



**ROA Director Update  
Friday, January 6, 2017**

## **General Information**

Hello lovely ROA families,

Welcome back from Winter Break and a very Happy 2017 to everybody. We hope that you had a wonderful and restful Holiday Season.

We would like to remind you that our workshops/classes start the week of January 23. Sign-ups should open next week. We are putting the “final touches” on our new system. We are sure that you will love it, as sign-ups are much easier. While instructions on how to set-up your log in can be found below, please note that the system is not up yet, and sign-ups before we publish will be deleted. Therefore, **please do not sign-up yet**, just get your log-in set up.

Please also remember that we are going to have our Tinker/Steam night come up in Westlake on February 8 and in Oxnard on March 15.

For more information on a variety of things, please read below.

Happy 2017.

Your ROA Homeschool Team

## [Spring Workshop Schedule and sign-up information:](#)

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).

**Below, you will find the instructions on how to get your log-ins ready. Please note, we used the email that the school has on file. Please check with your teacher that the email we have and the one that you are using are a match. Also, sign-ups are NOT up yet. Until they are (we will let you know, when that happens), any sign ups for classes, will be automatically deleted.**

**We will email you to let you know, when the sign-ups will go live. We assume that this will happen sometime mid/late next week (no later than Friday).**

### Sign-up instructions:

GO TO: <http://www.riveroakscharter.com/workshop-signup/>

#### **FIRST TIME LOGIN:**

1. Click "Parent Login"
2. Go towards the bottom of the page and click "Forgot Password"
3. In the box provided, enter your **email address that our school has on file**. Please check with your child's teacher if you are not sure which email to use.
4. Click "Reset Password"
5. An email will be sent to you with instructions on creating your password (that is why we need to make sure that we have the correct email on file).

#### **LOGIN TO iCLASSPRO WORKSHOP SIGNUP:**

1. Click "Parent Login"
2. Go towards the bottom of the page and enter your email and password in the box provided.
3. Click "Login"

4. Workshops are listed alphabetically and search results can be refined by using the Class Filters provided.

**SIGN UP FOR A WORKSHOP (do not sign-up yet—all attempted class sign-ups will be automatically deleted):**

1. Once you have logged in, you will see the workshops listed. A course description can be viewed by clicking on "More Details"
2. To sign up for a workshop, click the "ENROLL NOW" button.
3. Select your student from the "STUDENT" drop down box.
4. Click "Continue Enrollment"
5. Click "Add To Cart"
6. Click "Proceed to Checkout"
7. You will notice a Price of \$0.00 will be shown. We do not charge for services.
8. Click "Continue"
9. Click "Complete Transaction"
10. If you want a printout showing your enrollment in this workshop, click "Print"
11. You may look for other workshops by clicking the "Classes" menu option on the left of the page.
12. You may see all of the workshops you have signed up for by clicking on the "Enrollments" menu option on the left of the page.



## **Math Information**

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### **Problem of the Month blurb**

Will be back in January.....

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## 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.

# Tar Pits Homeschool Days

## L.A.'s Carnivores

Friday, January 13, 2017

From the saber-toothed cats and dire wolves of the past to the mountain lions and coyotes of today, Los Angeles has always been home to charismatic carnivores. Learn how we use fossils to study the predators of the past, and how our research can help conserve carnivores into the future!

As always, these days are exclusive to Homeschoolers, so you won't be sharing the Museum with traditional school groups. No prior reservations are required. The best part? ***Museum admission and all special Homeschool Day programs are free for all homeschoolers!\****

### Schedule of Programs

Exploration Station : 9:30 am - 12 pm

Carnivore Crafts : 9:30 am - 12 pm

*Ice Age Encounters* : 10:30 am, 11:15 am, 12 pm  
*Space is limited, free tickets available at check-in.*

Carnivore Tour : 10 am and 11 am  
*Space is limited, reserve your spot at check-in.*

*\*Homeschoolers receive free Museum admission all day, but exclusive Homeschool Day activities are scheduled only between 9:30 am - 12 pm.*

### Are you coming?

[Click here](#) for more information on parking, check-in, and more!

### Free Tuesday

Can't make it to Homeschool Day? You can still visit the Museum for free on Free Tuesday! ***Free Tuesday is hosted on the first Tuesday of each month, except July and August.***

***We still have two more Homeschool Days coming up this school year. We hope to see you at...***

### Bugs and Botany | March 14, 2017

What do insect fossils teach us about the Ice Age Environment? How do plant remains get preserved in asphalt? Spend this Homeschool Day with two often under-appreciated groups of organisms: insects and plants! We think you'll find these resilient Ice Age survivors surprisingly captivating and incredibly significant to the

study of Pleistocene L.A.

**Dig It! | June 07, 2017**

This Homeschool Day, we are joining up with our Mobile Museums team to explore how archaeology and paleontology can help us uncover the mysteries of the past. Excavate aboard the Mobile Museums Archaeology Experience truck before touring the La Brea Tar Pits: the largest active urban paleontological site in the world.

**Contact the Tar Pits School Programs Team**  
[schoolprograms@tarpits.org](mailto:schoolprograms@tarpits.org) | [323.857.6300 x 111](tel:323.857.6300)



## Career Pathway Updates

### Pathway Courses, 2017

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)**
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## **OXNARD Resource Center**

Construction has continued at Seabridge. Permits were approved and the first inspection passed. We are very encouraged by the progress. A final move-in date has not been set yet, but we are hopeful that it will happen in January. We will keep you updated as we go along.

Thank you so much for your patience and your encouraging words throughout this outdrawn process. We appreciate your support.

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## Counselor's Corner

### The PSAT 10 is coming!

Attention 10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders! River Oaks Academy will be offering the PSAT 10 on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, right here on our main campus. The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) is the official preparation assessment for the SAT, which most colleges and universities use to determine eligibility for admission. By taking this special edition of the PSAT, designed for tenth graders, students will gain valuable testing skills and receive free test prep from the College Board. The PSAT 10 is a practice test, and results are only shared with students, parents, and your teachers here at River Oaks, with the sole purpose of helping you prepare for the actual SAT. For sophomores, this will also serve as a great preview of the PSAT that is designed for 11<sup>th</sup> graders, and is offered in the fall.

The PSAT 10 is free for our students. We will send out detailed registration information soon to help you sign up and prepare for this valuable college preparation tool!

Visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org), or contact your counselor, Richard Intlekofer, at [richard.intlekofer@roavc.com](mailto:richard.intlekofer@roavc.com) for more information.

✓ **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](http://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](mailto:richard.intlekofer@roavc.com) for further information!

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## Important Dates

January 12	Board meeting @ 6:00 pm (open to the public)
January 16	MLK—Holiday—no school/office closed
January 19	Pizza & Prep (3-5 <sup>th</sup> ) 10-11:30
January 23	Start of workshop/classes
February 8	Tinker/STEAM Night at <b>Westlake</b> (everybody is invited)
February 17 & 20	Holidays—no school/no classes/office closed
March 15	Tinker/STEAM Night at <b>Oxnard</b> (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, Monica, Beverly, Gina, Richard  
and  
Claudia