



ROA Director Update

September 29, 2017

General Information

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.

Please note:

Our **Chicano Studies** (6-12) workshop on Fridays has changed its time and room number—There is still room in this class. Join it.

Chicano Studies (6-12) will meet FRIDAYS @11AM in ROOM 1

Parent Bootcamp:

We'll continue discovering "The way we learn" and how this knowledge can help in your homeschool. Join us from 10:00-10:50, Tuesday, October 3, in room 5 at the Westlake campus. And if you'd like to keep the discussion going...stick around for PAC Hour, immediately following Boot Camp. See you there!

HOW TO AVOID PLAGIARISM

In order to help our students learn to identify valid sources when performing research, and avoid plagiarism issues when writing essays or research reports, Leanne will be teaching interested students how to create in-text and bibliographic citations. These lessons will occur on the first Monday of each month.

The first Citation Lesson is this coming Monday, 10/2/17 from 11:00 - 11:25 in Room 3. The remainder of the ELA Lab time will be to help students work on their ELA content standards, assignments, and anything else ELA related.

Subsequent Citation Lesson dates are as follows:

Monday, 11/6/17 from 11:00 - 11:25am.

Monday, 12/4/17 from 11:00 - 11:25.

I highly recommend this for all middle and high school students who will be writing papers this school year.

Please read the following **reminders**:

- Please let us know, if your student is absent, and we do not have a message from you **BEFORE** the workshop, your student may be dropped, if the workshop has a wait list. **You may use our app** (good reason to download it, if you have not done so yet) to report an absence.
- Please **arrive on time** for your classes. Vendors will take attendance. If your student is late, there is a chance that he/she may have to observe that class or may have to go to the Focus room, especially, if instruction already started.
- Please remember that these classes are a privilege and not a right. If a student is disruptive, and we have tried to modify the behavior, we will remove the student to make sure that the learning for the rest of the class is not impacted.
- If your **student is sick**, we ask that you keep him/her at home and let us know.
- We ask that our **parents who observe classes be respectful** of the learning environment and are not on the phone or engaged in conversations with other parents in the class. It is distracting to our instructors and our students.
- **Siblings** are always welcome. However, we ask you to be respectful and remove the sibling, if he/she is disrupting a class.
- **While we support parents to be in the classroom, we also would like to urge you to allow your student some independence and autonomy to work on his/her own. Please take a step back and allow our instructors and teachers to instruct your child.**
- Instructors are not allowed to add students. If you would like to add a student, please talk to your teacher. There may be a waitlist, and we want to honor the students who are waiting patiently.
- **Please be patient** during this first week. Chances are things are a bit chaotic, but we are doing our best to remedy whatever comes up as quickly and as efficiently as possible.
- Please remember to **keep noise in the halls and outside to a minimum**. We don't want to disrupt other classes or our neighbors.
- Please remember to have your student bring his/her study materials to the Focus room.
- Please do not take any pictures of students other than your own, unless you are the designated yearbook photographer.

We appreciate your help with this, as we know, this will enhance everybody's workshop experience tremendously. As always, if you have any concerns, thoughts, and suggestions, please don't hesitate to let us know. We are here to make sure that things go smoothly and to answer your questions.

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"☺



Pac Info

Hello ROA Parents!

We want to share how excited the *Parent Advisory Council* (PAC) is to dig into the new school year with ROA! And we can't wait to get to know you! A few exciting things we'd like to share...

PAC information via the ROA App

ROA has launched the new ROA App (available through the App Store). You can learn more about PAC...who we are and what we do, and how to become involved if you are interested. We'd love to have you!

Parent Boot Camp

Parent Boot Camp is one of the many reasons we LOVE ROA! These passion-driven, fun, and supportive meetings are scheduled weekly with informative topics that help you along in your homeschooling journey. See the ROA App "PAC Meetings/Events" tab for detailed information about Boot Camp.

*Currently, *Parent Boot Camp* is scheduled every Tuesday from 10:00-10:50, followed by PAC Hour at 11:00. Both are in room 5 at the Westlake campus. We hope to see you there!

"PAC Hour"

Immediately following the weekly Boot Camp meetings, PAC will be available to connect with parents to share ideas, ask questions, and to support and encourage one another. We hope through *PAC Hour* to create a supportive homeschool community that serves you! For more information see the ROA App "PAC Meetings/Events" tab.

ROA Yahoo Group

Are you receiving the River Oaks Academy Yahoo Group announcements? The ROA Yahoo Group is an online, member-based community 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, you can contact PAC parent, Candice at: tallentcandice@yahoo.com for help in joining the Yahoo group.

Looking forward! PAC "Chill" – Pamela, Chandra, and 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 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