



**ROA Director Update
Friday, November 4, 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.

VERY IMPORTANT Notes and REMINDERS:

Please note that students on campus, who are not with a parent, should **always** be in a class. If they are not attending a workshop, then they need to be in a Focus Room/Study hall doing work. Therefore, if your student has a gap in his/her schedule, please make sure that he/she brings work along that can be studied during the Focus Room/Study hall time. This way, we can help prevent students getting in trouble.

If you have a high school student who is allowed to go off campus by his/her own (and sign himself/herself in/out) for example to get lunch at Carl's Jr., and you agree to the "open campus" policy on that same form, please make sure that we have a signed release on file for him/her to do so.

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 7-16th.

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 MF³ on Tuesday, November 15th, 5:00-7:00

MF³ 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 to guarantee your pizza

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.



Parent Education

Parent Bootcamp K-5

Monday 11/7/16 12:45-12:45

Book Reports & Literacy Games

Let's look at unique ways to write book reports, introduce biographies and hands on projects to young students. Come and explore literacy games and more to enrich your language arts curriculum!

Thanks,

Parent Boot Camp

Middle & High school



10:15-11:15

Transcripts

&

**“Mindset” discussion
continues...**



Join
Ms Kathy
and dig deeper with
Transcripts
Why are they important?

**Parent boot camp is a forum to discuss issues relevant to your
middle and high school student’s needs**

**Bring your “Mindset” book and share insights from
chapter 1**



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.

Something is going to happen this weekend that many people are prepared for, others will react with panic and confusion, and most people will scratch their heads and say, "What's the point?" This has nothing to do with Halloween. I'm speaking, of course, of the annual turning back of the clocks to mark the end of Daylight Saving Time.

So, that's the focus of this Problem-Based Weekly Warm-up. Should we get rid of Daylight Saving Time? Students will learn a little about the history and reasoning behind the "tradition," as well as arguments on both sides of the yea or nay spectrum.

Here's a link to this Problem-Based scenario: <http://www.pblproject.com/page.aspx?pageid=PBL-ww-Time>

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: November 9 and 14 (note the change to the 14th)

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 11th.

The City is working on getting the plans approved and we hope to have approval next week. That gives the green light to continue construction. We hope to have further good news for you next week.

Please also note that we still have room available for students in a variety of classes and would love to see your student.

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	November 9 th and 14 th (at the Oxnard site)
Veteran's Day Holiday	November 11 (Friday)—no school; office is closed
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 rd)
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

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