## Silver Oak High School Newsletter Fall 2014 2014-2015 ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE KICKOFF!



Dear Silver Oak Families and Friends,

Thank you for being a part of the Silver Oak community. It has been a very exciting journey to create Silver Oak but there is still so much to accomplish, and we need your support and generosity as we kickoff our donation drive. This annual drive is our main fundraising activity with a goal to raise \$50,000.



As you know, Silver Oak provides a Montessori college preparatory high school education, based on individualized mastery learning and exceeding California A-G requirements. Silver Oak cares about your adolescent's education and will make sure that students succeed during their time at Silver Oak, graduate, and pursue a successful path for their futures.

We need your support; your donation, no matter the amount, will be greatly appreciated. Help us make this donation campaign a success to continue to enhance the school together. We would like everybody's participation. Please, talk to your friends, grandparents and family members on how to support Silver Oak.

Silver Oak is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law. You are contributing to a great cause for which your student is the beneficiary!

## 2014-2015 Donation Drive

- Make a difference and invest in your student's future
- 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.
- Raise \$50,000
- Donation is tax deductible-Tax ID: 45-5620286
- · Ask employer for matching



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**THANK YOU!** 

## LATEST UPDATES

We hope that you enjoy our new facility, as we are settling in. Thank you to the many families who volunteered their time and energy to help with the move. We will acquire additional furniture and materials for each classroom in December. During the Fall Intersession, the students worked hard beautifying the campus, and their next step will be to take care of the garden area.



The staff, directed by Ms. Blasi, worked tirelessly on the WASC accreditation. Silver Oak is fully accredited for grades 9-10 by the Accrediting

Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges. They are continuing the process to be fully accredited for grades 11-12 by Fall 2015.

Teachers studied most of the summer, and will continue during this school year, as well as next summer, to complete their Montessori Secondary I/II training. We have a wonderful staff comprised of 8 full time teachers, a college counselor and an office manager, as well as a part time Special

Education coordinator. The students are really enjoying this low teacher/student ratio and the personal attention.

Our student body has increased from 65 last year to 115 students this year, from freshmen to juniors! We still have a few spots available in 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades; so help us spread the word! Our athletic program is in full expansion, with the development of our soccer team, with basketball and baseball teams following next semester. A group of students will be present again at the Regional High School Model United Nations conference in San Francisco. And the juniors are planning their trip to Washington DC.

