



**ROA Director Update
Friday, October 14, 2016**



Hello lovely ROA families,

Here is the latest information on all the many great things happening at ROA.



Please be ready and wear your best smile as we will have our picture week, the week of **October 17th at Westlake** and on **November 9th and 14th in Oxnard (hopefully at the new site, if not, we'll keep you posted)**. We will provide ID cards for our high school students. More information on the different packages will be available shortly.

Shuri will be taking pictures from 10-11:30 (siblings are encouraged and welcome to participate as well).

We decided this year to make it a “first come first serve event”. There will be a sheet for sign-ups out at the office, but **no sign-up on sign-up genius**. Thank you😊

Please note the date for:



Math Family Fall Festival MF^3 on Tuesday, November 15th, 5:00-7:00



MF^3 is Back!

Come explore creative problem solving at our Math Family Fall Festival!!

Bring the whole family!

Pizza (fractional pieces) and drinks will be served.

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Time: 5-7 PM

RSVP: Sign up Genius to guarantee your pizza

Math Support Information for K-12 students:

Need help with your math assignment? Is an hour of tutoring not enough?

The following resources are available to support our students in their quest to grow their mathematical mindset:

1. Math Lab workshop:

Come in prepared with your books/laptops/tablets and questions. One of our amazing math tutors will be readily available to help you understand new concepts, or work out any math problems.

Schedule of math labs with math tutors:

Mondays: 11:30-12:30

Tuesdays: 12:45-1:45

Wednesdays: 12:45-1:45

Fridays: 10:15-11:15

2. Yup app:

Download this cool app that will connect you with a 24/7 math tutor and science tutors too. Have on demand, personalized math and science support at your fingertips. See info below:

More info on YUP FOR STUDENTS

Hey River Oaks Academy students,

We wanted to remind you that we are providing you with a new resource called Yup this year. Yup is a tutoring service that we are sponsoring for students free of charge. You can use Yup whenever you need tutoring support for Math, Physics, or Chemistry. Yup connects you to a professional tutor, in less than 1 minute, 24/7, over a chat-based messenger app.

How to signup?

Watch this [video](#) to learn how to download Yup and signup, or just follow the steps below:

(1) You can download Yup on any smartphone, iPod, iPad, or tablet device in the App Store or Google Play store. Just search for: Yup

(2) After signing up, enter the Magic Code: **OAKS**

This is how you will have access to the service for free. If you forgot to enter this code when signing up, you can scroll left to the account page, click Magic Code and enter the code **OAKS** anytime.

(3) Once you've entered your Magic Code, you can immediately start snapping pictures of your homework problems for instant support from Yup's tutors.

Note: Yup tutors will always be available to help you learn and solve your homework problems. Yup tutors will not give you a quick answer. Participation in the tutoring session is required!

If you have any questions, you can email our school contact, Michael, at the email address: michael@yup.com.

More info on YUP FOR PARENTS

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Students can access Yup on iPhones, iPads, iPods, Android phones or tablets (see instructions below). If your child doesn't have access to their own smartphones or tablets we encourage you to let them use this tutoring service on your devices.

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Note: Yup tutors will not help students cheat on homework and will not support students taking exams or quizzes.

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Problem of the Month blurb:

Calling all students! Join us in solving the "Problem of the Month".

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.

NEW FREE

(FREE) EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR FOR PARENTS!!!

COOL NEW

River Oaks Academy is proud to partner with Interface Family Services to bring the following parent education seminar to our campus. We are so excited to offer this workshop, which focuses on the top characteristics that students need to thrive and achieve in life. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents who wish to provide their students with the very best platform for their future success.

October 25th from 12:45PM - 2:45PM
Topic - "The Power of Positive Parenting"

Westlake Village location



Parent Bootcamp K-5

This week's topic:

Writing & Math!

Monday 10/17 12:45-1:45

Reading and writing go hand in hand with math.

Let's talk about the new mathematical practices using engaging activities and vocabulary that will enrich your child's critical thinking skills and math literacy.

One of our families recommended this **website**. It's for K-12 for science, engineering and math. It looks pretty good so I thought I'd share.

<https://www.teachengineering.org/>



Please also note the following important dates and events (more will follow later):

- **Sunday, October 16**—9:00-4:00 pm Rotary Street Fair (we need parent help to staff our booth—please sign up for one hour of help that day with your teacher)
- **Math Family Fall Festival MF^3 on Tuesday, November 15th, 5:00-7:00**
- **December 15**—Holiday Pot Luck and Art Showcase (11:30-1:30pm)—everybody is invited
- **January 11**-Tinker/Steam Night at Westlake (everybody is invited)
- **March 15**—Tinker/Steam Night at Oxnard (everybody is invited)
- **June 7**—High School Graduation and Year End Party (11:00-2:00 pm)



CAREER PATHWAY UPDATES:
Calling all CCS students!!

If you have taken CCS or are currently enrolled, please join the October 21st class for a special presentation from Nick Moller. Nick is our new CTE Hospitality instructor and he will be teaching "Intro to Hospitality" in the Spring. He will share highlights from his extensive career in the field and answer questions about this exciting pathway opportunity. Please join us from 11:30AM - 12:15PM.

There are numerous opportunities within the county for our high school students to explore. Please note the following dates:

Manufacturing Week: October 3-7, 2016

Various locations within Ventura County - TBA

Aviation Day: October 28, 2016

What is this? Opportunity for students to explore aviation careers
Commemorative Air Force Museum, Camarillo Airport
455 Aviation Dr., Camarillo
9:00AM - 1:00PM

Entree to Employment:

What is this? A dinner that includes a networking opportunity with students and business professionals.

Industry focus: Business, Finance & Marketing

When: October 18

Where: Cal State University Channel Islands

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00 PM

Pre-req: Enrolled or have taken CCS and serious interest in business, finance & marketing careers

**Please email interest to Gina Van Ness (gina.vanness@roavc.com)*

PATHWAY COURSES: FALL, 2016

1. College & Career Seminar class - (articulated class; possible 3 units of college credit)

Calling All High School Students!!! This is a fun and interactive class that is designed to help you discover more about yourself. You will use this information to explore career options and build a 10-year plan for your life. If you are a high school student, please make sure to sign-up for this foundational class and you could even earn college credit. Details to be provided on the first day of class. Classes will be held when workshops begin on Friday's from 11:30AM - 1:00PM.

2. Chanti Niven's Life Launch - (pre-req CCS class)

In an increasingly digitized world where the art of communication has been reduced to emojis and emoticons, Chanti and her team of award-winning coaches show students how to take their interpersonal/social communication skills to the highest levels in every area of life both professionally and personally. Young people come out of this program more expressive, more confident, more compassionate, and more excited about life than ever before!

3. Chanti Niven's Captivating Speakers - (pre-req CCS class)

This original, one-of-a-kind program offers young people an introduction to the most effective and captivating communication, leadership, and life-skills training in the world! Presented in innovative and enjoyable ways (with a focus on FUN!), students come out of this program definitively transformed into better communicators, better listeners, better students, and, over-all, better people!

4. Networking Pathway (ACE Charter High School)

All networking pathway courses are being offered at ACE Charter High School. If you are interested in this pathway, please enroll through your teacher. (Pre-requisite - 10th grade math)

1st class - Math for Programming

2nd class - Intro to Computer Science

3rd class - Computer Science Principles

RIVER OAKS ACADEMY (CTE) PATHWAY COURSES: SPRING, 2017

1. Legal Pathway - Intro to Law (TBA)

2. Hospitality Pathway - Intro to Hospitality (TBA)

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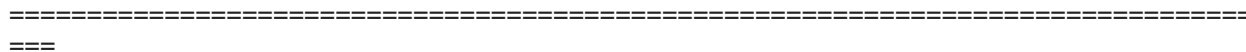
We continue to meet at the Courtyard the week of October 17 (both days, Monday and Wednesday). We will also be at the Courtyard on Monday October 24th. The City of Oxnard, the contractor, architect and the landlord did meet last week and discussed the final few points of contention. The architect should be resubmitting plans next week and the City hopefully at that time will approve them. We are hopeful that construction could continue the last week of the month. We keep on sending positive thoughts that November will be our month to move into our Seabridge site—help us send those positive thoughts for more power.

Please also note that we still have room available for students in a variety of classes and would love to see your student.

We won't have sign-ups on sign-up genius for picture days, but just a first-come-first-serve sign-up the day of picture day.

Please remember to participate at our **Parent Boot Camp on Mondays from 9:00-10:00**. We have great discussions and valuable information on all kinds of things related to your homeschool journey.

Please don't hesitate to let me know, if you have any questions or concerns.



✓ The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) will be offered here at River Oaks on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 8:30 am. This valuable pre-college test is designed for eleventh graders; interested 10th and 9th graders may also take the PSAT, but we will also be offering the PSAT 10 in the spring for our younger students. This is a great practice for the SAT. Register at the front desk with Tezo. There is no charge for the PSAT!

✓ Seniors!!! Are you planning to apply to a four-year university for the fall of 2017? Make an appointment with Richard Intlekofer, Counselor, as soon as possible, to receive assistance in the application process. And, be sure to take your ACT or SAT by December of this year! Seniors who plan to attend a community college after graduation will be offered assistance in the application process in the spring.

✓ We have been approved as an SAT testing center! We will be offering the SAT here beginning June of 2017. More information to follow.

✓ The financial aid process for seniors has changed. You may now file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) beginning October 1, 2016, for the 2017-18 school year. Seniors and parents should make appointments to see Richard for information and assistance in the process of applying for financial aid and scholarships for college.

Richard Intlekofer
Counselor
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Important Dates:

Picture Week (incl. ID cards) October 17th (all week)-no sign-ups

ACT Aspire administration October 17-21

PSAT October 19

Math Family Fall Festival MF^3 Thursday, November 10th, 5:00-7:00

Veteran's Day Holiday November 11—no school; office is closed

Picture Days in Oxnard November 9th and 14th (at the Oxnard site)

Thanksgiving Holiday November 21-27—no school; office is partially open

Winter Break December 19-January 2, 2017 (we will be back on the 3rd)

Warmly,
Your River Oaks homeschool team,
Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Nadia, Marni. Jennifer,
Cheri
Tezo, Beverly, Gina, Richard, and
Claudia