

**ROA Director Update
Friday, September 23, 2016**

Hello lovely ROA families,

We are looking forward to seeing you all on either the Westlake campus or at the Courtyard Marriott in Oxnard for the start of our workshops and classes on Monday, September 26th.

If your high school student has not met with our counselor, Mr. Intlekofer (Mr. I) yet, please set that up asap, as we want to make sure that all students are well informed and on their way.



Important Info regarding our Parent Lounge:

We are happy to provide our families with a place to sit, mingle and have the little ones play during workshops, meetings, etc. Unfortunately, the issue has become that the parent lounge is turned into a disaster area each day that families are on campus. It takes staff 30-40 minutes to clean the lounge up, which is time that they could use on many other more valuable things for our students.

We therefore ask you, if you are using the lounge, to clean up with your child and help us in keeping it clean. We would love to hear from parents who know that they are on campus any given day that they would take charge of keeping the lounge neat and organized. Please feel free to email me and let me know, if you would be so kind to help out with that and what day. We appreciate your support and your understanding.



High School Information Brunch:



When: Thursday, October 6

10:00-12:00 Brunch

RSVP by September 30

Join us for an informative time about high school that will give you all the keys to success. If you have not attended an earlier high school session, please attend this one, as it is going to help you be successful this year and through high school.



Parent Bootcamp K-5

Mondays 12:45-1:45

Homeschooling is a fantastic and challenging journey that requires a team!
Come join us in a forum where experiences, passions, and relationships are shared.
Mingle with old friends and meet new ones as part of an open conversation about what homeschooling is about!

Interesting Info from one of our parents: Things happening in our community:

<http://eventful.com/simivalley/events/dia-los-muertos-/E0-001-091149423-4>

This is a cultural event that happens at our historical park every year. Its really fun, there is music, dancing, face painting, and crafts. We have gone for the past two years.

<http://www.nhm.org/site/activities-programs/dino-fest?s>

This is the first ever dino fest at the Museum of Natural History. It should be really fun.



Please also note the following important dates and events (more will follow later):

- **Thursday, October 6—High School Information Brunch 10:00 am** (for all high school students who have not attended the session at the end of last school year)
- **Sunday, October 10—Rotary Street Fair** (we need parent help to staff our booth—please sign up for one hour of help that day with your teacher)
- **December 15—Holiday Pot Luck and Art Showcase (11:30-1:30pm)**—everybody is invited
- **January 11-Tinker/Steam Night at Westlake** (everybody is invited)
- **March 15—Tinker/Steam Night at Oxnard** (everybody is invited)
- **June 7—High School Graduation and Year End Party (11:00-2:00 pm)**



CAREER PATHWAY UPDATES:

There are numerous opportunities within the county for our high school students to explore. Please note the following dates:

Manufacturing Week: October 3-7, 2016

Various locations within Ventura County - TBA

Aviation Day: October 28, 2016

What is this? Opportunity for students to explore aviation careers

Commemorative Air Force Museum, Camarillo Airport

455 Aviation Dr., Camarillo

9:00AM - 1:00PM

Entree to Employment:

What is this? A dinner that includes a networking opportunity with students and business professionals.

Industry focus: Business, Finance & Marketing

When: October 18

Where: Cal State University Channel Islands

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00 PM

Pre-requisite: Enrolled or have taken CCS and serious interest in business, finance & marketing careers

**Please email interest to Gina Van Ness (gina.vanness@roavc.com)*

PATHWAY COURSES: FALL, 2016

1. College & Career Seminar class - (articulated class; possible 3 units of college credit)

Calling All High School Students!!! This is a fun and interactive class that is designed to help you discover more about yourself. You will use this information to explore career options and build a 10-year plan for your life. If you are a high school student, please make sure to sign-up for this foundational class and you could even earn college credit. Details to be provided on the first day of class. Classes will be held when workshops begin on Friday's from 11:30AM - 1:00PM.

2. Chanti Niven's Life Launch - (pre-req CCS class)

In an increasingly digitized world where the art of communication has been reduced to emojis and emoticons, Chanti and her team of award-winning coaches show students how to take their interpersonal/social communication skills to the highest levels in every area of life both professionally and personally. Young people come out of this program more expressive, more confident, more compassionate, and more excited about life than ever before!

3. Chanti Niven's Captivating Speakers - (pre-req CCS class)

This original, one-of-a-kind program offers young people an introduction to the most effective and captivating communication, leadership, and life-skills training in the world! Presented in innovative and enjoyable ways (with a focus on FUN!), students come out of this program definitively transformed into better communicators, better listeners, better students, and, over-all, better people!

4. Networking Pathway (ACE Charter High School)

All networking pathway courses are being offered at ACE Charter High School. If you are interested in this pathway, please enroll through your teacher. (Pre-requisite - 10th grade math)

1st class - Math for Programming

2nd class - Intro to Computer Science

3rd class - Computer Science Principles

RIVER OAKS ACADEMY (CTE) PATHWAY COURSES: SPRING, 2017

1. Legal Pathway - Intro to Law (TBA)

2. Hospitality Pathway - Intro to Hospitality (TBA)

More Project Based Learning (PBL) suggestions:

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What makes a great toy? Students will have to answer that question in this exercise as they become toy designers trying to figure out what new toy will soon be flying off of the shelves. They will review the history of toys over the past century, including the major sensations (from "Tickle Me Elmo!" to Zhu-Zhu Pets to Silly Bands). They'll also take a look at how toys are changing and what to expect in the future.

Here's a link to this exercise: <http://www.pblproject.com/page.aspx?pageid=PBL-ww-New-Toys>



As all of our Oxnard families hopefully know by now, we are starting classes at the Courtyard Marriott on Monday. We are super hopeful that for the classes on October 5, we may actually be in our place at Seabridge. We hope that we can call on you to help us with moving things in, as soon as a date has been set. We will keep you posted.

Please come and see us at the Courtyard Marriott (600 East Esplanade Drive, Oxnard, CA 93036—right off the Vineyard exit off the 101) for the first week of classes. We have rented 3 ballrooms and will hold our regular class schedule on Monday, 9/26 and Wednesday 9/28 at the Marriott facility.

Please also note that we added a Zumba class for grades 4-8 on Mondays from 11:30-12:30. If your student is interested in taking Zumba and getting fit while having great fun, please sign him/her up via sign-up genius.

We had to make a minor change to the scheduled picture days in Oxnard. Please note that we have picture days scheduled for November 9th and 14th in Oxnard (changed from November 7th). We will have flyers available for you on Monday when we meet for classes.

We very much appreciate all your support and patience. We know that it is well worth it, as the site will be amazing.

Please don't hesitate to let me know, if you have any questions or concerns.



Picture Week:
Westlake: Week of October 17
Oxnard: November 9 and 14 (note the change to the 14th)

Please be ready and wear your best smile as we will have our picture week, the week of **October 17th at Westlake** and on **November 9th and 14th in Oxnard**. We will provide ID cards for our high school students. More information on the different packages will be available shortly. Sign-ups will be on Sign-up Genius and we'll let you know, when they are ready for you.



Welcome to the 2016/17 River Oaks Academy school year! We will be offering a variety of counseling services for our high school students again this year, including academic counseling, college planning

and application assistance, financial aid and scholarship information, work experience guidance, community service opportunities, career planning, and more!

Watch this space weekly for coming events; and, coming soon, watch for valuable counseling information on our website.

Here are a few upcoming events of interest:

Wednesday, September 28, 2016: CVUSD College Information Night at Westlake High School. Enjoy a mini college and test-prep fair from 5 until 5:45 pm, and then, from 6 until 8 pm, take advantage of a number of college related workshops. This is a very popular event, so arrive early!

Wednesday, October 19, 2016: The PSAT is coming to River Oaks! We will be offering the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) for our college bound juniors on October 19 at 8 am. We recommend this practice test for students in grade eleven. While the PSAT can also be taken by ninth and tenth graders, those students may want to wait until the spring, when we will offer the PSAT 10 for our younger students. We will be sending out detailed information regarding the PSAT, including the registration process, within the next few weeks.

High school families may make appointments with Richard Intlekofer, River Oaks Counselor, by contacting him at richard.intlekofer@roavc.com. Here's to a successful school year!

Once again this fall, River Oaks will be offering **the ACT Aspire for all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders**. This is a standards-based system of assessments designed to monitor progress toward college and career readiness. The Aspire can also be used as a preparation tool for the American College Test (ACT), a universally accepted college entrance examination. We will be offering the **ACT Aspire the week of October 17, 2016, and again in the spring**. Watch for more detailed information regarding specific dates and times. **We ask that all 9th, 10th and 11th grade student take this assessment**. Sign-up by confirming with your teacher know that you are attending.

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More Important Dates:

Workshops start	Monday, September
26 th	
Local Holidays	October 3 and 12—
no school; office is closed	
Board meeting	October 6 @ 6:00
PM (open to the public)	
Picture Week WLV (incl. ID cards)	October 17 th (all
week)-sign-ups will open shortly	
ACT Aspire administration	October 17-21
PSAT	October 19
Picture Days Oxnard	November 9 and 14
Veteran's Day Holiday	November 11—no
school; office is closed	
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 21-27—
no school; office is partially open	

Winter Break
2, 2017 (we will be back on the 3rd)

December 19-January

Warmly,
Your River Oaks homeschool team,
Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Nadia, Marni. Jennifer, Cheri

Tezo, Beverly, Gina, Richard
and
Claudia

