

**ROA Director Update**  
**Friday, January 28, 2016**

Hello lovely ROA families,

We had a wonderful first week of workshop and classes starting our spring workshop schedule.

Just a couple of **reminders**:

- Please make sure that your student is signed in/out, if you are not staying on campus (for children 10 years or older only—please make sure to let staff know).
- If you are in the Parent Lounge, please help us by keeping it clean and cleaning up after yourself and your child.
- Please be on time for the workshops

**Workshop Info—Space available in the Research & Writing class:**

Some of our workshops still have room and we invite you to join if you are interested and available. One with open space is **Research & Writing/Teacher Leina**. In this workshop we will explore the art of honing in on a worthy researchable question or topic. Students will distinguish between primary and secondary sources. We will investigate credibility of sources and how practice how to cite sources using MLA formatting. We will engage in note taking, paraphrasing information and being mindful to avoid plagiarism. Students will be supported and help each other with each step of research as they complete a research project.

**More Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza coming in February**

The first month of the **Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza** was amazing. We would also like to extend a thank you to our PAC, who made sure that our parents were well taken care of with delicious finger foods, coffee and tea and more. Everybody had a great time, students and parents alike.

We will continue with another round starting on **February 11<sup>th</sup> for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students; February 18<sup>th</sup> with our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and February 19<sup>th</sup> with our high school students.** We look forward to more great things to happen then.

Our **“Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza”** for our students from grade 3-11<sup>th</sup>, where we help our students become more confident and create a better understanding and awareness of the structure of the state mandated measurements this spring. We are going to have a lot of fun, pizza for lunch and raffle prizes for our students. Many prizes have been donated by our vendors and include:

- Robot Inventor’s Workshop Kits (Robotics)

- Tickets to teen shows at the L.A. Connection (Dallas James)
- Superhero drawing of your choice (Michael Voogd)
- Stormy Tales books (Alejandra)
- Drop-in class at Esther's Clay Studio (Esther)
- One 9 week session of Mad Science
- 1 hour photo session or a family portrait (Lee)
- Keychain or Name Tag (3D) (Sandbox)
- Free art lesson (Aaron)
- ½ hour of a guitar lesson at Ken's studio (Ken)
- In N Out and Jamba Juice gift certificates and more.....

This month grand prize winner is: Kaitlyn Eady. Please stop by our front office to choose your prize. Congratulations!

### **COLLEGE & CAREER SEMINAR CLASS UPDATE:**

#### **New Class Begins TODAY!**

We are thrilled to announce the successful start of our second College & Career Seminar class (CCS #2). Our instructors, Alejandra Abella and Efrain Chavez are off to a great start! Class will run through June 3, 2016.

#### **Entree to Employment Dinner - February 2, 2016 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

*Calling all High-School students!!*

If you're interested in the Hospitality career, please join us for an evening of fun. Hospitality industry business executive will enjoy a dinner with our students that includes interactive communication. A great way to network with the local business community.

Limited to 5 students; please email [gina.vanness@roavc.com](mailto:gina.vanness@roavc.com)

#### **Field Trip:**

Four Season's Hotel ~ Students from CCS class #1 visited this hotel and met with the Director of Human Resources, the Director of the Longevity Institute and the Head Chef to learn more about the hospitality industry. Students were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of this fabulous hotel

and then were treated to snacks during a question and answer session. A wonderful opportunity to see this fabulous property and meet the people behind the brand.

**Upcoming Field Trips: (see CCS #1 online Canvas site for details)**

Culinary Arts Tour - Oxnard Community College

JPL - March 15

**Speakers:**

A big thank you to the following presenters for January. We are always interested in welcoming industry professionals who can share their expertise with our students. Please contact Gina Van Ness at [gina.vanness@roavc.com](mailto:gina.vanness@roavc.com) if you would like to share your career with our classes.

Matt Breslin - Networking Industry

Chanti Nevin - Captivating Speakers

**2<sup>nd</sup> College and Career Seminar on Fridays for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students**

**THIS CLASS STILL HAS OPENINGS**

Due to popular demand, we are going to **offer a 2<sup>nd</sup> College and Career Seminar Class** for those students who did not have the opportunity to join the one currently in progress. We have a dynamic duo of instructors run this class (Efrain and Alejandra) and believe that this will be an amazing opportunity for our high school students and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as well. Both CCS classes will be held on Fridays at the same time and will share speakers and other exciting events. **High school credit will be given to the high school students and to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in taking this class.** For more information please talk to your teacher. This class will start on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**INFORMATION FROM YOUR COUNSELOR:**

**Attention, sophomores and juniors!** The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) is coming to River Oaks! For the first time, our students will have the opportunity to take the PSAT on our own campus. This special administration of the PSAT 10 is designed primarily for tenth graders, but we also encourage our eleventh graders to participate. This exam is a great way to practice for the SAT, which is changing this spring.

The date of the PSAT 10 is **Thursday, February 25, 2016**, here at River Oaks. We will be sending out further information about this valuable pre-college activity in the next few weeks; in the meantime, you can visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to learn more about the many benefits the PSAT 10 can offer you! You may also contact Richard Intlekofer, River Oaks Counselor, at [richard.intlekofer@roavc.com](mailto:richard.intlekofer@roavc.com)

**Problem of the Month:**

Attention ROA students!

**Given that workshops started at the end of the month, we have decided to extend the problem of the month deadline to February 29th. Have some fun: take the challenge :)**

We hope to engage students at all levels of math, to solve the problem of the month. Put your solutions in the mailbox by Tezo's desk and at the end of the month we'll post the winners!

Together, let's grow in our understanding of the value of problem solving. Let's develop and strengthen our ability to find patterns, solve problems in a variety of ways, and persevere through challenging, engaging tasks. Remember that mistakes are valuable, questions are important, math is about creativity and making sense, connecting and communicating, going deeper, not faster!

Check out the beautifully designed and hand made " Problem of the Month" board outside of Claudia's office.

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**Important Dates:**

ROA board meeting  
public

February 4<sup>th</sup> (new start time is now at 6:00 pm); open to the

School Holidays February 12<sup>th</sup> and  
15<sup>th</sup> (Lincoln's and Washington's Day)

PSAT February 25 at ROA

Spring Break March 25<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>

Memorial Day May 30<sup>th</sup>

Last day of school June 9<sup>th</sup>

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Have a wonderful weekend☺

Your River Oaks homeschool team,

Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Nadia, Marni

Tezo and Beverly

and

Claudia