



ROA Director Update

January 11, 2019

General Information

Lovely ROA families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We have so many exciting things already planned for 2019, especially the upcoming spring workshops. You may have noticed that we have a “Harry Potter” theme running through some of the workshops and we are super excited to offer a variety of classes/workshops tied to that theme. For example, we have: Harry Potter art; Harry Potter bookclub; Harry Potter science: Potions and Polymers; Harry Potter music and in addition to that, we will have a magician teach us not only some magic tricks, but also the history of magic....and with some luck, we may get some admission tickets to the Magic Castle.

Pretty exciting stuff☺ We should have sign-ups open for you around mid-January and will send out an email and app blast to let you know, once we have a firm date.



We are happy to let you know that during winter break, our **Focus Room in WL has MOVED next door**. Please watch for the signs. The **Focus room** in Westlake will be open for your students starting again, 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:

Our Focus Room, Math lab, ELA lab start up again on January 8th 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 & Artists:

This is your invitation to publish your best art and/or writing from this school year in our biannual Musings Magazine. Work must be original. Art will be printed in B&W. Writing can be poetry or pros, fiction or non-fiction (letter, report, essay, review, summary, etc.). Writing must be thoroughly revised and edited. All submissions are due electronically to Leina Ball at:

roamusings@gmail.com by January 25th, 2019.

Winter Writing Marathon

Inviting Writers: Students 4th -12th grade, Parents & Staff

Tuesday, January 22nd WLV, 9AM-noon

Bring thy writing notebook & writing pens!

Optional: a snack to share

RSVP to Leina: leina.ball@roavc.com

What is a writing marathon? It is a space to find your writer's voice, practice the art of writing, affirm your identity as a writer and celebrate writing through writing and sharing. Please arrive promptly at 9 AM to begin together. Our marathon will include several rounds of stream of consciousness writing in small groups with sharing after each round. Writers will have time to revise their favorite piece and read it to the entire group for an author's chair at the end. Writing by hand is highly encouraged. If an electronic device is used writers are expected to stay on a word document.



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,

High School workshops (for credit classes):

The following workshops **will continue**:

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

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):

Join us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for some academic support!

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

Important Dates:

Sign-ups for workshops should open around mid-January

January 21: School Holiday—no school/resource center will be closed.

Classes and workshops start the week of January 28th.



Counselor's Corner

[Please click here for the Counselor's Corner message!](#)

Or follow this link: <http://www.riveroakscharter.com/high-school/>



Important Dates

January 7	School is back in session
January 15	Sign-ups should open—date to be announced
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