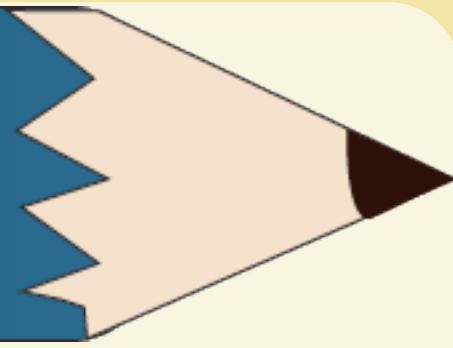


SOHS News

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016



After School Tutoring Program

Starting the week of 9/6/16, the faculty at Silver Oak High School will offer a formalized tutoring program from 4:00 until 4:30pm. Though in past years faculty members were always available afterschool for extra help with individual assignments, this year the format is organized to address specific skills in the core subject areas. Each faculty member will provide support in his/her core subject matter, to any student in need, regardless of grade level. In this way any student will be able to get support four days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday) in Math, English, Social Studies, Science and Spanish. Support for Mandarin, Digital Media and Psychology will be provided two days per week. Currently this is an optional program for all Silver Oak students. However, it will be a requirement for those students who do not attain mastery, in any core subject, at the end of the first quarter marking period (10/21/16).

Standardized Testing at SOHS



To support all of our students as they navigate our high stakes standardized testing culture, the Faculty has designed a program that will prepare students for the test without “teaching to the test”. To that end we are incorporating the following strategies in our curriculum...

- SBAC formatted assessments, using laptops, in all core subject areas;
- Winter Interim SBAC testing for Evaluation and Practice; and
- SAT and SBAC formatted questions imbedded in all subject areas.

The school’s testing schedule is included on the 2016-2017 SOHS School Calendar.

Please contact Mr. Gerritsen at david@silveroakmontessori.org with any SBAC questions; or

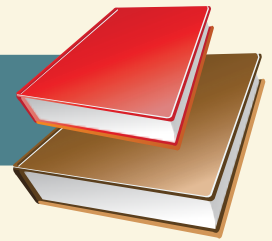
Ms. Ledezma at yanira@silveroakmontessori.org with any PSAT/SAT questions.

Honors Classes (10th-12th grades)



- At Silver Oak High School honors level classes are offered in all English, Science and Social Studies classes.
- All qualified sophomores, juniors and seniors may register to take these classes.
- Honors level classes will commence the week of 9/12/16.
- Students may request an Honors contract from their subject matter teachers starting 9/6/16.

New Laptop Policy



- Starting 9/6/16 students may bring their own laptops to use at school, with a signed agreement.
- This BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy includes student cell phones and requires a parent/guardian signed agreement with the school.
- Students who choose to use a school laptop will be issued one for the year, with a signed agreement.
- These agreements must be signed by parents/guardians before the laptops are permitted/issued.

Family Conferences and

Back-to-School Night



Family Conferences begin Monday, 8/29/16. Your student's advisor will be contacting you to set up a day and time for your thirty (30) minute conference. These are important, goal-setting conferences and are mandatory.

Back-to-School Night

Thursday, 9/8/16, @ 6:00pm

Sports Activities



Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer seasons begin this week. Our Athletic Director, Ms. Almanza, has arranged to have the required Medical Examinations available to our student athletes, here at school this week, at an affordable price.

Please contact Ms. Almanza at christina@silveroakmontessori.org if you are interested.

Lunch Service



HUSD, which provided our lunch service last year, has discontinued our service for this year. We are in the process of finding a new company to work with us. Hence, until we have contracted with a new vendor, please send your student to school with lunch. The Student Store is still open at lunch for snacks.

Coffee with the Head of School

When: Thursday, 9/15/16 @ 8:45am or 3:00pm

Where: the school gym

Topic: "High Stakes Standardized Testing at the High School Level"

