Rosewood Avenue. Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$10.00 for children.



- Officer James Lowell Capoot was a familiar face, well known to the staff and students of Starting Gate School. Officer Capoot was killed in the line of duty on November 17, 2011. In Lieu of flowers, the Vallejo Police Officers Association has created a memorial fund on behalf of the Capoot Family. P.O. Box 4218 Vallejo, California 94590

For past newsletters and previous events please check the SGS website:
www.StartingGateSchool.com
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