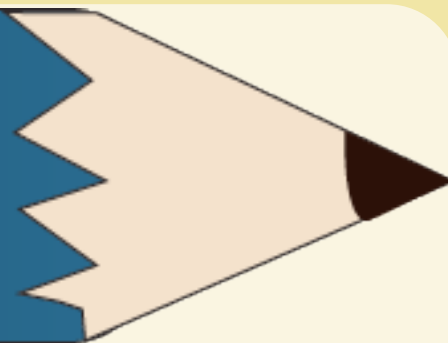


# SOHS News

February 2017



## SOHS College Acceptances and College Planning

- All 36 members of the class of 2017 have applied to four-year colleges. Thus far 27 of the 36 seniors have been accepted to one or more of the colleges of their choice. There will be more acceptances forthcoming, as students have not yet heard from the UCal schools and the private universities and colleges, which roll-out their acceptances over the next few months.
- The junior class started their formal college planning in August. Beginning the week of January 30<sup>th</sup> Ms. Ledezma will be scheduling conferences for junior class families. At these meetings the juniors will review their transcripts and strategize their college plans, together with their families.
- Ms. Ledezma will present a special **Freshman/Sophomore parent night** entitled, "Supporting Your College Bound Student" on **Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**, in the gym. This meeting will introduce the freshmen and sophomore families to the SOHS college planning process.

## February Events @ SOHS

- January 30th .....2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins
- January 31st- February 10th.....Family Conferences
- February 9<sup>th</sup>..... "Supporting Your College Bound Student" @ 6:30pm in the gym
- February 16<sup>th</sup>.....Coffee with the Head @ 8:45am and 3:00pm in the gym
- February 20th.....Presidents' Day.....no school !
- February 21st.....Silver Oak Admission Lottery @ 6:30pm in the gym
- February 26<sup>th</sup>-March 1st.....AMS/WASC Accreditation Visiting Team
- February 28<sup>th</sup>.....Coffee with the AMS/WASC Accreditation Visiting Team @ 8:45am in the gym

## AMS/WASC Accreditation Visit

Silver Oak High School is currently accredited by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) for a three-year term. This year we will be re-accrediting our school for another term and adding the AMS (American Montessori Society) accreditation. To that end an accreditation visiting team will be here on campus this month from Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The team is comprised of four educators, two representing WASC and two representing AMS. They will use the School's self-study as a guide, in order to verify and validate the findings. They will be observing in classrooms, reviewing student work and school documents and conducting meetings with faculty, students, parents and the Board. A special parent reception is planned for Tuesday, 2/28,

# Important Paperwork to Complete This Month

- **Free and Reduced Lunch Forms:** We are finalizing our lunch service paperwork with the State of California. They require that we update our school's "Free and Reduced Lunch" count. Please complete this form this week so that we may have lunch service at our school this semester. It is important that each family in the school completes these forms, even if they think that they will not meet the criteria to qualify for free or reduced lunch. We need a complete count.
- **Sibling Applications:** The SOHS Admissions Lottery is scheduled for Tuesday, 2/21/17. The application deadline for this lottery is Friday, 2/10. We must receive all sibling applications on or before 2/10 so that we may hold spaces for them in the new freshman class. Siblings take priority over all other applicants.
- **Intent to Re-Enroll Forms:** In order to prepare for the lottery on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will need an accurate count of our enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year. This enrollment information also impacts our budgeting process for the next school year. Please complete this important form on or before Friday, 2/17/17.

## SOHS Family Handbook

SOHS's "Family Handbook" is posted on our website at...

<http://www.silveroakmontessori.org>

It is updated and approved by the Board twice yearly and/or as necessary. There is much information contained in the Handbook. The Academic and Conduct Policies sections are of particular importance, as we do follow them closely. Please familiarize yourself with this important document and contact the office with any questions.

## Sports Schedule

### Boys' Basketball Season

#### Games:

1/11/17 @ 6:30pm

1/13/17 @ 6:30pm

1/26/17 @ 6:30pm

2/1/17 @ 6:30pm

2/3/17 @ 6:30pm

2/8/17 @ 6:30pm

2/9/17 @ 6:30pm

### Girls' Soccer Season

Practices: starting 2/6/17

M, T, Th, F@ 4:15pm @ school

Games: TBA

## Family Conferences

First semester family conferences will be scheduled starting the week of January 30th. They will continue through February 10<sup>th</sup>. Each student's advisor will be contacting each family, via email and/or phone, to set up an appointment. These conferences are **mandatory** as they are a review of the student's first semester grades and goals.

Ms. Ledezma will be scheduling the conferences for the junior class families.

## Coffee with the Head of School

When: Thursday, 2/16/17 @ 8:45am or 3:00pm

Where: the school gym

Topic: AMS/WASC Accreditation