

Silver Oak High School Newsletter Fall 2016

2016-2017 Annual Donation Drive – Technology & Science!



Dear Silver Oak Families and Friends,

Thank you, families, friends, and community members, for participating in last year fundraising efforts. **We raised over \$49,000!**

Here's a brief summary of how you participated in our fundraising activities (and this doesn't include all the student driven fundraising for their field trips to Model UN, Los Angeles and Washington DC)!

School Year	2014-2015	2015-2016
Donation Drive (Towards ...)	\$39,180 (General Fund)	\$16,110 (Sports)
Fiesta	\$1,734 (General Fund)	\$1,307 (Sports)
Other Donations		\$27,700 (General Fund)
Auction	\$3,590	\$3,381
Recycling/Plants	\$799	\$277
Misc/Amazon	\$122	\$552
Total Fundraising	\$45,425	\$49,327



Silver Oak's annual donation drive is our main fundraising activity and this year, **Our goal is to raise \$20,000 towards Technology and Science materials.** We've started buying more iMacs for the Computer Lab, as well as more Chrome Books, the goal being to have one Chrome Book per student. We are getting much closer, but we need your help to get to the finish line. For Science, many supplies are needed to cover our 4 year curriculum (Environmental Science, Biology, Physics, and Chemistry). With that in mind, some work has already been done in the Science classroom, such as new electrical wiring, installation of the emergency eye wash and shower, and safety cabinets for storing flammable and corrosive products. Diverse materials (microscopes, balances, chemicals, droppers, test tubes, dissection guides, and also supplies for physics, biology books) have been ordered, however, as you know, science experiments require many more materials!

Will you help us? Invest in your children and their future! Your donation is greatly and sincerely appreciated. Feel free to talk to your friends, grandparents, and other family members and let them know that they can also support Silver Oak students. Strength in Numbers!



Latest Updates

Silver Oak is continuing to grow, from 160 students to 190 this year! Ms. Blasi's team is now comprised of 12 teachers, a Special Education coordinator, an Academic Dean/College Counselor, a Dean of Students and an Office Manager. Some teachers are combining several duties, such as Athletic Director, Instructional Coach, Testing/Internship Coordinator, Attendance Coordinator or Music teacher. Last June, our first class of Silver Oak seniors graduated! Those 13 graduates worked very hard, and all went to college!



2016-2017 Donation Drive

- Raise \$20,000 for Technology and Science Materials.
- Donation is tax deductible
Tax ID: 45-5620286
- Ways to donate:
Using your credit card, at www.silveroakmontessori.org.
Or mail your check to
Silver Oak High School
951 Palisade St.
Hayward, CA 94542.

- Ask employer for matching

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- Saturday March 25th 2017



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RECYCLE CANS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES



Thank You!!



Silver Oak is fully accredited for grades 9-12 by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). In February 2017, the School will welcome the visit of a combined WASC/American Montessori Society (AMS) team for a dual accreditation.

Silver Oak has received a grant from Lowe's and is working on improving the outdoors. As part of that effort, a huge THANK YOU goes out to Lowe's store manager Richard Dziedzic and his employees (from the Union City store), who volunteered their time Saturday Oct 29th, side by side with SO students!



Here's an update on our LCAP goals to improve the Conditions of Learning:

Goals to improve the Conditions of Learning	Status
1- Provide staff with Montessori Secondary I/ II Training	Have 16 staff members (working with the students), 5 already completed their Montessori Secondary I/ II, 9 are in progress and 1 is completing Montessori administrators credential.
2- Be in a safe facility	Discussion with the YMCA to obtain more space. In addition to outdoor work, all lights will be replaced with LEDs, and windows security film installed. Cleanup days and painting refresh will happen this winter.
3- College Readiness	Continue to have our college counselor full-time, especially that we have more seniors! Offering Honors classes and after school tutoring. Make sure students get all their credits, and are prepared for the standardized tests.
4- Offer more electives	Our expanded team of teachers is offering more electives, with different choices.
5- Develop a full athletic program	Silver Oak continues to be part of BACSAC (Bay Area Charter Schools Athletic Conference) and has five sport teams.



Please, we need your help to make sure the students arrive to school on time. Also check the school calendar on our web site before planning your vacations.