



ROA Director Update

August 31, 2018

General Information

We are absolutely delighted to see so many familiar and new faces on both campuses. It is great to be back.

We would also like to **welcome our two new teachers**: Dana Scheumaker and Lori Romero. You may recall Dana's name from our science labs and workshops from last year, and this year, she joined us full-time to help develop our science program and as mentor teacher for a few of our new families. Lori is new to our school, but she has spent quite a bit of time observing our teachers last year. We are absolutely thrilled to have the two of them on board and hope that you will welcome them when you see them.

We have a **High School Orientation** coming up as well. **September 6th** from 5:30-7:00 at the Westlake facility. If you are new to our program or have not attended an orientation in the spring, please make time to attend this one. It's important for you and your student to know what our expectations are for a successful high school journey.

This year, we posted **the start dates** of our workshops, tutoring, WEE (Work Experience), etc. on our website.

Please take advantage of our early **Focus Rooms which started on August 27** through September 21, you will be able to have your student attend our Focus Room support on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 10-1 in Westlake and on Tuesday/Wednesday from 10-1 in Oxnard. We hope you will take advantage of this added support.

Our **Fall Workshops** have been posted on our website. **Sign-ups will start Friday, September 7th @ 8:00 am**. Your teacher will let you know when and how you can sign up. Please test the sign-up before the first day of sign-ups, so we can make sure that everything works just fine.

Our **school calendar** is also posted on our website for your convenience. Please make sure to refer to it for school holidays, breaks, etc.

Please mark your calendars for our first annual **Health and Wellness Fair on Wednesday, November 7th**. We are going to have a variety of speakers, including our own board member, Dr. Horton, who will talk about the “Wisdom” project; a PhD from UCLA who will be addressing struggles with mood difficulties and stress; our own teacher, Leina, who will talk about Non Violent Communication; a Mindfulness presentation; sound healing and yoga introduction; a variety of booths, including one about nutrition, meditation, organic gardening, yoga, acupuncture, chiropractor, and more. More information will be forthcoming.

Important Reminders: Please remember that we are in an office complex. We therefore ask that you don't congregate outside as this disturbs other businesses. Please also remember that we have neighbors when inside. We also ask that you **supervise** your students at all times. They are not allowed to venture over to the pond by themselves or run around outside. If you would like to take them to a park, there are a couple of them very close by. Feel free to ask staff for directions. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



Pac Info

Hello from PAC...

PAC is looking forward to the 2018-19 school year, awesome conversations & LOTS of good coffee!

If you have ideas, suggestions, questions or just want to lend a helping hand, please let me know or join us at PAC Time on Tuesdays at ROA Westlake, Room 4, following Parent Boot Camp when workshops are in session. PAC & Parent Bootcamp meetings are also in Oxnard. Keep an eye out for updates via the ROA Yahoo Group* or check the ROA App under "PAC Chill" for more details. FYI, the "Chill" means we like to keep it real & inviting to all... Nobody is perfect, so we aim to be authentic and true from good intentions.

Warm Regards, Pamela

Much Appreciation from PAC Chill

*The River Oaks Academy Yahoo Group is an online community serving to keep parents informed about school events and happenings. This is a closed group to send & receive messages about news related to ROA. It's a great way to stay connected and updated with the ROA community! Ask your Teacher to join or email Pamela at LaDolceVita@roadrunner.com to receive an invitation. "Invited users need to accept the invitation, sign-in with their Yahoo ID to become members."

What is PAC? ROA's Parent Advisory Council is a dedicated group of parent volunteers that offers support to all the families. PAC assists the staff and teachers while promoting community spirit. PAC coordinates field trips, family events, and we raise funds for the graduation gift, as well as important needs to serve the families. PAC's mission is to create a supportive and encouraging homeschool community via Parent Boot Camp, hosted by the ROA staff. You belong here at ROA and you're not alone!

Who is PAC? Meet PAC: <http://www.riveroakscharter.com/meet-the-pac/>



Career Pathway Updates

Welcome back!

We have a full lineup of wonderful **Career Pathways** to choose from this year! Each Pathway has highly qualified, enthusiastic teachers, and exciting class offerings.

College & Career Seminar, the Pathway foundation course and an ROA graduation requirement for all high school students, kicks off your journey to *all* Pathway programs. This course provides a great introduction to the Pathway courses; an opportunity to learn more about individual, personal strengths; and, how those could connect to a career. This course is **articulated** with Moorpark College, so students may apply for 3 college credits upon the successful completion of all requirements.

Hospitality, Tourism and Management will be offered again this year with students learning about all aspect of this field. Among other events, our students will help to plan and execute our graduation ceremony in May. A second course in this pathway is our **IBEF** course, (see below).

Our **Legal Pathway** offers two courses for those interested in exploring a career in the legal field: **Introduction to Law**, and **Introduction to Criminal Justice**. Each course is a full year. **Criminal Justice** has been **articulated** with Moorpark College, so students are able to apply for 3 college credits upon successful completion of all requirements.

Our Networking Pathway has added a course called **IT Essentials**. This course has been **articulated** with Moorpark College, as well. Students may apply for college credit upon the successful completion of all requirements for this course.

Additionally, **IT Fundamentals** and **(IBEF) Integrated Business, Entrepreneurship and Finance** give interested students a well-rounded education in the IT/networking field.

Students may also take **IBEF** for an excellent **consumer math** course.



OXNARD Resource Center

Dear Oxnard Families,



We would like to welcome all of our Oxnard families back, as we embark on our third year.

We are looking forward to seeing our high school students at our math orientation this Monday, 8/27 at 10-11.

Also, we are happy to announce that we will be starting our focus rooms earlier this year **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** at the following times:

- Math lab: 10-11
- ELA lab: 11-12
- Focus room: 12-1



Make sure to come prepared with your study materials to the focus room.



Counselor's Corner

PLEASE VISIT: <http://www.riveroakscharter.com/high-school/>



Important Dates

September 3	Labor Day Holiday
September 7 @8:00 am	Opening of i-Class sign-ups for Fall workshops
September 6	High School Orientation (WL) 5:30-7:00 (all new high school students and returning students who did not attend an orientation in the spring should attend)
September 10/19	Local Holidays (no school and the office is closed)
September 13	Board meeting-open to the public (6:30pm)
September 24	First day of Fall 2018 workshops
November 7	Wellness Fair at ROA
November 12	Veteran's Day
November 19-23	Thanksgiving Holiday week (no school/no workshops)
December 7	Last day of Fall 2018 workshops

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