



ROA Director Update

November 17, 2017

General Information

Please note:

Next week is Thanksgiving week. There are no workshops/classes during that week and no school as well. We wish you and your family a most wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday, November 27.

Please note, we all love our pets, but are asking you, for the safety of all (and due to our insurance requirements), to please not bring your dog on campus. We appreciate your understanding.

Parent Bootcamp:

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.

LAST Citation Lesson date below:

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.



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

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 now closed.**

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 a 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.
- **Our spring workshop session will start the week of January 22 and run for 9 weeks through the week of March 19. Spring break starts the week of March 26. Please know that a school calendar can be found on our website.**

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



Counselor's Corner

Community College Registration Information for the Spring, 2018 Semester

As the Spring 2018, semester approaches, it is time to begin the registration process for community college courses. As you know our students may attend community college courses without paying the \$46 per unit tuition (other fees, such as parking, health fee, lab and book fees, may apply). While many of our local community colleges will permit registration for our students in December or January, **Moorpark College** has implemented several changes that will benefit our students:

1. Our students in Grades 9-12 may register for classes beginning **November 22**. This means that students in grades 9 and 10 will no longer need to sit in a class for the first week to gain enrollment. Students below ninth grade will still need the permission of the professor.
2. While students with an existing account at Moorpark (your VCCCD number) are now permitted to upload and submit your dual enrollment form to register, we recommend that you still conduct a walk-in registration on November 22.
3. The Dual Enrollment form for Moorpark now incorporates the Memorandum of Understanding, so that you will need to complete just one form. This form must be signed by River Oaks to gain permission to take your course or courses. You also need to take with you an unofficial transcript, which we will give you upon request.
4. Students in grades are now eligible to take up to 11 units, with the permission of River Oaks.

For detailed information go to www.moorparkcollege.edu, click on "Apply and Enroll," then click on "Apply for Admission." Under New Students, click on "Dual Enrollment," and follow the instructions. If your student has never taken a community college course, the Application for Admission will need to be completed. If he or she already has a VCCCD account, then the process begins with the Dual Enrollment form.

See your teacher, or your Counselor, Richard, for assistance. And remember, this applies to Moorpark College only. See us for help with other colleges.



Important Dates

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 (workshops will go through the week of March 19)
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