



ROA Director Update

January 25, 2019

General Information

Lovely ROA families,

- **Workshops will start on Monday, January 28th.** We are excited to see you all back on campus. If you have not signed up yet, you may want to do so asap.
- **Focus Room in WL has MOVED next door** to Suite V. Focus Room will be open daily as per the workshop schedule. Check it out and take advantage of the extra support.
- We were informed that there was yet another incident of **"tagging"** at the 850 building of the WaterCourt in Westlake on Wednesday in the boys restroom. That is just down the hall from our center. Please have a chat with your student to let them know that defacing property is not something we condone, and if we catch the person/s who is/are doing this, we will have to suspend them from campus.

At this time, we don't know who they are, but this might provide a good opportunity to have this chat with your kiddo.

We appreciate your understanding.

- **We are offering some amazing parent workshops. Limited enrollment. FREE to ROA parents. Come spend some time with Jarmila and learn how to stimulate your child's curiosity in math.**



Helping Kids Love Mat h * grades K - 4 *

A workshop for River Oaks Academy parents
led by mathematics educator Jarmila Nguyen

Through discussions and hands-on activities we will
focus on:

- Ways to stimulate children's curiosity to learn
- Everyday items we can use to teach math
- Kinesthetic, audio, and visual learners
- Simple math games
- Making consistency fun
- Questions parents submit during sign-up

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 10am - 12 pm
Westlake Village Resource Center
920 Hampshire Rd, Suite X

Space is limited to 12 participants
SIGN UP at GETMATHY.COM
(805) 905 5069



Helping Kids Love Mat h * grades 5 - 8 *

A workshop for River Oaks Academy parents led
by mathematics educator Jarmila Nguyen

Through discussions and hands-on activities we will
focus on:

- Ways to stimulate students' curiosity to learn
- Challenges with teaching math in middle school
- Raising independent learners
- Project and inquiry based learning
- Teaching math across multiple disciplines
- Incorporating mathematics from everyday life
- Questions parents submit during sign-up

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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!

Focus Rooms are now open M/T/W and F. Take advantage of the extra support.

Important Dates:

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 28	Spring 2019 Workshop block starts (through March 29—9 weeks)
February 7	Board meeting @ 6:30 pm—open to the public
February 15/18	Presidents Weekend—no school/office closed
March 27	SAT Administration at ROA (sign up with Richard I. now)
April 8-12	CAST administration (Science test 10 th grade)
April 10	PSAT 10 Administration (9 th and 10 th grade students)-sign up with Richard I.
April 15-19	Spring break—no school/office partially open
May 27	Memorial Day—no school/office is closed
May 29	Year-end celebration and Graduation

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