

**ROA Director Update
Friday, May 20th, 2016**

Hello lovely ROA families,

We are heading quickly towards the finish line (remember: **Thursday, June 9** is our last day of school)--yes, that is only 3 weeks away. We are working hard to get our fall workshop and class schedule finalized for you. We hope to be able to publish it by the end of the school year, so you can plan for the fall. Please also note that our 2016-17 school calendar is published on our website for your convenience. School resumes on Monday, August 29th and our teachers will be back (and meeting with you) starting the week of August 19th after a well-deserved break.

Our school office will be open all summer (albeit at somewhat reduced hours), so please do call our office, if you have any questions, and we'll do our best to get you answers.



State Mandated Testing Info and i-Ready

We are heading into our last week of the state mandated tests. ROA staff would like to extend a hug thank you to all of our students and families for helping us with accomplishing getting the testing done. We very much appreciate all your hard work and you being here during that time.

Testing days are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this last testing week. We are starting at 9:00 and are asking that you be there at least 15 minutes early. Please note the PAC email with regards to helping us provide snacks for our hard-working students.

The tests are not timed (other than the ACT Aspire), and we very much encourage your student to work at his/her own pace and let us know when he/she wants to take a break and/or finish for the day.

We will have make-up days available for your student, if he/she needs extra time.

Testing Schedule

Smarter Balanced (CAASPP) and CST Science

Week of:	Grade Level	What Tests
May, 23	8, 11 and anybody who is not finished	CAASPP/Smarter Balanced (online)

PE Test Info (Grades 5,7,9)

Monday, May 23	10 or 11 am
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Nick will administer the PE test again this year. Please make sure to note the new location below. Testing will be at **Oakbrook Park**. The park is located at 2787 Erbes Road (at Pederson) in Thousand Oaks. Please make sure that your student wears comfortable clothing and shoes.

Please let your teacher know, which day you will be attending, so we can have a roster ready.



WRITERS WANTED

**River Oaks Academy
Writing Marathon**



Inviting all writers: Students 4th-12th grade, Parents & Staff

Monday May 23rd 1:00-4:00

Bring thy writing notebook and writing pens!

What is a writing marathon? It is a space to find your writer's voice, practice the art of writing, affirm your identity as a writer and celebrate writing through writing and sharing. Please arrive promptly at 1:00 to begin together. Our marathon will include several rounds of stream of consciousness writing in small groups with sharing after each round. Writers will have time to revise their favorite piece and read it to the entire group for an author's chair at the end. Writing by hand is highly encouraged. If an electronic device is used writers are expected to stay on a word document! This is a space to give voice to the writer within. Your participation elevates all our writing!

RSVP to leina.ball@roavc.com by May 20th



We are very excited to combine our **High School Graduation** with our *"End of the Year Celebration."*

Bring your student and have them be inspired by witnessing our high school seniors with their family and teacher celebrate their journey.

Wednesday, June 8, from 11:30- 2:30 the event takes place at Conejo Creek Park in Thousand Oaks.

Come and enjoy food, friends and community.

ROA will be providing food for the **immediate family**. **PLEASE send your RSVP no later than May 26** to your teacher. We need an accurate count for the food truck.

Tickets will be available for pick-up after the RSVP date with Beverly. **Please pick up your tickets no later than Friday, June 3.** Your food choices will be (Beverly will need to know this when you pick up your tickets):

- Scratch burger with fries
- Chicken sandwich with fries
- Quinoa Bowl (vegetarian)
- Kid's Cheese Sandwich

We look forward to seeing all ROA families.



ROA High School Info Session! 8th grade students (and anybody else who would like to attend) mark your calendar for **May 25 @6:00** for our High School Info Session. Hear from our teachers and our counselor about high school, a-g courses, jr. college courses, career pathways, and much, much more and have all your burning high school questions answered. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Attention, High School Students! Are you interested in taking a community college course this summer, or in the fall? If so, see your teacher and/or Richard Intlekofer, Counselor, to begin the application process. We need to complete important paperwork for you, so don't delay. Summer course registration for some colleges, including Moorpark, begins this coming week. Fall registration begins in late July. And, because we may not be available to sign forms for you at that time, be sure to see us before school ends in June. Take advantage of this opportunity to earn college and high school credits!

Seniors!!! If you are planning to attend a community college full-time in the fall, be sure to take care of the enrollment process immediately! Contact Richard Intlekofer, Counselor, for information...today!



Exciting news from our Career Pathway Program....Networking Pathway Opportunity!!!

We have been working with ACE Charter High School this year, and we recently agreed to partner for our Networking Pathway. ACE Charter High School enhanced and added a series of three courses (Math for Programming, Intro to Computers and Computer Science Principles) that will be available to interested River Oaks students for next year. Transportation would be on their own and I will get the schedule once it's given to me.

The only pre-requisite is the completion of a sophomore level math class, with an A or B.

Please forward students who are interested in this exciting opportunity. Upon successful completion, students will also have the chance to earn industry related certification.

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Interested in the field of Engineering? Cal Lutheran is hosting an introductory summer course for high school students. Each student earning a passing grade will receive John Hopkins University credit. This is an intensive, "hands-on" summer school course that offers an opportunity to think and problem-solve like an engineer. (Prerequisites: As and Bs in high school math and science courses; successful completion of Algebra II and knowledge of Trigonometry; successful completion of Biology, Chemistry or Physics and knowledge of spreadsheet application, such as Excel.)

Tuition: \$2300 (Need-based scholarships are available!)

Summer School Career Exploration Workshops - CEC

There are 31 career camps and courses for students to explore this summer. There will be speakers, field trips and other project-based work opportunities to experience incorporated into each workshop. Attached below is a link to these amazing options - space is limited, so reserve your spot soon. Make an appointment with Richard and he will assist you with the registration process. (5 credits available)

<http://www.vcoe.org/Career-Education-Center/Summer-Camps>



State mandated Testing
starting Monday, May 23

Last week coming up

High School Info Session May 25 @ 6:00 (8th grade students
and anybody who wants to attend and learn about ROA's high school)
Graduation/Year-end Party
Food Tickets Reservation May 26; deadline (please RSVP to
your teacher)

Memorial Day

May 30th School Holiday/no school/office closed

Graduation and Year-End Party June 8th; 11:30 am-2:30 pm (**make
sure to note the earlier time**)
Last day of school June 9th



Have a wonderful weekend
Your River Oaks homeschool team,
Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Nadia, Marni
Tezo, Beverly, Gina, Richard
and
Claudia