



SABERCAT POST



Alumni Spotlight

Silver oak holds a special place in many people's hearts. Every month, we will talk to an alumni who will talk about the impact Silver oak had on their life.

By Tanisha B., Sophia N., Diya K., and Ayan B.

For the month of November, we thought it was appropriate to give thanks to the person who originally started the Sabercat Post, Melanie Prince. Melanie is currently an 8th grader at Oakwood School. She started the Sabercat Post when she was in fifth grade. She thought a school newspaper seemed like a good idea and she thought it would be something that she could do to bring together her school's community. Melanie had been dreaming about writing a newspaper since 4th grade when she developed her love for writing. Melanie's wish came true in 5th grade. She became Treasurer of Silver oak's Student Council where she created a committee for the Sabercat Post. The original sections Melanie had planned for the newspaper were a sports section, a Q&A section, a current events section, and an "Act of Kindness" section, where people would go to lower grade recesses and look for acts of kindness. We asked Melanie if she thought she would ever be interviewed based on what she created, and she replied, "I thought the newspaper had died after I left Silver oak, but I'm glad that it's still something Silver oak does."

Melanie doesn't really know what she wants to become later in life, but she knows that she wants to attend Santa Clara University for college. When we asked Melanie what her hobbies were, she replied, "I like to play soccer, and that's pretty much all I'm doing right now because of Covid-19." Melanie's fondest memories of Silver oak were when she was in 5th grade and would have 1000 point parties. Obviously, Melanie Prince has left our school with a lasting imprint and her creation is inspiring to us all. What will your lasting mark be at Silver oak?

Current Events

By Annika S., Avik B., & Aarnav B.

Election 2020

By now, most of you are aware that our President-elect is Joe Biden. Starting on Inauguration Day, Wednesday, January 20, Joe Biden will be sworn into office and will be the oldest sitting President. An important political controversy is that current President, Donald Trump, has filed multiple lawsuits about the election results. Although Biden has earned the most electoral votes and has won the popular vote, President Trump refuses to accept Biden's win. Stay tuned for an interesting 2 months!

Student Council

Silver oak's Student Council has started and it is as different as it is the same. Everything is done online, but the Student Council is still planning spirit weeks, grams, and many more exciting things! Our new student council officers are Megan A., Kian, G., Mihika P., Alivia C., Rishaan D., Supriya B., and Aarnav B.

Covid-19 Update

Covid-19 has affected our community for over 9 months. In mere weeks, the U.S. confirmed about 150,000 coronavirus cases everyday. California and Texas surpassed 1 million coronavirus cases and the world surpassed 50 million cases. The U.S. has 11.3 million coronavirus cases! This is a big and serious problem. Wearing a mask doesn't just protect you, it protects others from getting the virus. So please wear a mask, stay six feet apart, and stay safe to help slow the spread of Covid-19.



Sports

Sports in 2020 are a welcome distraction. Fans are getting their fill of baseball, hockey, NFL training camp, and more. Hope you enjoy an overdose of sports!

By Anay K.

NFL

There have been several ups and down for the 49ers this season. This year they're kind of stuck in a holding pattern. The 49ers are 4-4-0. They lost against the Eagles 25-20 to start off November. The 49ers are being called "the saddest team of 2020" because of their injury plagued starters. They have already had 3 different quarterbacks play for the team, including Jimmy Garoppolo. Nick Bosa was injured in week 2 and won't return for the remainder of the season. Jimmy Garoppolo had been injured, but returned in the game against the LA Rams. They won the game 24-16. Before that though, they lost to the unexpected underdogs of the 2020 season, the Miami Dolphins. After the LA Rams game, two NFC west rivals faced off: Seattle Seahawks and the Arizona Cardinals. The Seahawks were favored to win. In the first quarter, the Seahawks scored a touchdown and a field goal and were on fire- 10-0 in the first quarter. The Cardinals made a touchdown and were down by 3 points. Quarterback Russell Wilson had more running yards than the running backs in this game. There was another touchdown for the Seahawks. Arizona quarterback Kyler Murray sent a long pass that was caught, and ended the half with a touchdown. Wilson made another run and threw a hail mary to Tyler Lockett and it was a touchdown. The 2nd half was a bunch of scoring and close calls like the first, but now, the Cardinals had their eye on the win. Coming down to the wire, Arizona kicked the winning field goal and the Cardinals won. What a game! The Pittsburgh Steelers now remain the only undefeated team in the league.

Thanksgiving Q & A

we ask the questions and you give the answers...

By Mia D., Tanisha B., & Diya K.

Transitional Kindergarten question: what are you thankful for?

Answer: Sera answered: "I am thankful for people helping me with homework."

1st grade question: what is your favorite Thanksgiving food? what do you like about it?

Answer: Ayaan K. answered, "I like turkey, and it's my only favorite food during Thanksgiving."

2nd grade question: How do you celebrate Thanksgiving?

Do you do anything special on Thanksgiving? Brody C. thoughtfully replied, "I just eat food and play with my friends and family."

3rd grade question: How do you normally spend your Thanksgiving breaks? Will this change because of Covid-19?

Liv S. passionately replied, "I normally go out to eat, but this year I might not get to."

4th grade question: Do you have any traditions that you celebrate during Thanksgiving? what is your favorite one?

Answer: Cara replied, "I just go to my mom's side of the family, and I spend time with them."

5th grade question: what has your teacher done that you are most thankful for? what is a good way to thank them?

Answer: Surina R. excitedly answered, "one thing I'm thankful for is for one of our assignments that Ms. Giacomini tweaked to let us have less homework that day. To thank her, I would love to give her a card to show Ms. Giacomini how thankful I am!"

6th grade question: what does Thanksgiving mean to you?

Answer: Ethan N. answered, "It means to eat food, play video games, eat food and get presents. Also, my family shares what we are thankful for."

Teacher question - Mrs. Tibbens: what are you thankful for from work or school?

Answer: "I am very thankful to have all of my peers and staff healthy throughout this pandemic."