



## **ROA Director Update**

November 16, 2018

### **General Information**

Lovely ROA families,

This last week has been a truly difficult week. Our school has rallied for our families who have been and are displaced. There are no words to describe how amazing the support from our families has been. We are overloaded with bags of donated clothing, toys, shoes, and more. Ty, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student at ROA has created a GoFundMe page to collect money, and many of you have donated not only on the GoFundMe page, but also dropping off gift cards and cash for gift cards with me. Again, words escape me, but I am beyond proud to be a part of this community. So, a very heartfelt thank you to all of you. Here is the link to the GoFundMe page, if you would like to make a donation: [gofundme.com/river-oaks-academy-families](https://gofundme.com/river-oaks-academy-families) . Please share this link on your social media pages as well.

With Thanksgiving week ahead of us, we do have a lot to be grateful for. Please keep all of our families in your thoughts this week, as we gather with family and friends to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. School will be out all week and our office will be closed. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We will see you back Monday, November 26.



## Pac Info

### *Hello from PAC...*

Parent Boot Camp is starting Tuesday, September 25th at 10:00am in Room 4 at Westlake site. Just come on into Room 4 at 10:00am, no need to sign up. Whether you've been homeschooling for years or you've just started, everyone is welcome! Weekly topics are posted on the ROA App under PAC Chill and also in the Parent Lounge. PAC Time immediately following at 11:00.

Advice, expertise, knowledge, inspiration, support or learn something new. You've got this! Be Amazing... or just roll out of bed & come join us while you wake up with some good coffee! We also have a variety of tea bags & a Keurig machine for hot water in the Parent Lounge.

Warm Regards, Pamela

Much Appreciation from PAC Chill

Contact PAC via the ROA Website: <http://www.riveroakscharter.com/meet-the-pac/>

p.s. Did you join the ROA Yahoo Group yet? If you did not receive an invitation or are having issues joining, please email me. I will do whatever I can to help you join!

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](mailto:LaDolceVita@roadrunner.com) to receive an invitation. "Invited users need to accept the invitation, sign-in with their Yahoo ID to become members."

**Parent Boot Camp**  
*{Tuesdays at 10:00am}*  
**ROA Westlake Room 4**

Parent Boot Camp & PAC Time  
Scheduled when workshops are in session  
Refer to the ROA App:PAC Chill for weekly topics  
*Schedule is also posted in the Parent Lounge (Westlake)*

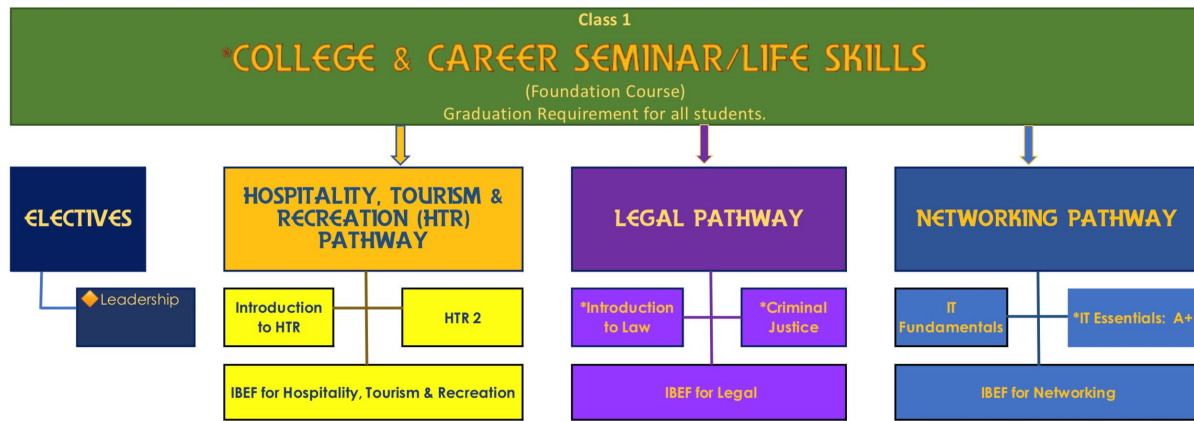
☞ Just come on into Room 4  
at 10:00am...  
You do NOT need to sign up.

☕ Join us for Coffee & Conversation  
Meet with PAC immediately following



## Career Pathway Updates

### ROA PATHWAY PROGRAMS



Our Pathway programs are in full swing. Here are the current happenings in our classes.

**College & Career Seminar** has a lively group of high school students in Westlake, working through the budgeting module in their 10yrplan. Oxnard’s class is going well with guest speakers and class activities that correlate with their 10yrplan. We look forward to hearing from guest speakers, both business partners and community resources sharing with us about a variety of career choices and personal stories of their own career journeys. Students are realizing that life takes more money than previously believed.

Our Oxnard **CCS** class is also working on budgeting. The students worked in groups and had great discussions. Students will bring actual numbers from home on what their parents pay for various categories to have real numbers to work with. They are participating and mindfully thinking about who they are and what they want.

**Hospitality, Tourism and Management:** Our students are meeting monthly and doing a hybrid course online for this first semester. They are learning about the history of hospitality and exploring the large variety of careers and venues in which hospitality is involved. These students will be joined by others second semester as they plan and execute our graduation as a culminating project. We are in the process of planning a field trip to Disneyland for Disney’s Approach to Leadership and Teamwork.

**Intro to Law and Criminal Justice:** Both the legal and criminal justice students are currently researching and examining techniques used in the recent apprehension of the Golden State Killer.

The Into to Law class will be examining the implications for law enforcement and the public in light of the use of consumer DNA provided to a genealogy website by a distant relative,

The Criminal Justice class is learning about the benefits of this type of technology for investigating cold cases.

We are in the process of planning trips to the VC Sheriff's Training Academy in December and a trip to UCLA later this semester.

(Networking Pathway - Year 1)

In **IT Fundamentals**, students have briefly learned about the features common to all computing devices; the different types of general-purpose computers; how computer networks work; methods of remotely accessing computer systems; and, specialized computer systems and their purposes. Students will be learning how to differentiate among CPUs in terms of speed and features; about the types and technologies of memory in a PC, a motherboard's form factors and features, and the purpose and functions of a power supply.

(Networking Pathway - Year 2)

In **IT Essentials**, students are using an awesome, online, lab simulator called TestOut! They have learned how to set up a computer. They are learning about the Windows, Linux and Mac operating systems; and, computer safety measures, protecting against electrostatic discharge, and environmental concerns. They will be learning about the professionalism required of a PC Technician, and about the PC Toolkit, maintenance best practices, and troubleshooting.

In **IBEF**, students have had a brief introduction to economics and provided economic advice to our current POTUS (President of the United States). They have learned how entrepreneurs impact the economy; what positions are required for setting up a corporation; and have developed their company groups, company descriptions, product line overviews, initial product designs, and company logos. They will be learning about the first three parts to a business plan, and how to save money before and during college, so they won't be drowning in student loan debt when they graduate from college. The college savings plan project involves a game where the goal is to have less debt than your expected starting salary after college; and enters the students into a contest where they can win a \$5,000 college scholarship!



## **OXNARD Resource Center**

Dear Oxnard Families,

### **Oxnard Updates:**

We would like to thank our families for making last Wednesday, a very special one. Our

students were very excited at the end of the day to share treats and celebrate together.



### **Problem of the Month (PoM):**

No winners for the October PoM.



Be on the lookout for the next challenge

Are you interested in sharing a PoM and challenge your friends?

Would you like to design the PoM artwork?



Contact Ms. Maria at either resource center

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## **Counselor's Corner**

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

**SENIORS PLEASE VISIT: <http://www.riveroakscharter.com/seniors>**

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## Important Dates

November 19-23	Thanksgiving Holiday week (no school/no workshops)
December 7	Last day of Fall 2018 workshops
December 13	Holiday Party & Art Showcase (11-1pm—please not time change)
December 20	Last school day before winter break
December 21-Jan 4	Winter Break—Happy New Year!!!
January 7	School is back in session
January 18	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> semester
January 21	Martin Luther King Day—no school/office closed
January 28	Spring 2019 Workshop block starts (through March 29—9 weeks)
February 15/18	Presidents Weekend—no school/office closed
April 8-12	CAST administration (Science test 10 <sup>th</sup> grade)
April 15-19	Spring break—no school/office partially open

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