

**ROA Director Update  
Friday, September 30, 2016**

Hello lovely ROA families,

We had a successful week of classes at both sites. I would like to thank all of our Oxnard families for being flexible and for having a smile on their face while we are at our make-shift facility.

We ask all families that you please help us make our workshops safe and fun for all students and read through the email that we sent out earlier this week about the procedures.



*Hello River Oaks Families!*

*The new Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is organizing the first **field trip** of the year! We would like to invite you - and friends!- to the brand new Pumpkin Patch on:*

**October 13th from 11 am to 1 pm.**



*Please see the attached flyer for more information on their fun activities for all ages: pony rides, petting zoo, 2 bouncy houses, snacks and of course,*

*pumpkins - lots of them!* 

*Parking is free and all activities will be included on a ticket system, so that you can spend as little or as much as you want.*

*Make sure to sign up on Sign Up Genius so we can plan accordingly!*

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**NEW FREE**

**(FREE) EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR FOR PARENTS!!!**

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**NEW**

River Oaks Academy is proud to partner with Interface Family Services to bring the following parent education seminar to our campus. We are so excited to offer this workshop, which focuses on the top characteristics that students need to thrive and achieve in life. This is a

wonderful opportunity for parents who wish to provide their students with the very best platform for their future success.

**October 25th from 12:45PM - 2:45PM**  
**Topic - "The Power of Positive Parenting"**

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**SOS** **Important Info regarding our Parent Lounge:**

We have a couple of parents who have taken the lead to help with cleaning up on Mondays and Tuesday. We are still looking for somebody to help out on Wednesdays. If you are on campus on Wednesdays, please help us by taking a look around to make the lounge inviting and clean.

Thank you to those parents who immediately stepped forward to help.  
We appreciate you ☺

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**COOL** **High School Information Brunch:** **COOL**

**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.**

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**☀ ☀** **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!

**Parent Boot Camp**  
**Wednesday, October 5 @ 10:15**

**Curriculum, curriculum, curriculum, Resources**

**Emily Wells** our parent liaison will be sharing some of our new curriculum that was purchased last spring. Come listen to this seasoned "homeschool" mom and get tips and most of

all...encouragement!



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 **ROTARY STREET FAIR-HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for parent volunteers to help out at the Rotary Street Fair in Thousand Oaks:

**When: Sunday, October 16**

**Time: 9-4:00 pm**

**How much: Please sign up for one hour**

**Who: We love to have you and your student/s. Please let your teacher know.**

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**Chemistry Tutoring for students in the Chem Lab**

Craig, our chemistry instructor will be available for group tutoring starting:

Friday, October 14 @ 2:00 pm

and on Fridays at 2:00 after that

Please RSVP to your teacher

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One of our families recommended this **website**. It's for K-12 for science, engineering and math. It looks pretty good so I thought I'd share.

<https://www.teachengineering.org/>

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**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 16—9:00-4:00 pm** 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)



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](mailto: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)

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#### **More Project Based Learning (PBL) suggestions:**

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Greetings from the PBL Project, and I'm excited to present another Problem-Based "Weekly Warm-up"! As always, these are completely free (I hope it's a great way to share our PBL Project), and are created each week based on current events.

This week started off with the first presidential debate, and yesterday was "National Voter Registration Day" ... so, I guess you can say that it's officially election season (of course, everybody's seen it coming for about a year now). With that in mind, we have a great exercise where students consider whether the voting age should be lowered... or even abolished (it might not be as crazy as it sounds!). Here's the link: <http://pblproject.com/page.aspx?pageid=PBL-ww-Voting>

Or, if you want to avoid the election drama for a couple more weeks, I have another great scenario for you. Over a decade ago, Burmese Pythons (i.e. the snakes that easily grow over 10 feet) were accidentally introduced into the Florida Everglades, most likely as abandoned pets. These pythons have no natural enemies in the area, and they have plenty of food. So, the python population has exploded, and the small mammal population has declined as a result... and it looks like they might be spreading.

This past week, new pythons were found near Palm Beach (<https://www.usgs.gov/news/burmese-python-hatchlings-seen-key-largo>), so this story is in the news once again. In this exercise, students have to think about why the python population is growing so rapidly, what factors are involved, and why it's important to people living in the area (and beyond). Here's the link: <http://www.pblproject.com/page.aspx?pageid=PBL-ww-Pythons>

As always, the Teacher Instructions, Classroom Discussion sheet, "Stimulus Items" (videos, articles, etc.), thought-gathering sheets, and grading rubric have been provided. Enjoy!

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The first week of classes at our makeshift facility at the Courtyard Marriott went well. We would like to thank all of our families who were so wonderful and made this happen with a smile.

We are most likely going to be able to enjoy the Courtyard for a couple more weeks. Please come see us again on **Wednesday, October 5** at the hotel (no class on the 3<sup>rd</sup>—it's a Holiday). We are going to be in different rooms, so look for our amazing ROA staff to direct you.

**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.**

Don't forget to sign up for the picture days. It is now on sign-up genius for you. We have flyers available that list the different packages that you can order.

We very much appreciate all your support and patience. We know that it is well worth it, as the site will be amazing. We hope that by the end of October, we should be moving into our facility at Seabridge. We will keep you posted.

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 14<sup>th</sup>)

Please be ready and wear your best smile as we will have our picture week, the week of **October 17<sup>th</sup> at Westlake** and on **November 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



✓ The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) will be offered here at River Oaks on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 8:30 am. This valuable pre-college test is designed for eleventh graders; interested 10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders may also take the PSAT, but we will also be offering the PSAT 10 in the spring for our younger students. This is a great practice for the SAT. Register at the front desk with Tezo. There is no charge for the PSAT!

✓ Seniors!!! Are you planning to apply to a four-year university for the fall of 2017? Make an appointment with Richard Intlekofer, Counselor, as soon as possible, to

receive assistance in the application process. And, be sure to take your ACT or SAT by December of this year! Seniors who plan to attend a community college after graduation will be offered assistance in the application process in the spring.

✓ We have been approved as an SAT testing center! We will be offering the SAT here beginning June of 2017. More information to follow.

✓ The financial aid process for seniors has changed. You may now file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) beginning October 1, 2016, for the 2017-18 school year. Seniors and parents should make appointments to see Richard for information and assistance in the process of applying for financial aid and scholarships for college.

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**Important Dates:**

Local Holidays	October 3 and 12—no school; office is closed High School Information Brunch October 6, 10:00—all high school students; RSVP by 9/30
Board meeting	October 6 @ 6:00 PM (open to the public)
Picture Week (incl. ID cards)	October 17 <sup>th</sup> (all week)-sign-ups will open shortly
ACT Aspire administration	October 17-21
PSAT	October 19
Veteran's Day Holiday	November 11—no school; office is closed
Picture Days in Oxnard	November 9 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> (at the Oxnard site)
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 21-27—no school; office is partially open
	Winter Break December 19-January 2, 2017 (we will be back on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> )

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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