



**ROA Director Update  
Friday, November 11, 2016**

## **General Information**

Hello lovely ROA families,

We hope that you appreciate our new format for our email updates. Please feel free at any time to give us any input. We are always open to hearing suggestions and thoughts to improve what we do.

**Math Family Night sign-up is ready for you:**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094eacad29a4fe3-math21>

**Math Night is coming up this Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Come join us for the fun!!!**

**Math Problem of the (last) month winner:**

We would like to congratulate all the students who submitted their answers to the Problem of the Month challenge for October.

We are proud to announce our winner:

Congratulations **Oliver Anderson!**

You may pick up your prize with Tezo.

**VERY IMPORTANT Notes and REMINDERS:**

**Westlake Resource Center:**

We would like to take a moment to remind you to **be mindful of our neighbors**. We are in an office complex, where we have businesses around us. Please keep walkways and the staircase open and accessible to everybody and please make sure that your student is always accompanied by you or a peer to go to the bathroom.

We also urge you to **keep noise inside the office as well as outside of the office to a minimum**. We have had several complaints of staff in offices nearby.

**Spring Workshop Schedule Info:** We are already diligently working on the spring workshop/class schedule. We hope to have it ready for you the Friday before Winter Break. Many things have to fall into place to make that happen. But, rest assured that we are doing our best. Classes/workshops will start the week of January 23, 2017 and run through the end of March (10 weeks). Spring Break starts the week of on April 7-16<sup>th</sup>.

We are also happy to announce that for the **spring semester workshop/classes sign-ups**, we will be using a **new system**. The classroom management system is called: iClassPro. This is a very sophisticated system that will make a lot of things easier for our families and our staff. It also allows us to send out email blasts; allow our families to sign-up easily for classes; has a parent portal and so much more. We'll keep you posted on that.

# Student Dress Code

The Board recognizes the need for students of the School to dress appropriately for school.

## I. General Guidelines

- Inappropriate apparel includes clothing that compromises safety or is disruptive and/or distracting to the school environment and instructional process. The Board is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the students and the Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment.

## II. Review Process

- The Board recommends that any dress code should be reviewed, preferably by a committee of students, faculty, parents and administrators prior to presenting it to the Board for approval.

## III. Sun Protective Clothes

- The code allows for the wearing of sun protective clothing, including hats.

## IV. Prohibited Conduct and Sanctions

- Students who repeatedly violate the School Dress Code may be subject to discipline, including suspension and expulsion from School.

## **Math Information**

### **Math Family Night**

Please note the date for:

**Math Family Fall Festival MF^3 on Tuesday, November 15th, 5:00-7:00**

**MF^3 is Back!**

**Come explore creative problem solving at our Math Family Fall Festival!!**

**Bring the whole family!**

**Pizza (fractional pieces) and drinks will be served.**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016

**Time:** 5-7 PM

**RSVP: Sign up Genius (link below) to guarantee your pizza:**

**<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094eacad29a4fe3-math21>**

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### **Math Support Information for K-12 students**

Need help with your math assignment? Is an hour of tutoring not enough?

The following resources are available to support our students in their quest to grow their mathematical mindset:

#### **1. Math Lab workshop:**

Come in prepared with your books/laptops/tablets and questions. One of our amazing math tutors will be readily available to help you understand new concepts, or work out any math problems.

Schedule of math labs with math tutors:

Mondays: 11:30-12:30

Tuesdays: 12:45-1:45

Wednesdays: 12:45-1:45

Fridays: 10:15-11:15

## **Problem of the Month blurb**

Calling all students! Join us in solving the "Problem of the Month".

We hope to engage students at all levels of math, to solve the problem of the month. Put your solutions in the mailbox by Tezo's desk and at the end of the month we'll post the winners!

Together, let's grow in our understanding of the value of problem solving. Let's develop and strengthen our ability to find patterns, solve problems in a variety of ways, and persevere through challenging, engaging tasks. Remember that mistakes are valuable, questions are important, math is about creativity and making sense, connecting and communicating, going deeper, not faster!

Check out the beautifully designed and hand made " Problem of the Month" board outside of Claudia's office.

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## Parent Education

### Parent Bootcamp K-5

Monday 11/14/16 12:45 – 1:45

### **Boys, Boys, Boys let's talk about our boys!**

Join us for a discussion about boys!

Our very own *Ms. Amylynn* will share some of the brain research done by Dr. Michael Gurian of the Gurian Institute and what he has to say about boys and how they learn differently. His research has practical applications for us all!

We will explore topics such as:

- ☺ What do the brain scans tell us about the male brain?
  - ☺ How do males bond?
  - ☺ How can I motivate my boys?
- ☺ What teaching strategies should I be using to reach my boys?

Parent Boot Camp

Middle & High school



**10:15-11:15**

**Social Studies**

**&**

**“Mindset” discussion  
continues...**

**Join Michal  
and dig deeper with  
Social Studies**

**There will be time to share and compare what families are using  
Bring your “Mindset” book and share insights from chapter 2**

## Problem Based Learning

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.

Obviously, the big news this week is the election, but I hope that doesn't completely overshadow Veterans Day, which is on Friday. In fact, the two events go hand-in-hand. We could never imagine a peaceful election and a government of our choosing without the efforts of those who have defended our country and served in the Armed Forces.

So, that's the focus of this week's exercise. Students are asked to design a memorial for veterans who have served from their hometown. It's a good chance to remind students what the day is all about. Here's a link to this exercise: <http://pblproject.com/page.aspx?pageid=PBL-ww-Veterans>

As always, the Teacher Instructions, Classroom Discussion sheet, "Stimulus Items" (videos, articles, etc.), thought-gathering sheets, and grading rubric have been provided. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments, or if there's anything else I can do.



## **Career Pathway Updates**

### **Pathway Courses, 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

### **ROA (CTE) Pathway Courses**

#### **1. Legal Pathway - Intro to Law (TBA)**

#### **2. Hospitality Pathway - Intro to Hospitality (TBA)**

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## **OXNARD Resource Center**

### **Picture Week: Oxnard: Monday, November 14**

We continue to meet at the Courtyard throughout the end of the workshop/class block in December. We continue to grow and would like to thank you for referring your friends to us. We have started our work on the workshop/class schedule for the spring and hope to publish that to you the last Friday before Winter Break.

**Please remember there is no school on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

The City is working on getting the plans approved and we are still waiting to have some adjustments made. At this point, we are safely assuming that we will finish this block of classes/workshops at the Courtyard—which you all have grown to love by now, I am sure 😊

We won't have sign-ups on sign-up genius for picture days, but just a first-come-first-serve sign-up the day of picture day.

Please remember to participate at our **Parent Boot Camp on Mondays from 9:00-10:00**. We have great discussions and valuable information on all kinds of things related to your homeschool journey.

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

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## **Counselor's Corner**

✓ **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.

✓ **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

Picture Days in Oxnard 14<sup>th</sup> (at the Oxnard site)

**Math Family Fall Festival MF^3 Tuesday, November 15th, 5:00-7:00-Westlake**

Thanksgiving Holiday November 21-27—no school

December 15 Holiday Pot Luck and Art Showcase (11:30-1:30)  
everybody is invited—in Westlake

Winter Break December 19-January 2, 2017 (we will be back on  
the 3<sup>rd</sup>)

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)-At the Conejo Creek Park, Thousand Oaks

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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