



ROA Director Update

December 14, 2018

General Information

Lovely ROA families,

I would like to do a bit shout out for our PAC ladies who have worked so hard to make our Holiday party and Art Showcase yesterday a huge success. Thank you especially to Pam Keller who has outdone herself yet again with the amazing decorations. We so appreciate all of you. Yesterday's event was hugely successful and lots of fun. Great food, entertainment and company.

This coming Friday, 12/21, we will start our Winter Break. We will be on break through January 7th. We wish everybody a most enjoyable and happy Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you back in 2019.

The spring workshop schedule should be published on our website by next Friday, so you have enough time to figure out your schedule for the spring. Sign-ups won't start until about mid January.

Please note that our **Focus room** in Westlake will be open for your students next week through winter break and starting the week of January 7th through January 25th on the following days:

Mondays:	10-11:00 Math Lab/Focus Room
	11-12:00 ELA Lab/Focus Room
	12-1:00 Focus Room
Wednesday	10-11:00 Math Lab/Focus Room
	11-12:00 ELA Lab/Focus Room
	12-1:00 Focus Room
Friday	10-11:00 Math Lab/Focus Room
	11-12:00 ELA Lab/Focus Room
	12-1:00 Focus Room

In Oxnard, we offer the following:

Math lab, ELA lab, and focus room (new schedule until the break and continuing the week we get back, January 7th through the beginning of workshops, January 28th):

Tuesdays and Wednesdays:

10-11 Math lab

11-12 ELA lab

12-1 Focus room

Please take advantage of this additional academic support.

Attention Writers!

Students (4th-12th grades), parents and teachers, you are invited to bring your writing notebook and a snack to share for our winter writing marathons. Please RSVP to Leina: leina.ball@roavc.com with names and location(s).

Monday Dec 17th 9AM-noon Oxnard (4th-12th grades)

Tuesday Jan 22nd 9AM-noon WLV (4th-12th grades)



Pac Info

Hello from PAC...

A message from PAC:

Homeschooling our students with the support of ROA enables them to prepare for whatever comes their way. ROA unites us to share our gifts, talents and dreams while we offer encouragement and inspiration to one another on our journey.

Parent Boot Camp will **resume on January 29th**. Join us to learn something new or come share your tips to inspire others... **Parent Boot Camp is at 10:00am in Room 4** at Westlake site while workshops are in session. 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! PAC Time immediately following for questions, comments, ideas & suggestions!

Be in the know with ROA Yahoo Group! 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."

Warm Regards, Pamela

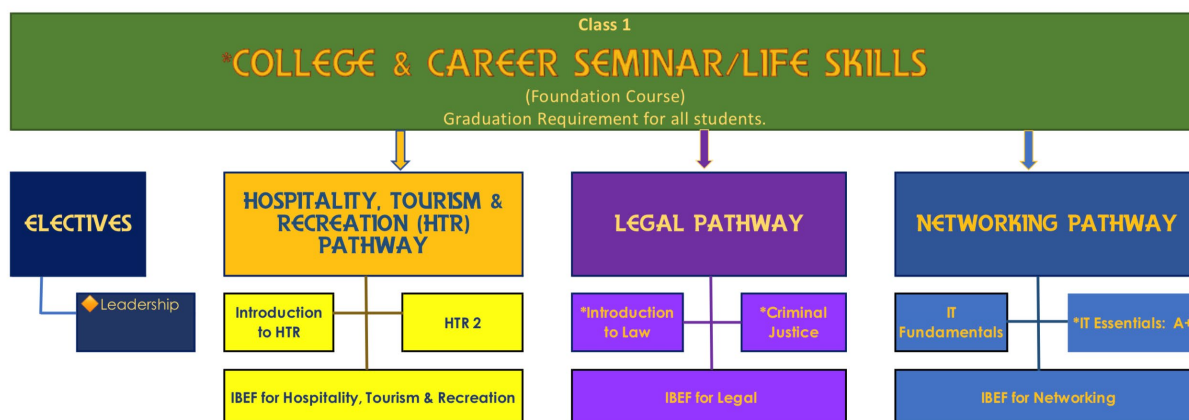
Much Appreciation from PAC Chill

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



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,

Please make sure to join us for our Holiday Party and Art Showcase on Thursday, December 13th from 11:00-1:00 pm at the Westlake resource center. This is a potluck gathering, please look out for the sign-up information from our PAC.

Elementary and Middle School workshops:

As workshops come to an end this week, we would like to thank all of our students, parents, and vendors for making the Fall 2018 workshops a success.

High School workshops (for credit classes):

The following workshops **will continue** with the same schedule until the break (and continue immediately the week of January 7th):

- Introduction to Law
- College and Career
- Physical Science and Biology labs
- How to Adult Like A Boss: Algebra and Geometry

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Important Dates:

Winter Break starts on Friday, December 21st.



Counselor's Corner

Important Reminders:

A few items from your counselor:

1. Cal State University Channel Islands is offering a new major in **Mechatronics**, one of only three such programs in the entire CSU system. From the Mechatronics major web page:

"As a CSUCI mechatronics student, you'll be at the forefront of a rapidly growing field of engineering that combines computer hardware, electronics and mechanical engineering. You'll work with faculty who do research in mobile robotics, embedded systems and unmanned aerial vehicles. And you'll learn how engineering is influenced and impacted by business, politics and other social forces. CSUCI mechatronics students are also in good company — we're one of only three CSUs that offer degrees in mechatronics."

For more information, visit the Mechatronics page at CSUCI.

2. Parents of Seniors: As we mentioned earlier in the year, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is open and ready for you to complete. See Richard for assistance!

3. For those who wish to take college classes in the spring, now is the time to look into course registration. The enrollment and registration process begins soon, so don't delay! See Richard for assistance!

4. Finally, did you know that free bus transportation is offered for students enrolled in classes at all three of the Ventura County Community Colleges: Moorpark, Oxnard, and Ventura. This includes high school students taking college courses! See the attached flyer below.

For all high school and college information, contact Richard at richard.intlekofer@roavc.com. Appointments are available at both the Westlake and Oxnard campuses!

SAT: River Oaks also offers a Saturday administration of the SAT on Saturday, November 3, at 7:30 am on our campus. We do not cover the cost of this administration, and you will be registering at www.collegeboard.com. One reason to register for a Saturday exam is that the Subject Tests will be administered only on Saturdays. See Richard if you have questions.

WORK PERMITS: All students who work for pay must hold a valid Work Permit from the State of California. The Permit is issued by River Oaks; applications are attached below and available from Beverly in the office. There are two steps to the process: students complete the "*Statement of Intent to Employ/Request for Work Permit*," and bring this form to Beverly for processing. This form requires the signature of the prospective employer. Then, Beverly completes the "*Permit to Employ and Work*," and issues a copy of the permit to the student to give to the employer. We keep the original here. Please allow 24 hours for processing.

Important note! All Work Permits expire five days after school begins. So, if you have a current Work Permit, you must complete a new one for this school year. Contact Richard if you have questions.

For students holding Entertainment Industry Work Permits, see either your teacher, or Beverly, or Richard. The process for this permit is somewhat different.



Important Dates

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 st 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 th grade)
April 15-19	Spring break—no school/office partially open

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