



## **ROA Director Update**

**February 1, 2019**

### **General Information**

**Lovely ROA families,**

We have been having a great first week of workshops! It's so wonderful to see our students explore new and exciting concepts while pursuing their passions.

We are excited to be offering more workshops than ever before and would love to have our students take advantage of all of the outstanding resources we are offering this semester.

**Please take another look at some of these awesome workshops. There are still spots available:**

#### **Oxnard:**

ALGEBRA 1 & GEOMETRY\* (9-12) Fri @12:00 SPRING 2019 OXN  
ART HISTORY (6-12) Fri @9:00 SPRING 2019 OXN  
HIGH SCHOOL PREP (9-12) Fri @1:00 SPRING 2019 OXN  
IMPROV (3-5) Wed @11:00 SPRING 2019 OXN  
SAT ELA PREP (6-12) Tues @1:00 SPRING 2019 OXN  
YOGA & MINDFULNESS (9-12) Tues @9:00 SPRING 2019 OXN

#### **Westlake:**


BASIC MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH (6-8) Wed @12:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
COMIC STRIPS (4-6) Mon @10:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
CULTURAL LITERACY (6-12) Wed @12:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
DISNEY ART(K-4) Tues @2:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
FAIRY TALES (K-3) Tues @10:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
GREAT WRITERS: FABLES (6-12) Fri @1:20 SPRING 2019 WLW  
HARRY POTTER ART (4-6) Tues @12:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
LEGO (K-2) Tues @11:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
LUNCH & COLE'S COOL KIDS CLUB (3-6) Mon @12:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
MAGIC (6-12) Wed @2:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
MARTIAL ARTS (K-2) Mon @12:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
SAT ELA PREP (6-12) Fri @11:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE (4-6) Tues @11:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
THEATRE (K-2) Mon @1:00 SPRING 2019 WLW

WATER IS LIFE (4-6) Tues @10:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
WRITING (K-2) Mon @11:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
WRITING AND LITERATURE (K-2) Tues @2:00 SPRING 2019 WLW  
YOGA (K-4) Mon @1:00 SPRING 2019 WLW

Looking forward to a fantastic 2019 Spring Semester,

-Team ROA

- **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 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 Math**  
**\* 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](http://GETMATHY.COM)  
(805) 905 5069



**Helping Kids Love Math**  
**\* 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

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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](mailto: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**

### **Happenings In the New Year, 2019:**

**College Career Seminar:** We have had a wonderful panel of guest speakers present to our students from a variety of career pathways. Sepideh Yeoh, our Oxnard teacher for CCS organized this wonderful event for our students who benefitted greatly from what each speaker had to share.

We continue completing our 10yearplans online and are moving into the culminating exercise of having a mock interview experience. We have another wonderful group of dedicated business professionals who are volunteering their time to interview our students and give them feedback. To prepare for this interview, students are working on cover letters and resumes as well as practicing interviewing skills. We look forward to all that our students will learn through this experience.

Additionally, Moorpark College is hosting a CTE (Career Technical Education) event at the college to give students first hand experiences in the classrooms on the campus. We are looking forward to this opportunity on March 14, 2019.

### **Hospitality, Tourism and Management:**

We have begun our second semester class with a lively group of interested students. We are looking forward to learning about the Hospitality Industry and planning our graduation with all the aspects involved in event planning as a culminating project.

We took a group of 13 students to Disneyland in January to experience the Youth Education Series. Students had 3 hours with a “cast member” learning about leadership and doing team building exercises. We had a rainy day and a wonderful time together.

**Intro to Law and Criminal Justice:** Criminal Justice students recently toured the Ventura County Sheriff's Department training academy where they drove virtual police cruisers in a high speed pursuit. These students are currently studying the effects of historical Supreme Court decisions on current police procedures. Introduction to Law students recently visited the Ventura County Superior Court and sat in on jury selection in a felony trial. Our class was also visited by an attorney from the Ventura County Public Defender's Office. Students are learning about the parts of a trial, and will soon be conducting their own mini mock trial.

### **(Networking Pathway - Year 1)**

Since the last IT Fundamentals update, students have learned to differentiate among CPUs in terms of speed and features; 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. They have learned to differentiate among expansion card and slot types; are able to identify the common ports and connectors on a PC; describe the types, technologies, and connectors for monitors; explain standard input devices; and describe other common I/O devices. Students have learned to differentiate among types of storage and choose appropriate storage locations. They learned to prepare a computer work area; unpack and set up a new, desktop computer; and complete post-setup tasks. Students are currently learning about the different types of operating systems; and will soon be learning how to work with applications.

### **(Networking Pathway - Year 2)**

Since the last IT Essentials update, students have learned to use shell commands, shutdown a Linux system, install a UPS and power supply, choose and install a motherboard, troubleshoot system power and power supply problems, select and install a processor, troubleshoot processor installation, select memory by sight, install triple channel memory, troubleshoot memory, find BIOS/UEFI settings, clear CMOS settings, install expansion cards, upgrade a video card, select and install a sound card, connect a KVM switch, install USB devices, install a USB adapter, connect FireWire devices, select and configure dual monitors, optimize video settings, manage devices, and install SATA devices. Students will be learning to create RAID arrays, implement a RAID solution, create volumes, format drives, add space to existing volumes, implement storage spaces, perform disk maintenance, and troubleshoot SATA devices.

Since the last IBEF update, students completed the first six parts of their in-class, company, business plans: Management Team Plan; Company Description; Product and Service Plan; Vision and Mission Statements; Industry Overview; and Market Analysis. They put their ideas in place by developing product/service mockups and holding two focus groups: in class across companies, and with the River Oaks staff. These experiences helped them refine their products more with each feedback review, so that the students were able to successfully run their "store" booths at the Westlake campus' "Family Math Day" in December. They are now beginning to learn about the financial side of running their businesses by first learning about the different company setup options (i.e., Sole Proprietorship, Partnerships, and Corporations). Students will soon be learning about financial accounting; personal financial planning; finances and career planning; and, consumer purchasing and protection.



## **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 7<sup>th</sup> through the beginning of workshops, January 28<sup>th</sup>):**

**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.

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### **Important Dates:**

Classes and workshops start the week of January 28<sup>th</sup>.



## **Counselor's Corner**

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

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

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## Important Dates

February 7	Board meeting @ 6:30 pm—open to the public
February 15/18	Presidents Weekend—no school/office closed
February 23	Parent Math Workshop 10-12 and 1-3:00
March 27	SAT Administration at ROA (sign up with Richard J. now)
April 8-12	CAST administration (Science test 10 <sup>th</sup> grade)
April 10	PSAT 10 Administration (9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students)-sign up with Richard J.
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

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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