

# Silver Oak High School Newsletter Fall 2015

## 2015-2016 Annual Donation Drive Kickoff!



Dear Silver Oak Families and Friends,

Thank you to the many families, friends, and community members who participated in our fundraising efforts last year. We raised an amazing \$45,390! Here's a brief summary of our fundraising activities:

Donation Drive:  
\$39,180  
Auction: \$3,600  
Fiesta: \$1,730  
Recycling: \$760  
Amazon: \$120.



**\$20,000 Boy's Baseball**  
**\$16,000 Girl's Soccer**  
**\$13,000 Boy's Basketball**  
**\$10,000 Girl's Volleyball**  
**\$7,000 Boy's Soccer**  
**\$2,700 Membership**

The money we raised has been used to buy furniture, iMacs, Chromebooks/charging stations, and books (for Mathematics, English, Science/Chemistry, Digital Media, and Spanish).

As Silver Oak continues its journey to provide a college preparatory education based on the Montessori principles of individualized mastery

learning and student participation in the construction of knowledge, there are still a lot of improvements that need to be made. We did listen to all your feedback and we were able to identify an area of focus for this year: SPORTS. Silver Oak's annual donation drive is our main fundraising activity and this year, our goal is to raise \$20,000 towards our school's athletic programs.

This year's donation drive will cover our BACSAC membership fees and the fee for each sport, which is \$2,600 (including game scheduling, fields, and referees). Please note that some teams will need uniforms. Our students count

on your continued support and generosity. Your donation, no matter the amount, will be greatly and sincerely appreciated. Please feel free to talk to your friends, grandparents, and other family members and let them know how they also can support Silver Oak.

## Latest Updates

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to everyone who is returning for another year! It's remarkable to see Silver Oak growing, from 110 students to 165 this year! To accommodate the growth, Ms. Blasi has been very busy hiring an amazing team, consisting of 11 teachers, a Special Education coordinator, an Athletic Director, a College Counselor and an Office Manager. This year, we are also pleased to welcome our first class of Silver Oak seniors!



As you know, Silver Oak is fully accredited for grades 9-10 by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). In order for Silver Oak to be fully accredited for grades 11-12, the WASC team is returning this Fall to continue their work.

As part of Silver Oak's intercessions and extracurricular activities, a group of students will attend the Regional High School Model United Nations conference in San Francisco. Twenty sophomores will travel to Los Angeles, in January, and the juniors are planning their trip to Washington, D.C.



Thank you to the students and families who returned the "end of the year" survey. Based on the results gathered over the last two years, Silver Oak has established goals to improve the Conditions of Learning.

Goals to improve the conditions of learning	Status
1. Provide teachers with Montessori Secondary I/II Training	Five teachers worked very hard since Summer 2014 and have completed their Montessori Secondary I/II training during Summer 2015.
2. Move Silver Oak to a safe facility	Our move to the YMCA Eden site last year has been very beneficial. We extended our lease and have secured an additional classroom for this year. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with cleaning the campus this summer!
3. Have a full-time College Counselor	Done! This year, our college counselor has transitioned to full-time!
4. Offer more electives	Our expanded team of teachers is now able to provide more electives, as well as a greater choice.
5- Develop a full athletic program	Silver Oak is part of BACSAC (Bay Area Charter Schools Athletic Conference) and our athletic program is in full expansion with five sport teams.

## 2015-2016 Donation Drive

### Make a difference DONATE NOW

No amount is too small!

- Raise \$20,000 for sports
- Donation is tax deductible  
Tax ID: 45-5620286
- Ways to donate:  
Using your credit card, at [www.silveroakmontessori.org](http://www.silveroakmontessori.org).  
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Hayward, CA 94542.
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