



ROA Director Update

September 16, 2017

General Information

We apologize again for the inconvenience of our website crashing during sign-ups. We do still have several classes with openings. Have a look at the list that is attached to this update. We urge you to sign up, since we would hate to cancel these classes.

We are so excited to see you all and, hopefully you can tell, we worked hard this summer to get our facility in pristine shape, organize all of our books and introduce to you our new amazing **ROA app for your smart phone**.

- **To download our app: Go to the app store and type in “River Oaks Academy”—download the app—now you are always “in the know”☺**
- **Our fall workshop schedule is posted on our website along with the descriptions. Fall workshops start the week of September 25.**
- **Noteworthy Happening:** ROA student Julia is using her passion for dance to create a FREE program for ages 2-4. Her first Wiggle Wednesday will be on September 20th at 10:00 AM at The Camarillo City Library and will include 3 wonderful books about loving yourself and empowerment. “You” by Sandra Magsamen, “What Do You Love About You” by Karen Lechelt and “You're Here for a Reason” by Nancy Tillman. We will incorporate music and creative movement for a fun 45 minute session geared toward children ages 2-4!

SIGN UP ON iCLASS

BEGINNING LATIN (6-8) Wed @10:00 FALL 2017 WLV

Instructor(s): Soraya

BEGINNING LATIN

Grade Level: 6-8

When: Wednesdays 10:00-10:50

Where: ROA Westlake

Room: Room 2

Teacher: Soraya

Latin Beginner.

Although some people call Latin a "dead language," the language of the Romans, the Catholic church, and the lingua franca of the educated world for centuries is in fact, still alive, if transformed, in 21st century America.

Scholars of history, literature, art, science make use of Latin texts and documents from inscriptions on temples to Newton's treatises to Cicero's oratorical masterpieces.

This course will introduce you to the basics of Classical Latin, and help you master vocabulary and grammatical structures.

We will use a wide variety of activities (group/pair work, video, audio recordings, computer assignments, art, game etc.).

Because this course focuses on reading ability, rather than conversational ability, Latin texts, as well as a better understanding of both the Romans and the workings of both English and language more generally. After all, nearly 29 percent of the words in English come from latin.

This course is designed for students with little or no knowledge of Latin language or culture.

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FILMMAKING (8-12) Fri @12:30 FALL 2017 WLV

Instructor(s): Ian

FILMMAKING

Grade Level: 8-12

When: Fridays 12:30-02:00

Where: ROA Westlake

Room: Room 4

Teacher: Ian

This class will be a hands-on exploration of the filmmaking process from initial concept to completed film. Students will participate in writing, planning, filming, and editing their own short films and sequences. Topics covered will include: screenwriting, storyboarding, basic cinematography, camera operation, audio recording, and editing.

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GIFT CCS 2 (10-12) Wed @10:00 FALL 2017 WLW

Instructor(s): Sepi

GIFT CCS part 2: Life-skills for the 21st Century

Grade Level: 10-12

When: Wednesdays 10:00-10:50

Where: ROA Westlake

Room: Room Upstairs 910b

Teacher: Sepi

***Pre-requisite:** College & Career Seminar Class*

This course reinforces the College & Career Seminar curriculum, and is taking a deeper look into the employability skills necessary to succeed in today's work environment. Students will develop their awareness around emotional intelligence, and they explore opportunities through self-discovery tools, assessments and exercises. They will gain clarity and realize their dreams and passions, set SIMPLE goals, overcome road blocks/fears and create a road map/action plan for life beyond high school. In addition, students will be exposed to various career paths through a series of guest lecturers from various industry backgrounds.

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HOSPITALITY 1 (9-12) Wed @11:00 FALL 2017 WLW

Instructor(s): Kathy Jackson, Michal Rosenblum

HOSPITALITY 1: Intro to Travel & Recreation

Grade Level: 9-12

When: Wednesdays 11:00-12:30

Where: ROA Westlake

Room: Room 4

Teacher: Kathy & Michal

This introductory class will take you on a journey through the hospitality industry. This dynamic and growing career offers many different employment opportunities in event planning, amusement park management, and travel agencies just to name a few!! We will explore different professions, engage in real life hands on projects, and listen to guest speakers share their experiences in this exciting field!

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**IBEF: Integ. Bus. Entr. & Finance (9-12) Fri @10:00 FALL 2017
WLV**

Instructor(s): Leanne Staback

IBEF: INTEGRATED BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP & FINANCE

Grade Level: 9-12

When: Fridays 10:00-10:50

Where: ROA Westlake

Room: Room 1

Teacher: Leanne

This course teaches students the foundations of business, how to successfully start a new business in common industries (with a focus on the hospitality industry), including hands-on experience developing best business and personal finance practices. It includes all of the content in introductory Business, Entrepreneurship and Finance courses, with additional consumer math units designed to teach students the connection between personal and business finance, and how to plan for ideal financial outcomes. This is a year-long, comprehensive, academically rigorous curriculum, with project-based learning and real-world connections to prepare students with the skills and experiences they need to succeed in college-level coursework and the workforce.

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IT FUNDAMENTALS (9-12) Fri @9:00 FALL 2017 WLV

Instructor(s): Leanne Staback

I.T. FUNDAMENTALS

Grade Level: 9-12

When: Fridays 09:00-09:50

Where: ROA Westlake

Room: Room 1

Teacher: Leanne

The CompTIA IT Fundamentals exam is designed to help you learn more about the world of information technology (IT). It's ideal if you're considering a career in IT or if you work in an allied field that requires a broad understanding of IT. CompTIA IT Fundamentals can also be a stepping stone to more advanced certifications such as CompTIA A+, and, with specialized experience, CompTIA Network+ and CompTIA Security+. Pre-Professional CompTIA IT Fundamentals Certification opportunity upon completion!

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CHICANO STUDIES (8-12) Fri @2:00 FALL 2017 WLW

Instructor(s): Omar

CHICANO STUDIES: INTRO TO CHICANA/O CULTURE

Grade Level: 8-12

When: Fridays 2:00-2:50

Where: ROA Westlake

Room: Room 2

Teacher: Omar

A fascinating introductory class that focuses on the Chicana/o experience in the U.S. Students will look at cultural, economic, educational and political issues as they impact the Chicana/o community. Students will also examine the contributions that Chicana/os have made in these areas. The class will gain insight about the Chicana/o experience through PowerPoint presentations, film screenings, lectures, and group participation.



Pac Info

Hello ROA Parents,

Are you receiving the River Oaks Academy Yahoo Group announcements?

The ROA Yahoo Group is an online, member-based group for ROA parents to receive (and send) messages about events/news related to ROA. It's a great way to stay connected and updated with the ROA community.

If you aren't yet a member please contact your teacher for help with joining the group. Alternatively, contact Candice Tallent, Pamela Keller, or Emily Wells, via email, for help with becoming a member.

Candice: tallentcandice@yahoo.com

Pamela: LaDolceVita@roadrunner.com

Emily: emily@cambria.org

We look forward to your joining!

Warmly,
Parent Advisory Council - Pamela, Chandra & Candice



Career Pathway Updates

We are offering the following pathway courses in the Fall (full semester courses):

College and Career Seminar

Computer Networking

IT Fundamentals (a-g)

A+ Certification (a-g)

Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation

Introduction to Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation (a-g)

Hospitality Entrepreneurship with a focus on Business & Finance (a-g)

Legal Practices

Introduction to Law (a-g)

Criminal Justice (a-g)

Career Education Center (CEC) - check out the numerous course offering www.vcoe.org/cec



OXNARD Resource Center

Now at our permanent location-at Seabridge

We had a wonderful Welcome Back Breakfast on Wednesday at our Seabridge site. Many of our students and parents came to visit and meet others. It was great to see so many new faces. We welcome all of you. We are off to a great year—at our own site this year 😊

A bit shout-out to Leina, Sarah and her boys, who helped with the set-up for this wonderful get together.

We are still looking for at least one or two **Oxnard representatives on our PAC**. Our goal this year is to organize activities for both sites. Having at least two to three representatives from our Oxnard group would be great. Let me know, if you are interested, and I'll connect you to the other PAC people. If you have questions as to time commitment, etc., let me know, and I'll happily chat with you, or better yet, have the current PAC people tell you about their roles.



Counselor's Corner

Welcome to the 2017/18 River Oaks Academy school year!

We will be offering a variety of counseling services for our high school students again this year, including academic counseling, college planning and application assistance, financial aid and scholarship information, work experience guidance, community service opportunities, career planning, and more!

Watch this space weekly for coming events and valuable information for all high school students and parents.

Here are a few upcoming events of interest:

- **Wednesday, September 27, 2017: CVUSD College Information Night** at Newbury Park High School. Enjoy a college, career, and test-prep fair from 4:30 until 6:30 pm, and then, from 6:15 until 8 pm, take advantage of a variety of college related workshops. This is a very popular event, so arrive early! And, plan for dinner, as several food trucks will be featured!
- **Wednesday, October 11, 2017: The PSAT is coming to River Oaks!** We will be offering the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) for our college bound juniors on Wednesday, October 11 at 8 am. We strongly recommend this practice test for students in grade eleven. While the PSAT can also be taken by 9th and 10th graders, those students may want to wait until the spring, when we will offer the PSAT 10 for our younger students. We will be sending out detailed information regarding the PSAT, including the registration process, within the next few weeks.

Other Items of Interest:

- **Attention, Employed Students!** All Work Permits must be renewed at the beginning of each school year, even if you have one that was recently approved. See Beverly in the office, or contact Richard Intlekofer, Counselor, for more information.
- **Career Education Center:** (Classes May Still be Open!) 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 CEC course, you may register online at www.vcoe.org/cec, or by contacting Richard Intlekofer at ROA.

- **SAT Test Center:** River Oaks Academy has been approved as an SAT test center! We will be offering the SAT, SAT with Essay, and the Subject Tests here at ROA in on Saturday, November 4, 2017, and again on June 2, 2018. If your student is planning to take the SAT this year (typically 12th graders in the fall, and 11th graders in the spring, 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! This is a terrific testing environment, so take advantage! Again, contact Richard at richard.intlekofer@roavc.com for further information!

High school families may make appointments with Richard Intlekofer, River Oaks Counselor, by contacting him at richard.intlekofer@roavc.com.

Here's to a successful school year!



Important Dates

September 21	Local Holiday-no school/office closed
September 25	First day of workshops/classes for fall semester
October 5	Board meeting @ 6:30—open to the public
November 10	School Holiday—Veteran's Day—no school/office closed
November 20-24 th	Thanksgiving Holiday—no school/office closed all week
December 4	Last week of Fall 2017 workshops
December 22-29 th	Winter Break
January 1-5, 2018	Winter Break
January 8, 2018	First day back after Winter Break
January 22	First day of Spring 2018 workshops
January 22	First day of 2 nd semester

Warmly,
Your River Oaks homeschool team,
Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Marni, Jennifer,
Cheri, Leanne
Tezo, Monica, Beverly, Richard
and Claudia