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Conservatory Update

The Saturday Conservatory of Fine Arts is off to a great start! There are 370 students who excitedly started class in October in the Visual Arts and 300 students in the Performing Arts.

Dates to Remember

- Dec. 24, Dec. 31, Jan. 14:** No class
- Jan. 21:** Open House for Visual Arts
- Jan. 21:** Parent meeting for Performing Arts
- Feb. 4:** Open House for Performing Arts

Parent involvement is a critical part of a successful GATE Program. One of the ways parents can stay involved is by attending the two GATE specific parent meetings held at every school each year. At these meetings, parents learn about the school's GATE program, District GATE/SAS meetings and conferences, and have the opportunity to give input to their school's Annual GATE Report (due each spring).

Gifted/Talented Programs holds various parent events throughout the year. In February, we will hold our annual GATE/SAS parent workshops in each Local District. This year's workshop features the award winning documentary, SCREENAGERS. Translation in Spanish will be provided.

Parent Meeting Dates:

- Monday, Feb. 6:** Grant HS (Northeast Valley)
- Thursday, Feb. 9:** Nobel MS (Northwest Valley)
- Monday, Feb. 13:** Peary MS (South)
- Thursday, Feb. 16:** Nightingale MS (East)
- Thursday, Feb. 23:** Westchester HS (West)
- Monday, Feb 27:** Contreras LC (Central)

Parent Meeting Schedule:

- 5:00-6:45 pm:** Documentary Screening, SCREENAGERS: Growing up in the Digital Age (all grade levels)
- 7:00—7:45 pm:** Overview OLSAT 8 for High Achievement Category identification (parents of 2nd graders)

Winter Break Fun

The LAUSD Winter Break is a wonderful time for families to relax from the hustle and bustle of the school day and explore our wonderful city. This vacation consider visiting the UCLA Meteorite Gallery. The Gallery is open to the public weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm and on Sundays from 1 to 4 pm. Admission is free. Visit this link for more information: <http://www.meteorites.ucla.edu/>.

Vacation is also one of the best times to curl up with a good book. Visit this link from Byrdseed for a recommended list of books for gifted students: <http://www.byrdseed.com/recommended-books-for-gifted-students/>.

Highly-Gifted Opportunity

California State, Los Angeles is conducting their annual Search for Exceptional Academic Achievement (SEAA). This talent search identifies young students with exceptional abilities to participate in its Early Entrance Program (EEP). The EEP is a unique nationally acclaimed model for accelerated education

that enables a select number of students ages 11-15 to bypass high school in order to matriculate as full-time university students in a structured and supportive program in the Honors College. Students must be no older than 15 by June 1st of the year that they will be applying to the EEP. The talent search is for students between the ages

of 11 and 15. Students are identified by their scores on the SAT exam. For more information about the EEP program and how to register for the SAT exam please visit the EEP website at: <http://www.calstatela.edu/eed/about-seaa>.