



ROA Director Update

October 27, 2017

General Information

Please note:

We will have vision and hearing screenings scheduled for October 31 from 1:00 until 4:00 in Westlake. Please contact Tezo, if you would like to schedule an appointment.

On Monday, 10/30 at 1:00 pm we will have the Ventura County Fire department come by with one of their **fire trucks** to talk to our students about fire safety and answer questions our students may have. Please know that we will interrupt classes/workshops at that time and take all students out to meet our amazing firefighters. You are welcome to join us, if Monday is not your regular day on campus.

Parent Bootcamp:

PARENT BOOT CAMP
TECHNOLOGY WITH NICK

Join ROA teacher, Nick, as he explores how technology through Coding can enhance and expand your students' learning.

Tuesday, October 31, @ 10:00 in Room 5
We'll 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.

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.



School Pictures Deadline

Please place your school picture orders by this **Sunday, October 29th**.

<http://shuriskovoldphotography.com/Collections/105686>

If you have already placed an order, please email the image # that you would like the photographer to use for your package to: shurikins@gmail.com

The photographer will select her favorite if you do not choose one.



Pac Info

Hello ROA Parents!

We are inviting you to share your ideas!

Even if you only have a moment to say hello, please come by to visit us! We usually have some tasty treats to enjoy too. PAC will be at ROA Westlake on Tuesdays in Room 5 at 11:00am following Parent Boot Camp. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents to share thoughts, ask questions, and encourage one another. Our focus will be on creating a supportive homeschool community that serves our families. We would love to hear from you!

More information about PAC and Parent Boot Camp is available via the ROA App, see the "PAC (Chill)" tab. You can check out Family Events we're planning, plus learn about who we are and also how to contact us. We appreciate any suggestions you have, and if you are interested in getting involved with PAC we'd love to have you join us! For Parent Boot Camp topics refer to the "PAC Meetings" tab. No sign ups are necessary for Parent Boot Camp, just come by ROA Westlake on Tuesday in Room 5 at 10:00am for inspiring discussions geared towards homeschooling.

We look forward to great conversations and creating a positive supportive homeschool experience that promotes community spirit!

Thank you from PAC "Chill"

Pamela, Chandra, Candice & Sara

P.S. Are you receiving the River Oaks Academy Yahoo Group announcements? Stay connected and updated with the ROA community! The ROA Yahoo Group is an online, member-based community for ROA parents to receive (and send) messages about events/news related to ROA. Become a member of the ROA Yahoo Group by contacting your teacher for help. Alternatively, you can contact PAC parent, Candice at: tallentcandice@yahoo.com for help in joining.



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

Take our Survey Now—we would love to get your input

Hello lovely Oxnard families. We thank those of you who took the time to give us some feedback for our survey. We really value what you have to say and it helps us shape our program for the future. We are working hard to meet your needs and are doing our best to incorporate as much as we can from the survey.

The survey is open through October 31. If you have not taken it yet, please do so. Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ROAOxnardFall2017>

A couple of things that we would like to address at this time:

- Please know that we cannot and do not hire parents or relatives of our students as vendors. It has been unfortunately bad practice before and we stopped that practice several years ago. We are happy though, if a relative wants to donate his/her time to support our students with a talent he/she has, we would gladly have him/her as volunteer (background check and fingerprinting is always required).
- What we proposed would offer a separate 2nd day for the younger grades (K-5; suggested right now is Tuesday) and for the upper grades (6-12; suggested right now is Wednesday).
- We appreciate you suggesting other vendors for the Oxnard resource center and we will follow up on that. Please keep those suggestions coming.
- We will offer Glass Blowing in Oxnard (it's always about getting the vendor to agree to travel) and we have an amazing Creative Writing class with Jon scheduled (www.creativecoursesforkids.com) that we are sure your students will love. We are also looking at bringing back Robotics with Robotics and Things, which has been rather popular.
- We are looking at providing a lunch break that is greater than the 10 minute passing time. However, if we will do that, and to keep classes on the same schedule, it would be incorporating a study hall time.
- Last but not least, while we appreciate that you love our workshops and classes, please do remember that attending 2-3 full days of workshops and classes means that you need to catch up during the remaining 3 days each week with your work at home to make sure that you are staying on track.

Please note that we have a **Hearing and Vision screening** happening at the Westlake Office on 10/31. If you would like to sign up, please call Tezo or Monica at 805 777-7999 or let them know when you see them at Seabridge.

We also offer a short session of CPR (2 hours) training at the Oxnard facility. This meets the new 9th grade Health class requirement. However, we are opening the class to a couple more students (8-12th grade), if they would like to get some CPR training. The course is free of charge. The class will be held on **November 9th at 10:00 am at the Oxnard facility.** Please RSVP to your teacher. There are only 2 spots left.

Please remember to tell us, if you have any thoughts, comments or suggestions on how we can serve you better.



Counselor's Corner

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:

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

October 30	1:00 pm—visit from the Ventura County Fire Department to discuss fire safety (all students get to visit with our firemen)
November 2	12-2 Math Family Fun (WL)
November 2	Board meeting at 6:30 pm. Open to the public (WL)
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 (except pathway workshops and science labs)
December 14	11:00-1:00 Holiday Potluck and Art Showcase (WL)
December 21	Last week of pathway workshops and science labs
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