



**ROA Director Update  
Friday, February 10, 2017**

## **General Information**

Hello lovely ROA families,

Our STEAM Expo night was amazing. Thank you to the organizers, AmyLynn and Nick, and to our entire staff for making this so successful. We had about 80 people attend—8 large Costco pizzas and of course, we had R2-D2 who visited with us. Thank you to all our students who exhibited and participated and our parents who supported this amazing evening. ID Tech, our outside vendor (see their flyers here by the front desk) also contributed to the success.

Last Friday, we moved (despite the rain) into our permanent location in Oxnard at Seabridge. We held our first week of workshops at the site—though pretty bare bones, but still.... We would like to thank our Oxnard families and staff for their patience and their support during these last few months. **We are looking forward to our Grand Opening celebration, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 2 from 11:30-1:00** with delicious appetizers from Yolanda's. Stay tuned for more details.

## **SAT Tutoring Sign ups now open in i-Class**

If you have a student who is interested in SAT tutoring, please sign him/her up on the i-Class system. SAT tutoring starts March 1<sup>st</sup> and runs for 10 weeks.

**SAT PREP ELA BOOTCAMP (8-12) Wed @12:00 WLV**

**SAT PREP MATH BOOTCAMP (8-12) Wed @1:00 WLV**

## **Parent Board Member needed starting with the 17-18 School year**

We will need a new parent (or community) board member (board elected) for the new school year. The position entails that you would attend our monthly board meetings (usually every first Thursday of the month—they usually last about 2 hours) and would have an opportunity to give back to this great school community. Your total monthly investment of time would be about 5-7 (except in the fall, where we usually have a board retreat, which is at least ½ day). For more information, please contact me ([claudia.weintraub@roavc.com](mailto:claudia.weintraub@roavc.com)), or our board secretary, Denise Filz, ([dfilz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dfilz@sbcglobal.net)).

## PAC info reg. Parent Lounge

Dear ROA Parents and Students,

We need your help!

As you know, the parent/student lounge is available for use to all ROA parents and students. We are happy to provide this, but we have been repeatedly dealing with managing cleanliness of the space.

We ask that all parents and students utilizing the lounge, please tidy up after themselves and/or their children. We desire for the lounge to be a consistently comfortable and clean environment. If we all pitch in and do our part, we will achieve this.

Also, in an effort to maintain cleanliness of the lounge, PAC has collectively decided to significantly reduce the number of toys available for use. This will allow us to keep cleaning tasks to a minimum, provide a more hygienic environment, and reduce overall clutter.

Thank you for your 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.

## **Trip to CREATE Studio in Westlake after Prep & Pizza** **(organized by PAC)**

PAC has arranged a trip to Create Studio in Westlake Village for **Thursday, February 16, 1:00-3:00**.

We really hope you will be able to join in and have some creative fun at this unique art studio!

Please see flyer for details (flyer is displayed at ROA).

We hope you can make it!

Kasey, Mariana, Chandra, Pamela and Candice

### **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.**



## **Congratulations Are in Order!!!**

We are excited to tell you that three of our River Oaks high school students were honored at the *Ronald Reagan Library Film Festival* last week for their outstanding achievements in cinematography! These three students participated in the “Film This!” workshop last summer at the Library, studying the art of film making, and enjoying the opportunity to make their own films.

**Hannah Rosenberg** won the festival award for “*Most Inspiring*,” for her work titled, “**The Woman, the Justice, the Impact, and the Man Who Made It Possible.**”

**Sophia Berryhill** and **Mimi Cocquyt** were awarded “*Best Film*” for their work titled, “**Primetime: John F. Kennedy and the Media.**”

Many River Oaks students and faculty were on hand to support our film makers at this exciting Reagan Library event. Congratulations to Hannah, Mimi, and Sophia for making us all proud!



## **PARENT BOOT CAMP**

***Don't Miss***

***Parent Boot Camp***

***Wednesdays***

***10:00 am***

- Feb. 15 **Maria Montagne** (Math Minset)
- Feb. 22 *What's new on the testing website*
- March 1 **Sherri Coker** (More Math Thinking Fun)
- March 8 **Nick** (Tech Nick and Math Nick Fun)
- March 15 **Marni** and **Teri** (share their mindfulness class)
- March 22 **Emily Wells** (*Parent Liaison* will share more of her expertise)
- March 29 *Curriculum Games*

Meet more staff & share with parents

See you in...

***Room 4***



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## **Math Information**

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### **PROBLEM OF THE MONTH**

Attention students, there is still time to submit your answer to February's Problem of the Month. Don't miss this opportunity to win cool prizes!

- Winner:  
No winners yet...

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## **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

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## **OXNARD Resource Center**

**Now at our permanent location-Seabridge**

We were so excited to open our doors for the first time on Monday for our Oxnard families and vendors and hold our workshops and classes at our permanent location. Though it rained and the facility is still a bit “bare bone” (no internet and phones and no copier), we had a great time and everybody was very excited.

Please note in your calendar that we will have a **Grand Opening** celebration on Thursday, March 2, from 11:30-1:00. We hope to see you all. Please RSVP to your teacher for that.

# GRAND OPENING

River Oaks Academy Oxnard Resource Center 

**DATE:** Thursday, March 2, 2017

**TIME:** 11:30am – 1:00pm

**WHERE:** ROA Oxnard

1601 S. Victoria Ave. Suite# 200



Join us for some light snacks and beverages as we celebrate the grand opening of the new ROA Oxnard Resource Center at the Seabridge Marina!



**PLEASE RSVP BY 2-24-2017**

ROA Parents- Please RSVP with your child's teacher.



**ROA Oxnard**  
**New Permanent Location**  
**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**1601 S. Victoria Ave, Suite 200**  
**Oxnard**

**[805-777-7999](tel:805-777-7999)**

\*from 101: take Victoria exit, head south toward beach, past Wooley, turn right at Leeward Way  
(light) into parking lot

(2<sup>nd</sup> floor access via stairs & elevator  
at tower to right of Yolanda's)

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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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## **MOCK INTERVIEWS- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **Calling all Parents/Professionals/Grandparents!**

We are holding mock interviews for our College Career Students.

When: Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Time: 11:00 – 12:30

Where: River Oaks Academy Westlake

We are looking for interested participants to be the interviewers for our students. The questions and rubric for evaluating each student will be provided. Help us give our students a real experience with interviewing and practicing their work skills.

No previous experience is necessary.  
Contact Michal or Kathy for more information.

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[michal.rosenblum@roavc.com](mailto:michal.rosenblum@roavc.com)



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## **Important Dates**

February 6	Workshops and classes are now held in Oxnard at our new facility at Seabridge: 1601 S. Victoria #200, Oxnard
February 16	Prep & Pizza (3-6 <sup>th</sup> ) 10-11:30 (Oxnard students are welcome)
February 23	Prep & Pizza (7,8,11 <sup>th</sup> ) 10-11:30 (Oxnard students are welcome)
February 17 & 20	Holidays—no school/no classes/office closed
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, Leanne  
Tezo, Monica, Beverly, Gina, Richard  
and  
Claudia