

**ROA Director Update**  
**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Hello lovely ROA families,

Winter break is upon us. School will be closed until Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. We would like to wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy and amazing 2016. We look forward to seeing you all back in January.

As previously promised, we worked super hard to get the Spring 2016 Workshop Schedule finalized and attached to this email today. Please note that all workshops will start the week of January 25--except for the College and Career Seminar class (with Kathy, Maria and Nick), which will start on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups for the classes are scheduled to open on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see the details as to the new procedures below.

In January (starting on 1/12) we are going to offer the **"Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza"** for our students from grade 3-11<sup>th</sup>. We hope to 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 gift certificates and more.....

The schedule for the various groups and days will be handed to you after break. We are also offering parents of the younger students that **this is a drop-off opportunity**, where you are welcome to leave your youngster with us and take off to go have some fun, relax or get a cup of coffee off campus.

Please ask your teacher for more information.

**Hour of Code follow up info:**

Thank you Lisa-Ann for sending this:

[http://blog.ted.com/10-places-where-anyone-can-learn-to-code/?utm\\_campaign=social&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_content=tod-blog&utm\\_term=technology](http://blog.ted.com/10-places-where-anyone-can-learn-to-code/?utm_campaign=social&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_content=tod-blog&utm_term=technology)

**River Oaks Academy Writing Marathon**

Inviting all writers: Students 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, Parents & Staff

Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 by sharing and listening. Please arrive promptly at 1:00 to hear directions. 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 celebration at the end. Writing by hand is highly encouraged. If an electronic device is used writers are required to stay on a word document! This is a focused space for writers and the expectation is to respect our sacred silence for writing.

RSVP to [leina.ball@roavc.com](mailto:leina.ball@roavc.com) by January 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Spring 2016 Workshops and Classes:**

The **spring workshop/class schedule starts on Monday, January 25** (same date our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester starts) and will last for 10 weeks. **Sign-ups for the Spring 2016 workshops/classes will start on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016** (more details on how to sign-up on sign-up genius will be in my January emails).

We appreciate your support with regards to the new sign-up procedures listed below.

### **Workshop/Class sign-up procedures for the Spring 2016 semester:**

To give all of our students a chance to sign-up for workshops, we are asking you to please take the following procedures for sign-ups for the Spring 2016 workshop schedule to heart:

- 1) **On Day 1** of sign-ups, please sign up for **3 workshops per student only**
  - 2) If a workshop/class has a "\*" next to it, and your student has attended that workshop previously, please do not sign up for that workshop during the first week at all, to give others a chance.
  - 3) **On Day 2** of sign-ups, you may sign up for **3 more classes per student**, with the exception of any workshop/class that has "\*" and your student has attended that workshop/class before (see above)
  - 4) Any classes/workshops that are still open after the first week of sign-ups are open to anybody. However, we ask that you do not sign up for more workshop/ classes than you are actually willing and able to attend.
  - 5) If you are interested in a workshop/class that is full, please email Tezo, so he can put you on the waitlist
- **Also, please note that if your student has to miss a workshop, we are asking you to email Tezo ([tezo.vasquez@roavc.com](mailto:tezo.vasquez@roavc.com)), so we can mark the student absent. Should your student have two unexcused workshop absences, we will open up the spot to another student on the waitlist.**

Thank you for your understanding.

### **STEAM Expo at ROA on January 21, 6-7:30 pm**

Here is the link to the STEAM Expo signup (see flyers in the office)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094eacad29a4fe3-steam>

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### **College and Career Seminar Class Information:**

Attention: College Career Seminar students

CCS will **resume on January 15th, 2016**. Note that the resume date is earlier than the other scheduled workshops. Because this class was a late start class, all students who are taking this course will continue through March in order to complete the 18 week requirement for a semester course.

Any questions? Please contact your teacher.  
Maria, Nick and Kathy

**IMPORTANT NEWS:** 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>.

**Here are the CEC classes that are available for second semester. I believe that all of them will be offered on the CEC campus at the Camarillo Airport.**

<i>Emergency Medical Responder</i>	<i>M/W</i>	<i>1:30-5:00 pm</i>
<i>Emergency Medical Responder</i>	<i>M/W</i>	<i>5:30-9:00 pm</i>
<i>Emergency Medical Responder</i>	<i>T/Th</i>	<i>1:30-5:00 pm</i>
<i>Fashion Merchandising</i>	<i>M/W</i>	<i>1:30-5:00 pm</i>
<i>Fashion Merchandising</i>	<i>M/W</i>	<i>5:30-9:00 pm</i>
<i>Intro to Health Careers (hybrid)</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>4:00-7:00 pm</i>
<i>Marketing Sales and Service</i>	<i>T/Th</i>	<i>1:30-5:00 pm</i>

Bus transportation is offered for the 1:30 classes only. If you can give me names of students who wish to take classes, I will submit registration forms to Rose Evans at the CEC. Classes begin in mid-January, so we should act soon; some courses are popular, and fill quickly.

### **Problem of the Month:**

**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.

Many thanks to Anna Steele who made this vision a reality. And thanks to Emma Pedersen for the beautiful artistic display of our problem.

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**Important Dates:**

Winter Break	December 21-January 1, 2016 Happy New Year
Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza	First Round starts on January 12 <sup>th</sup> (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> ) 10-12:30 January 14 <sup>th</sup> (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> ) 10-12:30 January 15 <sup>th</sup> (9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Following CCS)
Writing Marathon	January 13, 2016; 1-4 pm
CCS Class (Kathy, Nick, Maria) resumes	January 15, 2016; <b><u>New time:</u></b> 10:15-11:15
STEAM Expo	January 21, 2016; 6-7:30 pm

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Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year from  
Your River Oaks homeschool team,  
Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Nadia, Marni  
Tezo and Beverly  
and  
Claudia