



Dear Silver Oak High School Families,

Here at Silver Oak Montessori, we continue the commitment to impress upon our students the embodiment and culture of holistic education and community partnerships in order to become civic leaders and stewards of their communities. By promoting critical thinking, creativity and imagination through a comprehensive Montessori education, SOHS prepares students to become active participants in the evolving global community. This success is proven by our unprecedented 4-years in a row of graduating classes with 100% college acceptance!

Being a public not for profit Montessori school, the funding SOHS receives from the State does not cover the full cost of educating our students. Every year, our families and friends express their commitment to our vision by giving to our Annual Giving Fund Drive - running now through January. Like most non-profit organizations, we rely on philanthropic contributions from existing and new sources to support our programming and growth. Through the generous assistance of our community, last year's Donation Drive raised \$27,000! Unfortunately, this year our rent was increased significantly and has become a critical focus of our fundraising efforts making this year's goal \$40,000 to offset the unanticipated cost. Some other ways your contributions will allow us to maintain our dedication to offering every student the full Montessori experience include:

- Upgrades to the computer lab, science lab and purchase of classroom materials
- Complete renovation of math curriculum to focus on real world lessons and interactive group learning
- Hiring of a full-time Mental Health specialist to help students focus on social-emotional learning skills
- Montessori credentialing for 4 teachers, teacher professional development and dual credentialing. Silver Oak offers every single teacher more than 60 hours of ongoing professional development and 25 of direct support over the course of the school year
- Program enrichments including electives, sports team membership and equipment, community service (including Day of Service and Intersession)
- Exploratory outside classroom learning opportunities, including day and overnight field trips
- Internship programs, instructional coaching and afterschool tutoring

Throughout these programs, students continuously develop skills through authentic project-based, experiential learning to ensure their success and to create a more vibrant society. We envision a future in which all young people can be civic leaders and we rely on your help to maintain SOHS's level of quality in education.

We realize that while financial gifts may be possible for some members of our community, it may be difficult for others. With a goal of 100% participation, we encourage each family to contribute in their own way. Donating online at our website only take a few minutes, and while you're there click on the AmazonSmile logo and .05% of purchases through Amazon will be granted to us. Please make sure to inquire at your place of employment to see if they offer matching donations with a reminder that all contributions are tax deductible!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Superintendent Blasi, and our Silver Oak students, thank you for your support!

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