

**ROA Director Update
Friday, October 7 2016**

Hello lovely ROA families,

We are looking forward to seeing you all on either the Westlake campus or at the Courtyard by Marriott in Oxnard for the next week of workshops and classes on Monday. Please note that there are **no classes/workshops at either site on Wednesday, October 12th**, as it is another Holiday.



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:

Mondays: 11:30-12:30 with Jade

Tuesdays: 12:45-1:45 with Yoko

Wednesdays: 12:45-1:45 with Phuong

Fridays: 10:15-11:15 with Phuong

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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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.



Please note a change in time for our first field trip on October 13th now from 1-3:00 pm.



Hello River Oaks Families!

*The new Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is organizing our first **field trip** of the year! We would like to invite you - and friends!- to the brand new Pumpkin Patch on:*



October 13th from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Please see the attached flyer for more information on their fun activities for all ages: pony rides, petting zoo, 2 bouncy houses, snacks and of course, pumpkins - lots of them!

Parking is free and all activities will be included on a ticket system, so that you can spend as little or as much as you want.

Make sure to sign up on Sign Up Genius so we can plan accordingly!



(FREE) EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR FOR PARENTS!!!



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



The Autry invites home schools to join us on Thursday, October 27th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for Home School Day, where you can immerse yourself in the culture and history of Native California.

- **Participate in interactive storytelling inspired by the Autry's new ethnobotanical garden**
- **Learn about Pomo basketry and try your hand at weaving**
- **Play a rabbit-hunting game to explore the connection between people and nature**
- **Investigate how people use plants from different California environments with a hands-on garden activity**

Programs are suitable for K-12 students. Admission is \$2 per person. Parking is free. Reservations required.

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Monday (10/10) 12:45-1:45

Let talk about the 3 Ss!!

Teaching Social Studies and Science can be exciting and stimulating.
Let us share with you some strategies, resources, and activities that will enhance your child's science and social studies curricula and bring these subjects to life!



We are looking for parent volunteers to help out at the Rotary Street Fair in Thousand Oaks:

When: Sunday, October 16

Time: 9-4:00 pm

How much: Please sign up for one hour

Who: We love to have you and your student/s. Please let your teacher know.

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)
- **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)

NEW **CAREER PATHWAY UPDATES:** **NEW**
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:

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-requisite: 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! Class scheduled for the Spring semester.

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)

More Project Based Learning (PBL) suggestions:

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Here's a link to this Problem-Based Learning exercise: <http://pblproject.com/page.aspx?pageid=PBL-ww-Fall-Carnival>

Also, since our local elementary school's carnival is this Friday, we're keeping a close eye on the weather, especially Hurricane Matthew. That brings to mind the exercise I sent earlier in the year where students become meteorologists, and they have to decide what their role is as a major storm approaches. Here's the link to that one: <http://pblproject.com/page.aspx?pageid=PBL-Storm>

As always, the Teacher Instructions, Classroom Discussion sheet, "Stimulus Items" (videos, articles, etc.), thought-gathering sheets, and grading rubric have been provided.

Again, these exercises are used to promote PBL strategies, and will pay off when students are asked to put all of their knowledge to good use. I hope you enjoy! Please let me know if you have any questions or comments, or if there's anything else I can do.



We have had another successful week at the Courtyard. Please note that at this time, we are going to hold our classes there next week on Monday, October 10 (**no class/no school on Wednesday, October 12th**); Monday, October 17; Wednesday, October 19; Monday October 24th. We are going to have to find a site for the 26th.

Unfortunately, the City of Oxnard has decided to stall the permit process further. The landlord is meeting with the City staff on Wednesday, October 12th, and we hope to have some better news for you at that time. We will keep you updated as we have information coming our way. But, if you have any questions at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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

Don't forget to sign up for the picture days. It is now on sign-up genius for you. We have flyers available that list the different packages that you can order.

Also have a look at our first field trip to the Malibu pumpkin patch. Flyers have been out, but see the info above about date and time.

We very much appreciate all your support and patience. We know that it is well worth it, as the site will be amazing. We hope that by the end of October, we should be moving into our facility at Seabridge. We will keep you posted.

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

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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.

We decided this year to make it a "first come first serve event". There will be a sheet for sign-ups out each day, but no sign-up on sign-up genius. Thank you☺

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✓ 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
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Important Dates:

Local Holidays	October 12—no school; office is closed
Picture Week (incl. ID cards)	October 17 th (all week)-no sign-ups
ACT Aspire administration	October 17-21
PSAT	October 19
Veteran's Day Holiday	November 11—no school; office is closed
Picture Days in Oxnard	November 9 th and 14 th (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 3 rd)

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