



**ROA Director Update
Friday, January 27, 2017**

General Information

Hello lovely ROA families,

We now have our daily Focus Room available for our students to do work throughout the day. The room is set up with laptops and will be monitored by a credentialed staff member each day. Sherri and Maria both want you to know that if they are in the Focus Room, and your student has a math question, to feel free to ask them. They are there to help.

Our next **Prep & Pizza day** on Thursday, February 16. The first one (in January) was a great and successful event organized by our wonderful staff. We are so happy about the turn-out and hope to continue to draw such a wonderful crowd for the fun for the February event as well. Come and experience the exciting event, socialize with friends and enter into the raffle.

We also would like to **thank our PAC** for organizing the bowling event. We heard that it was a great success and a lot of fun.

Focus Room: As you have seen on our schedule, we now have a daily Focus Room. The Focus Room is staffed on a daily basis with one of our credentialed staff members. We urge all students to do quiet work (we also have computers set up for them) in the Focus Room. **Please note:** we really would like all students (especially on Wednesday and Friday, when they are here without parents) to utilize the Focus Room and **NOT just hang out in the lounge or the hall**, if they have a break between classes.

Sign-in and Out Requirements: Please make sure that your student is signed in/out, if you (the parent or guardian) are not on campus. High school students can do that themselves on a Wednesday/Friday as long as we have the proper permission signed. This is truly important in case of an emergency. Please reiterate that to your student as well.

IMPORTANT SEASONAL AND WORKSHOP REMINDER:

With the wet and cold temperatures and everybody coming back on campus, we are urging you to:

Please remember that **if your child shows symptoms of illness** (cough, fever, runny nose, etc.) please keep him/her at home.

Please also remember that there is a **no food policy** in **all rooms** except the parent lounge and during lunchtime in Room 6. Please help us adhere to that, since we do have students who are highly allergic to a variety of foods, and we always want to make sure that everybody stays safe.

Parent Input Wanted

Parents: Please remember that we want to hear from you. We always love to get your suggestions, thoughts, input and comments about things we are not doing, we are doing, we could be doing. Feel free to email any thoughts to your teacher or me directly.



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.

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 :

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.



PARENT BOOT CAMP

Hosted by Leslie, Kathy and Michal

Wednesday at 10:00 in room 4

Get reacquainted with parents and teachers on the same mission of this journey, called homeschool.

This week's topic we will be exploring a personality profile,

continuing with discussions on a fixed, and growth mindset,

and more reflection on the writing process.

Come join the conversation...



Math Information

Problem of the Month blurb

Winner for the month of November/December

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

We are proud to announce our winner:

Congratulations Michael Outmesguine!

You may pick up your prize with Tezo.

Tar Pits Homeschool Days

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 | [323.857.6300 x 111](tel:323.857.6300)



Career Pathway Updates

Pathway Courses, 2017

College & Career Pathway Updates (CTE):

Public Service Pathway:

CTE class: Introduction to Law (a-g approved)
Instructor: Wendy Carlton, CTE teacher
Day/time: Wednesday's from 9:00AM - 9:50AM
Location: River Oaks Academy

Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation Pathway:

CTE class: Introduction to Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism (a-g approved)
Instructors: Michal Rosenblum & Kathy Jackson, CTE teachers
Day/time: Wednesday's from 12:00PM - 12:50PM
Location: River Oaks Academy

College & Career Seminar class (CCS):

Instructors: Michal Rosenblum & Kathy Jackson
Day/time: Friday's from 11

=====



FREE Parent Educational Workshop!!

Based on the feedback you provided, we are thrilled to offer a more customized approach to our future parent education classes. Spaces are limited (20 spots available), so please RSVP to Gina Van Ness (gina.vanness@roavc.com) if you're interested in attending the first seminar listed below.

January 31, 2017 from 12:45PM - 1:45PM (meets weekly for 6 weeks)

**Note: Although it's highly recommended, you do not have to commit to attend all 6 seminars.*

Topic: "The Power of Positive Parenting." This weekly seminar is designed for parents and caregivers of children 0-12 years of age. Communication between participants is welcomed and encouraged! You will feel supported, and will walk away with new ideas!



OXNARD Resource Center

We are off to a great start with our new block of workshops and classes. We were so happy to see all of you on campus again and look forward to our next week. **We will continue at the Marriott for Monday, January 30 and February 1.**

However, we are hopeful that we will take possession during this coming week, and therefore be able to welcome you to our site at Seabridge starting Monday, February 6. We will confirm that of course next week.

If you have any questions, suggestions, input and comments, please don't hesitate to let us know. We can't wait to schedule a Grand Opening celebration at the Seabridge facility in the very near future.

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

=====



Counselor's Corner

The PSAT 10 is coming!

Attention 10th and 9th graders! River Oaks Academy will be offering the PSAT 10 on Thursday, March 30th, 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 11th 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, or contact your counselor, Richard Intlekofer, at 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. 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!

Richard Intlekofer

Counselor

richard.intlekofer@roavc.com



Important Dates

February 2	Board Meeting @ 6:00 (open to the public)
February 8	Tinker/STEAM Night at Westlake (everybody is invited) 5:30-7:30 pm (Pizza will be served)
February 16	Prep & Pizza (3-6 th) 10-11:30 (Oxnard students are welcome)
February 23	Prep & Pizza (7,8,11 th) 10-11:30 (Oxnard students are welcome)
February 17 & 20	Holidays—no school/no classes/office closed
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, Leanne
Tezo, Monica, Beverly, Gina, Richard
and
Claudia