



**ROA Director Update
Friday, March 17, 2017**

General Information

Hello lovely ROA families,

Please take our survey. We need your input to work on the fall class schedule.

SURVEY TIME

It's also that time of the semester again, where we ask for your input about our workshops and classes. Please take a few minutes to fill out our survey. Your input will help us with the design of the fall workshops. Please know that we read all comments and consider everybody's input. Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spring2017Workshops>

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), or our board secretary, Denise Filz, (dfilz@sbcglobal.net).

Short Session Workshop Schedule

We are happy to let you know that we are in the process of finalizing a short-session workshop schedule for the month of May. We will be offering classes on Mondays and Fridays (including all the classes that are continued for our high school students on Wednesdays. We are excited to offer several new vendors during that time as well. We hope to have the schedule to you before Spring Break. Stay tuned.



PARENT BOOTCAMP

Don't Miss

Parent Boot Camp

Wednesdays

10:00 am

Hello Families...

We wanted to share the fun and educational updates ...

Thanks Nick for the great experiment on density and bobbers.

Nick also shared a fun educational science site on YouTube.

It is Sick Science by Steve Spangler. His site can be adapted from easy to more sophisticated. Check it out below. Another parent suggested Science Bob website.

As usual the great conversation continues around kids, teaching, trials and fun.

Come join us!

Upcoming:

March 15 **Marni and Teri** (share their class) mindfulness

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



Math Information

PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

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

Congratulations to our February Winner: Alex Herbst



Career Pathway Updates

Calling All Students Interested in Hospitality!

Ventura County Hospitality Week is a wonderful opportunity to learn firsthand about this exciting career. Are you interested in exploring the world? How about obtaining a career that allows you to travel? There are limited spots available, so RSVP to SulinRubalcava below by March 17th.

Date: April 24th -28th, 2017

Email: srubalcava@vcoe.org

Career Pathway - Speaker Special Event

Open to: 9th-12th grade students

When: April 4th from 5:00PM- 8:00PM at Le Reina High School

RSVP: gina.vanness@roavc.com

Sponsored by: Stephen Yoeh, River Oaks Academy Business Partner - Computer Networking Pathway

April is National Distracted Awareness month. GIFT (Gaining Insight for Transition) has teamed up with the California Highway Patrol Officer Leland Tang and student NeeluToeh to talk about the risks of distracted driving. In addition to this short awareness presentation, GIFT mentors and presenters will represent areas of: Technology, Education, Entrepreneurship, Fashion & Design, Politics, Medicine, Community Advocacy Law Enforcement, Professional Sports, Chamber of Commerce, and Financial Planning. Students will have the opportunity to meet in small groups to learn more about their areas of interest and ask questions. Light snacks will be offered.

Calling all Parents/Professional/Grandparents!

We are holding mock interviews for our College Career Students

When: Friday, March 24th 11-12:30.

Where: River Oaks Academy

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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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-at Seabridge

Thank you also to those parents who were able to attend the Breakfast on Wednesday. **Here is a summary of what we discussed:**

Drop off and pick up of students:

- Safety is first and foremost.
- Procedure:
 - Parents are asked to walk students up to the site and sign them in and out and walk them down when they leave the site.
 - If you need help in instances such as having sleeping children in your car, call us and if one of us is available, we will walk your child down.
 - High school students can leave our site unattended **if parents sign a release** giving permission. Ask a teacher for this form.
 - Please talk to your student to make sure they understand **that they cannot leave the facility without you.**
Even if they expect that you will be waiting downstairs, they cannot wait downstairs for you.
 - Please sign students in if you are staying on site. In case of emergency, we need an accurate roll for safety reasons.

Restroom procedures:

- We make every effort monitor students using the facilities.
- If you remain on campus, please take your younger children to the restroom.
- Restrooms are locked for safety. Only tenants and clients can access.
- If you are uncomfortable or want more supervision, please remain with your child during the workshop day.

Emergency Procedures:

- We have procedures in place and teachers know and can supervise your students during these procedures/drills. In the event of an emergency, staff is aware of the protocol.

Lunch:

- The break schedule in-between workshops is working well. Students enjoy light snacks more regularly.
- They also have workshops with a lot of movement to meet their physical and energy outlet needs.
- When weather permits, we will have a couple of tables out in front of the door area that students and families can use.

Parent Involvement:**Sarah McGuire, our Parent Advisory Committee Coordinator**

- About Sarah: She has always homeschooled her two sons.
- She was the parent leader at another homeschool program previously
- Enthusiastic, and energized to work with you to create wonderful opportunities for our school community. Her greatest wish is to create a supportive team that regularly helps each other. Tremendous opportunity to get to know each other and have fun in the process.

Parent Discussion:

- Now that we have our permanent site, we can plan more activities that are parent led.
- We need committed members of PAC (Parent Activities Committee) to share the fun, work and responsibilities.
- We can plan for our needs and wants as parents and for those of our children.
- We need a great team to do this important service for our students, as well as ourselves.
- We can support each other! It is a challenging job that we do and we can help each other with ideas and support.
- The PAC team is not just for our children; it is for parents too.
- We want to create community here at our new space. River Oaks is known for being very strong in building and nurturing community. We have an amazing community of teachers, staff, students and parents focused on the success of our students and families..
- We all work toward balance in our lives. In that light, the staff and fellow members of the PAC group will strive to contribute to our school without pushing ourselves to burnout.

Sign up for the PAC committee:

- Many parents signed up for PAC and committed to heading activities.
- If you would like to sign up, please email Sara at (tiaosa79@gmail.com)
- Rachelle and Marina volunteered to use the existing Facebook group entitled *Little Oaks and Their Folks*, to channel communication from PAC to all families.
- Goals: Support one another; plan and facilitate activities; and have fun!!

Meetings:

- 9am on the 1st Wednesday of the month = PAC meeting
- Location: TBA (site or another location)

Idea Storm:

Monthly field trips: Suggestions are both educational and just for fun:

- Museums
 - Theatre
 - Bowling alley
 - Skating
- At each monthly meeting, a field trip for the next month will be discussed and volunteers will plan and arrange the trip.

Project groups possibilities:

- Odyssey of the Mind (critical thinking, problem solving, group dynamics)
 - Book club
- These can be planned for Four Week Intersession, possibly in the afternoons after students complete SBAC for the day.

Park days:

- These can be planned for Oxnard or in Camarillo. Possibly every other week. Thursdays after school.
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We will be offering the Prep & Pizza at the Oxnard site as well. See below for the important dates:

Save the Dates – March and April

Prep. and Pizza is coming to Seabridge



- ~~1. Prep. and Pizza Week, week of 3/6 and 3/8 during math and writing workshops (Raffle and Pizza lunch on Wed. 3/8)~~
 2. Prep. and Pizza Week, week of 3/20 and 3/22 during math and writing workshops (Raffle and Pizza lunch on Wed. 3/22)
 3. Prep. and Pizza Day - Grades 3-5, Monday 4/17, 10:00-11:30
 4. Prep. and Pizza Day - Grades 6, 7, 8, and 11, Wednesday 4/19, 10:00-11:30
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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

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Important Dates

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| March 20 & 22 | <u>Oxnard</u> :during math and writing workshops (Raffle and Pizza lunch on Wed. 3/22)—all students are welcome |
| March 23 | <u>WL</u> :Prep and Pizza (7th, 8th, and 11th) 10:00-11:30 (Oxnard students are welcome) |
| March 31 | Last day of Spring workshops |
| April 6 | Board meeting: 6:00 pm—public welcome |
| April 7-14 | Spring Break—no school/no classes/no tutoring |
| April 17 | <u>Oxnard</u> :Prep. and Pizza <u>Day</u> - Grades 3-5, Monday 4/17, 10:00-11:30—all students are welcome |
| April 19 | <u>Oxnard</u> :Prep. and Pizza <u>Day</u> - Grades 6, 7, 8, and 11, Wednesday 4/19, 10:00-11:30—all students are welcome |
| April 24-May 31 | Smarter Balanced testing—both sites—more info forthcoming |
| May 1-26 | 4-week intersession of workshops—WL--M/F PM only; Oxnard: M/W PM only |
| June 7 | High School Graduation and Year End Party (11:00-2:00)-At the Conejo Creek Park, Thousand Oaks—everybody is welcome |

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