

**ROA Director Update
Friday, May 13th, 2016**

Hello lovely ROA families,

NEW NEW

NEW: River Oaks Academy Oxnard Resource Center

COOL COOL

We are happy to report to you that River Oaks Academy Charter will be expanding to the Oxnard area. We are planning to open the resource center for the 2016-17 school year. We received not only board approval from the ROA board, but also from our authorizer, the Ventura County Office of Education to do so. As of yesterday, the City of Oxnard has also cleared us to lease a 2500 square foot facility at the Seabridge Center (1601 Victoria Ave) in Oxnard. It is a beautiful facility (overlooking the channel and harbor), with close proximity to downtown Oxnard, the Port Hueneme Base, the Oxnard library, two bus stops, parks and more.

If you know of any homeschool families who would be interested in joining us, who are living in the Oxnard, Ventura, Camarillo area and vicinity, please help us spread the word. Of course, we continue to enroll at the WLV center as well. We hope to start with 50 students in Oxnard for the 2016-17 school year. We will be offering two days of workshops and also offer the support that ROA is known for, such as tutoring, SPED services and study halls.

At this time, we have such vendors as Robotics, ceramics, martial arts, Spanish, art and more on the schedule. It is our intent to of course stay with ROA's mission and vision and make sure that our ROA Oxnard students will have the same experience as their WLV friends.

Please don't hesitate to let me know, if you have any questions/thoughts and/or comments. All of the ROA staff is very excited to be able to bring our program to the west part of Ventura County.



State Mandated Testing Info and i-Ready

We would like to thank all of our students who have worked so diligently during the last two weeks of testing. We never cease to be amazed at how incredible our students are.

Testing days are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each testing week. We are starting at 9:00 and are asking that you be there at least 15 minutes early. Please note the PAC email with regards to helping us provide snacks for our hard-working students.

The tests are not timed (other than the ACT Aspire), and we very much encourage your student to work at his/her own pace and let us know when he/she wants to take a break and/or finish for the day.

We will have make-up days available for your student, if he/she needs extra time.

Please talk to your teacher about the details, any questions you might have and/or accommodation requests, during your next week turn in meetings.

The following is a list of tests and grade levels:

3rd-8th and 11th grade students: Smarter Balanced (computer online CAASPP test) administered at ROA

3rd-8th grade students: i-Ready (taken at home)

9th and 10th grade students: ACT Aspire

5th, 8th, 10th grade students: CST Science (paper and pencil)

5th, 7th, 9th grade students PE test

Testing Schedule

Smarter Balanced (CAASPP) and CST Science

Week of:	Grade Level	What Tests
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May 16	7, 11	CAASPP/Smarter Balanced (online)
May, 23	8, 11	CAASPP/Smarter Balanced (online)

PE Test Info (Grades 5,7,9)

Monday, May 16 th	10 or 11 am
Monday, May 23	10 or 11 am

Nick will administer the PE test again this year. Please make sure to note the new location below. Testing will be at **Oakbrook Park**. The park is located at 2787 Erbes Road (at Pederson) in Thousand Oaks. Please make sure that your student wears comfortable clothing and shoes.

Please let your teacher know, which day you will be attending, so we can have a roster ready.



**Inviting all writers: Students 4th-12th grade, Parents & Staff
Monday May 23rd 1:00-4:00**

Bring thy writing notebook and writing pens!

What is a writing marathon? It is a space to find your writer's voice, practice the art of writing, affirm your identity as a writer and celebrate writing through writing and sharing. Please arrive promptly at 1:00 to begin together. Our marathon will include several rounds of stream of consciousness writing in small groups with sharing after each round. Writers will have time to revise their favorite piece and read it to the entire group for an author's chair at the end. Writing by hand is highly encouraged. If an electronic device is used writers are expected to stay on a word document! This is a space to give voice to the writer within. Your participation elevates all our writing!

RSVP to leina.ball@roavc.com by May 20th



We are very excited to combine our **High School Graduation** with our *"End of the Year Celebration."*

Bring your student and have them be inspired by witnessing our high school seniors with their family and teacher celebrate their journey.

Wednesday, June 8, from 11:30- 2:30 the event takes place at Conejo Creek Park in Thousand Oaks.

Come and enjoy food, friends and community.

ROA will be providing food for the **immediate family**. **PLEASE send your RSVP no later than May 26** (if you don't have a reservation you are still welcome to attend, however, there won't be any lunch available) to your teacher. We need an accurate count for the food truck.

Tickets will be available for pick-up after the RSVP date with Beverly. **Please pick up your tickets no later than Friday, June 3.** Your food choices will be (Beverly will need to know this when you pick up your tickets):

- Scratch burger with fries
- Chicken sandwich with fries
- Quinoa Bowl (vegetarian)
- Kid's Cheese Sandwich

We look forward to seeing all ROA families.



News From Your Counselor



ROA High School Info Session! 8th grade students (and anybody else who would like to attend) mark your calendar for **May 25 @6:00** for our High School Info Session. Hear from our teachers and our counselor about high school, a-g courses, jr. college courses, career pathways, and much, much more and have all your burning high school questions answered. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Attention, High School Students! Are you interested in taking a community college course this summer, or in the fall? If so, see your teacher and/or Richard Intlekofer, Counselor, to begin the application process. We need to complete important paperwork for you, so don't delay. Summer course registration for some colleges, including Moorpark, begins this coming week. Fall registration begins in late July. And, because we may not be available to sign forms for you at that time, be sure to see us before school ends in June. Take advantage of this opportunity to earn college and high school credits!

Seniors!!! If you are planning to attend a community college full-time in the fall, be sure to take care of the enrollment process immediately! Contact Richard Intlekofer, Counselor, for information...today!



INFORMATION SESSION: DC/New York Trip, Spring 2017: Tuesday, May 17, 6:00 pm

We would like to see if there is an interest for students to participate in a 5-day/4 night Spring 2017 DC/New York Tour with EF Explore America for our 8th grade and high school students.

This tour will not be sponsored by River Oaks Academy but will be through the touring company **EF Explore**. Beverly will be the Group Leader who works with EF making all of the arrangements. She has been involved with EF Explore for 8 years, as a chaperone each year and for the last 4 years as the Group Leader (being the contact person with EF to work out all of the details).

We invite you to a parent/student meeting, Tuesday, May 17, 6:00 p.m. to share details with you, and see if we have enough student interest to make this happen for our students. **Please RSVP to Beverly** at either [\(805\) 777-7999](tel:8057777999) or beverly.matsumura@roavc.com.

Sites we will see are:

Capital Building, Smithsonian Museums, Monuments/Memorials in DC (Lincoln, Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, World War II Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial and others), , Arlington Cemetary, Tomb of The Unknown Soldier, Mt. Vernon, Alexandria Ghost Tour and in New York we will visit Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero (including 911 memorial and the museum),Times Square, attend a Broadway musical, Empire State Building, Central Park and much, much more.

Hope to see you at the information meeting!

CAREER PATHWAY UPDATE:

NEW NEW

Exciting news from our Career Pathway Program....Networking Pathway Opportunity!!!

We have been working with ACE Charter High School this year, and we recently agreed to partner for our



Networking Pathway. ACE Charter High School enhanced and added a series of three courses (Math for Programming, Intro to Computers and Computer Science Principles) that will be available to interested River Oaks students for next year. Transportation would be on their own and I will get the schedule once it's given to me.

The only pre-requisite is the completion of a sophomore level math class, with an A or B.

Please forward students who are interested in this exciting opportunity. Upon successful completion, students will also have the chance to earn industry related certification.

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Interested in the field of Engineering? Cal Lutheran is hosting an introductory summer course for high school students. Each student earning a passing grade will receive John Hopkins University credit. This is an intensive, "hands-on" summer school course that offers an opportunity to think and problem-solve like an engineer. (Prerequisites: As and Bs in high school math and science courses; successful completion of Algebra II and knowledge of Trigonometry; successful completion of Biology, Chemistry or Physics and knowledge of spreadsheet application, such as Excel.)

Tuition: \$2300 (Need-based scholarships are available!)

Captivating Speakers - we are thrilled with the response to this pilot program and we're happy to bring them back for the Fall.

CCS - this cohort is about half-way through their semester. We will be offering one class for next year, in the Fall. If you're an incoming freshman, please make sure to sign-up for this valuable class. It counts as the first course in our pathway program and you can receive college credit with a passing grade.

Summer School Career Exploration Workshops - CEC

There are 31 career camps and courses for students to explore this summer. There will be speakers, field trips and other project-based work opportunities to experience incorporated into each workshop. Attached below is a link to these amazing options - space is limited, so reserve your spot soon. Make an appointment with Richard and he will assist you with the registration process. (5 credits available)

<http://www.vcoe.org/Career-Education-Center/Summer-Camps>



Important Dates:

State mandated Testing
May 23

Continuing through the week of

(see details above)

DC/New York Spring 2017 trip

Information evening scheduled for 5/17 @ 6:00 pm

Memorial Day

High School Info Session May 25 @ 6:00 (8th grade students
and anybody who wants to attend and learn about ROA's high school)
May 30th School Holiday/no school/office closed
Graduation and Year-End Party June 8th; 11:30 am-2:30 pm (**make
sure to note the earlier time**)
Last day of school June 9th



Have a wonderful weekend

Your River Oaks homeschool team,

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

Tezo, Beverly, Gina, Richard

and

Claudia