



General Information

Hello lovely ROA families,

Winter Break is here. Thank you to all of you who have attended our Holiday Potluck and Art Showcase. We hope you enjoyed it. Thank you to our PAC parents who have helped get this set up and ready.

We will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Workshops and classes will start the week of January 23, 2017. As promised, the workshop schedule for both centers, Westlake and Oxnard, will be published on the website as well.

In the meantime, we wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year. We are so grateful that you are a part of our ROA family and look forward to our adventures in 2017.

Warmly,

ROA Homeschool Team

Spring Workshop Schedule Info:

Please check out our website, where you will find our Spring 2017 workshop schedule. Please know that we always reserve the right to make some last minute changes, if necessary. We have worked hard to offer you some great new workshops, while making some changes. Here are some of the highlights:

- Our workshops all start on the hour and are going to be 50 minutes long
- There will only be 10 minutes between workshops
- We are now offering a Focus Room (computer room) in Room #3 every day from 9-3 (other than Friday only from 9-12)
- On M/T/W we are offering a lunchtime room (Room #6) for your student to eat lunch.
- M/T we are starting our classes at 10:00 and W/F at 9:00.
- We are excited to offer an all “movie/film making” block on Fridays for our high school students interested in film, consisting Screenwriting (with Vivian and Leslie), Film Scores (music with Ken), Filmmaking and Cinematography (with Ian).



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.

This week's exercise has a bit of a holiday theme (although it can go way beyond that), and is inspired by a small town not too far from where I live that is officially named McAdenville (right outside of Charlotte). However, it has earned the name "Christmas Town, USA" because it goes all out during the season, with hundreds of thousands of lights on display. People come from all over just to drive through. It's definitely a sight to see, and I'm sure there are similar towns all across the country.

Obviously, McAdenville has found a way to stand out, and that made me wonder what other towns might do to show off their special qualities. In this exercise, students will have to think about what their hometown could do to highlight its unique features in a way that fills residents with pride and even attracts outside visitors -- and it definitely doesn't have to be holiday related. Students will learn that the options go far beyond Christmas lights.

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

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

There's a lot of opportunity to learn more about careers in the hospitality and legal pathways. Check out the two new classes we're offering in the spring 2017. Both are a-g approved and we'll give you 5 credits each. Challenge yourself and step-outside your box to see if either industry appeals to you.

In addition, look for Chanti Niven and her team, who will be back to teach the ever-popular Captivating Speakers workshop.

Sign-up and secure your spot!

- **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!

- **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!

- **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)



**New!!
5 H.S. Credit
Class!**

Intro to Travel & Recreation

Instructors: Kathy and Michal

This introductory class will take you on a journey through the hospitality industry. This dynamic and growing career offers many different employment opportunities in event planning, amusement park management, and travel agencies just to name a few!!

We will explore different professions, engage in real life hands on projects, and listen to guest speakers share their experiences in this exciting field.

You are invited!



Leadership program

Dec 15, 2016

RSVP with Gina:
gina.vanness@roavc.com
today limited spaces
available!!



OXNARD Resource Center

We are looking at our 2 weeks of winter break. As you know, we will celebrate the Holiday Season from Monday, December 19th- January 2nd. The office will be open again on Tuesday, January 3rd and that is the day school resumes as well. Our workshops and classes will start the week of January 23. The workshop schedule will be posted on our website for your information. Sign-ups will start sometime in January. We have not quite determined yet the exact date.

Construction has continued at Seabridge. Permits were approved. We are very encouraged by the progress. A final move-in date has not been set yet. We will keep you updated as we go along.

We are absolutely thrilled to bring you such good news before the break and would like to thank you again for being so patient while we operated out of the Courtyard Marriott--your and the staff's positive attitude made all the difference during this semester. Hopefully, sometime in the future, we can reflect back on the time at "the hotel" and all giggle about it.

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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.

Registration for Community College Courses for Spring,

2017: Students interested in taking a community college course in the spring of 2017 may enroll soon! Each community college system has its own process and calendar, so see your teacher and/or Richard Intlekofer, Counselor, for information. Students need to complete an application for admission, as well as a concurrent enrollment form, as well as other documents. For those interested in attending classes at Moorpark, Oxnard, or Ventura College, registration dates are drawing near! Take advantage of this opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time! And, don't forget that registration fees are waived for our students!

Career Education Center: The Ventura County Career Education Center offers a wide variety of courses for high school students. While many of the CEC courses are yearlong, there are a few that are offered on a semester basis. Check the catalog at the Ventura County Career Education Center website, or in paper form in the River Oaks front office. If your student is interested in a semester CEC course, see your teacher.

PSAT Results: The results from the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) that a number of our students took in October will be emailed directly to students in December. Be sure to take advantage of the many SAT preparation opportunities provided with your results by the College Board. Make an appointment with Richard for in depth analysis of your student's results. And, for sophomores and freshmen, we will be offering the **PSAT 10** right here on our campus in April. Watch for further information on this terrific chance to see what the SAT is like!

SAT Test Center: River Oaks Academy has been approved as an SAT test center! We offered our first SAT in October, and we have another scheduled for June 3, 2017. If your student is planning to take the SAT in the spring (primarily juniors), visit the College Board website at www.collegeboard.org. We do not register students for the SAT, and we cannot save seats for our students. We only have 40 spaces available, so register soon! Again, contact Richard at richard.intlekofer@roavc.com for further information!

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Important Dates

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| Winter Break | December 19-January 2, 2017 (we will be back on the 3 rd) |
| Board Meeting | January 12 @ 6:00 pm (open to the public) |
| February 8 | 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, Monica, Beverly, Gina, Richard
and
Claudia