



**ROA Director Update
Friday, December 9, 2016**

General Information

Hello lovely ROA families,

This was the last week of our workshops/classes for the fall. And of course, the last week of school before winter break is coming up. Winter break starts on Monday, December 19 and we will return on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017. But, before that, we would like to make sure you attend and celebrate the Holiday Season with us.

You're Invited!

Do you have a favorite dish or dessert you'd like to share with others? River Oaks Academy is thrilled to host a Winter Holiday Art Showcase & Potluck! Please join us for a potluck-style lunch and browse our student artwork, listen to our band and see a dance performed by our students, as we celebrate the winter season together!

When: Thursday, December 15th from 11:30 AM - 1:30PM

Where: River Oaks Academy, Westlake Village

Potluck Sign-Up

Side dish (nachos, pasta salad, green salad, fruit salad etc.) 15 total

Main dish (chili, casserole, pasta etc.) 15 total

Dessert (cakes, cookies etc.) 15 total

Bread - 5

Mini-water bottles - 3 flats

*Please bring ingredient card for your dish to help with food allergies.

Here is the link to sign-up genius for you:

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

Spring Workshop Schedule Info:

This was our last week of workshops. We are going to start up again the week of January 23, 2017. Next Friday, December 16, we should be able to publish our spring workshop schedule. You will be able to find it on our website.

Sign-ups will start sometime in January and 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.



Math Information

The Code came...

...to ROA on Thursday.

We had a great time and lots of students attend. Thank you to Maria and all the ROA staff that made this happen and to the students who came to have fun.

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.



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.

At this time of year, the holiday spirit tends to make people a little more charitable, and that's something that's definitely worth embracing. This is especially true when you turn on the television and see that the challenges of the world don't stop for the holidays, such as the fires in western North Carolina and Tennessee that have destroyed homes--and even entire communities--over the past few weeks. Our prayers go out to everyone in those areas, and it can really be a helpless feeling to watch from a distance as others struggle. That's why charity is so important for everyone involved!

That leads to this week's exercise. Students will embrace the holiday spirit and consider which charity they would like to donate to, and how they would expect that donation to be spent by the charity. This doesn't have to be related to the fires or any specific event, but could be for any number of causes (i.e. poverty, disease, education, arts, animals, and so on). Students might be surprised to learn what charities are out there, and that not all charities are created equal!

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

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.

Thanks,



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

This week was our last week at the Courtyard Marriott in Oxnard. Not only because we finished our fall workshop schedule, but also because we just received the good news that we finally obtained our permits for our facility at Seabridge.

Unfortunately, we were not able to negotiate a mutually satisfactory lease rate at the The Palms. Having said that, we are grateful that the facility at Seabridge is now cleared to continue with the construction, and with some luck, we actually might be able to take possession on January 1, 2017. So, all our good thoughts, everybody's patience and cooperation at our makeshift facility at ROA Marriott helped us finally accomplish our goal.

We will keep you posted as to the construction progress, which should not take all that much more time to finish. We are absolutely thrilled to bring you such good news before the break.

We would also like to extend our invitation to the **Winter Holiday Art Showcase & Potluck!**

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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

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)
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