



**ROA Director Update
Friday, March 24, 2017**

General Information

Hello lovely ROA families,

Please remember that next week is our LAST week of classes for the spring schedule. We will not have any workshops/classes in April (but we have spring break in April☺). We will have a short session of workshops starting on May 1 for 4 weeks for you with some amazing new vendors. Stay tuned....the schedule will be published before spring break.

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).



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 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

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 Neelu Toeh 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.

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



OXNARD Resource Center

Now at our permanent location-at Seabridge

We are happy to let you know that we will be offering short session workshops at Oxnard on M/W from the week of May 1 for four weeks as well. Stay tuned for i-Class sign-up information just before spring break.

Save the Dates – March and April



- ~~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

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