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Spartan Connection Parent Newsletter 9/20/2024

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## **Important Dates**

Friday, September 20th:

*Minimum Day (1:00 pm dismissal)*

*ASB FoodFest*

Saturday, September 21st:

*Spartan Academy (8:00 am-12:15 pm)*

Wednesday, September 25th:

*ELAC Meeting (6-7:00 pm)*

Friday, September 27th

*Collaboration Schedule*

## **Back-to-School Success: Continuing the Journey of Parent Engagement at Rio Mesa!**

Hello, Spartan Families!

We have an exciting day ahead for our Spartans, filled with activities and sports! Here's a breakdown of what's happening today and in the upcoming days at Rio Mesa:

### **Football Game: Rio Mesa vs. Oxnard - 7:00 PM (Away Game)**

Tonight, our football team is facing Oxnard High School at 7:00 PM. Although it's an away game, Oxnard isn't too far! The legion theme for

## Principal's Message

Hello, Spartan Families,  
Thank you all for attending our Back to School Night last night. We were so thrilled to host you all and our performing students were so excited to show you what Rio is about. We hope the visiting families were able to meet with teachers and get a positive feeling about our campus. I want to highlight our ASB students and our AVID students for volunteering as campus hosts and helping families get to the correct locations all night long.

Have a great weekend everybody, It takes PRIDE to be a Spartan!

-Mr. Peterson, Principal  
Mr. Peterson welcoming the community  
Our AVID students helped direct guests :)



tonight is a "Blackout," so let's show our Spartan pride and wear black to support our team!

### Important Reminders:

- Only Rio Mesa and Oxnard students will be allowed entry.
- Don't forget your School ID, Minga, or StudentVue for entry.
- If you plan on bringing a bag, it must be clear for security purposes.

### Cross Country Meet: 3:00 PM

Our cross country team is competing today at Great Park Irvine against Woodbridge High School. Wish them luck as they race at 3:00 PM!

### Boys Water Polo Tournament: Ongoing in Chino Hills

Our boys water polo team is away at a tournament in Chino Hills today. We wish them the best of luck in their matches!

### Homecoming Theme

### Announcement Today! 🎉

Be sure to check the RMHS Officers Instagram page after lunch for the exciting reveal of our 2024 Homecoming theme. The countdown to this much-anticipated event begins!

### Homecoming Court – Honoring Our Staff!

A cherished Rio Mesa tradition is honoring two staff members on the Homecoming Court alongside our student nominees. Previous staff members to hold this title include Mr. Grande, Mrs. Hansen, Mr. Reynolds, and Mr. Coreas. Keep an eye out for the nomination form next week, and nominate a staff member you feel deserves this special recognition!

### Club Fundraiser: Foodfest After School 🍕🍪

Today, from 1:00–1:30 PM, our clubs held their first all-campus fundraiser in the quad. Before boarding the bus, students stopped by grab some snacks to support their goals for the year. It was a fun and fantastic way to show support and help fund their activities.



Let's show our Spartan pride in all that we do, whether it's supporting our sports teams, joining in school traditions, or helping our clubs succeed. Have a great weekend, and Go Spartans!

Best regards,  
**Rio Mesa High School  
Administration**



Thanks to all the students, parents, staff, and community members who made our Back-to-School Night the best one yet!

Special thank you to our superintendent, Dr. McCoy and OUHSD School Board Trustee Linda Baker-Torres, for stopping by to show their support!



## Discover Your Roots: Enroll in the Ventura County Indian Education Consortium!

Students with Native American heritage in Ventura County public schools are invited to join the **Ventura County Indian Education Consortium**. This program offers supplemental education services for qualified students in grades TK-12, providing a unique opportunity to participate in culturally enriching school-based activities.

### What's in it for you?

- **Indian Studies Lessons**
  - **Counseling Support**
  - **College and Career Readiness for Native Students**
  - Special events like the **Honoring Ceremony, Native American Heritage Month Celebration, and College Campus Tours.**
- This year's focus will be on **Native American Music, Dance, and Celebration.**



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RMHS  
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ELPAC  
team

### Program Goals:

- Boosting academic achievement through culturally relevant enrichment.
- Fostering a deeper understanding of cultural identity and awareness.
- Increasing college enrollment for Native students.

### Partner School Districts:

Conejo, Fillmore, Hueneme, Moorpark, Oak Park, Ojai, Oxnard, Rio, Simi, Ventura, and VCOE charter schools are all proud partners of the Ventura County Indian Education Consortium.

### Get Started Today!

To learn more and enroll, visit [Ventura County Indian Education](#) or contact Special Programs Counselor, Claudia Gonzalez at [claudia.gonzalez@oxnardunion.org](mailto:claudia.gonzalez@oxnardunion.org) for any questions. Enrollment packets in both English and Spanish are available on the website.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to connect with your heritage and enhance your academic journey!




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## Empower Your Child's Education: Get Involved with ELAC!

At Rio Mesa High School, we encourage parent involvement, especially for families of English Learners (ELs). The **English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)** provides a platform for parents to help shape the educational experience of their children.

### What is ELAC?

ELAC is a parent group that offers input on programs and services for English Learners. It helps guide language programs, support academic achievement, and improve communication between schools and families.

### ELAC Responsibilities:

- **Advising:** Recommending programs and services for EL students.
- **Reviewing:** Evaluating the school's **English Learner Plan**.
- **Monitoring:** Ensuring the school meets state and federal requirements.
- **Participation:** Providing input on how funds for ELs should be used.



## Why is ELAC Important?

ELAC allows parents to:

- Advocate for their child's academic success.
- Stay informed about EL programs.
- Connect with other parents.
- Promote cultural diversity at school.

## How Can Parents Get Involved?

- **Attend Meetings:** Open to all parents, with translation services available.
- **Become a Member:** Volunteer to represent EL families.
- **Share Ideas:** ELAC is a space for your concerns and suggestions.
- **Stay Informed:** Meetings offer valuable information on EL education.

## Why Your Involvement Matters

Parental involvement improves student performance. By joining ELAC, you ensure that your child's needs are addressed, build connections, and help shape a better school experience.

Join our next ELAC meeting next **Wednesday, September 25h from 6-7:30 pm!** For more information, contact Caroline Gonella @ [caroline.gonella@oxnardunion.org](mailto:caroline.gonella@oxnardunion.org)

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## Unlock Your College Potential with EAOP

The **Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP)** at Rio Mesa High School is designed to help students prepare for college and beyond. EAOP provides academic support, college preparation resources, and guidance to ensure students meet the requirements for admission to colleges and universities.

### Key Benefits of EAOP:

- **Academic Enrichment:** EAOP offers tutoring, workshops, and resources to boost academic performance.
- **College Guidance:** Students receive personalized support with college applications, financial aid, and navigating the admissions process.
- **Test Prep:** EAOP helps students prepare for college entrance exams like the SAT and ACT.
- **Campus Visits:** Students have the opportunity to visit college campuses and explore higher education options firsthand.

EAOP is open to students aiming to succeed academically and pursue higher education. If you want to get ahead in your college journey, reach out to our school's EAOP advisor, Zaira Juarez Aguilr, [zbj@ucsb.edu](mailto:zbj@ucsb.edu) to learn more! You can schedule a meeting with her [here!](#)



Our counseling team enjoyed a "Counselors Breakfast" to kick off EAOP for the year.



***Thank you for reading!***

Spartan Community, we want to hear from you! What exciting topics or helpful info would you love to see in our next newsletter? Drop your ideas in the comments below!

Don't miss tonight's  
game vs. OHS!

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