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Spartan Connection Parent Newsletter 10/18/2024

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Important Dates

Saturday, October 19th:

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

Monday, October 21st:

*Registration Deadline for Planting Dreams
Family Conference*

Wednesday, October 23rd:

*OUHSD Board Meeting
College Applications Workshop*

Thursday, October 24th:

Dia De Los Muertos Event

Friday, October 25th:

[Collaboration Schedule](#)

 **Spartan
Newsletter – October
Highlights**

 **Rio Mesa Athletic
Booster Club Fall BBQ
Fundraiser – Get Your
Tickets Now!**

**Good afternoon Spartan
Students and Families,
The Rio Mesa Athletic**

Lunch on the Lawn
Red Cross Blood Drive

Principal's Message

Dear Spartan Families, Students, and Staff,

We started Quarter 2 this week, I really cannot believe how fast this school year has started. I hope all the students had a nice 3 day weekend and are ready to resume classes. Teachers had a wonderful Professional Development day at Del Sol High School on Monday and many teachers reported that they were enthusiastic to share some strategies they learned with the students.

This school week was highlighted by an amazing A-G Ceremony that featured over 80 students being celebrated. We had these 80 students and their families in the quad for a wonderful ceremony that was fully planned by our College and Career Center Staff. Thank you so much to Ms. Robbins and Ms. Juarez-Agular for planning a fantastic ceremony!

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing DELAC team for representing Rio Mesa at the district level! Your dedication and hard work ensure that our students and families have a strong voice in the decisions that shape their education. We deeply appreciate your commitment to advocating for our community and supporting student success. Thank you for all you do!

Booster Club is gearing up for a **delicious Fall Chicken BBQ Fundraiser!** Join us on **Sunday, October 20, 2024**, from **12:00 PM to 4:00 PM** in the **Rio Mesa Cafeteria**.

Why support? 🏆

Fundraising is crucial for our sports teams! Proceeds go towards new uniforms, equipment upgrades, and maintaining our sports facilities, helping over 24 sports teams thrive.

Get your tickets today!



[QR Code \(English\)](#)

[QR Code \(español\)](#)

[Direct link to buy tickets](#)

🩸❤️ **HOSA Blood Drive**
– Be a Hero, Donate Blood!

Our **HOSA Club** is calling all Spartans to join in their **first blood drive** of the school year! Students **16 years or older** can participate. If you're 16, make sure to get a **parent permission slip**. For those **17 and up**, no permission needed!

- **Date:** TBD
- **Goal:** 🏆 Let's hit **60 sign-ups!**

Stop by **Room 25** for any questions or to sign up. Let's show our Spartan spirit by saving lives!

📄✍️ **Senior Quotes – Last Chance to Submit by Nov 15!**

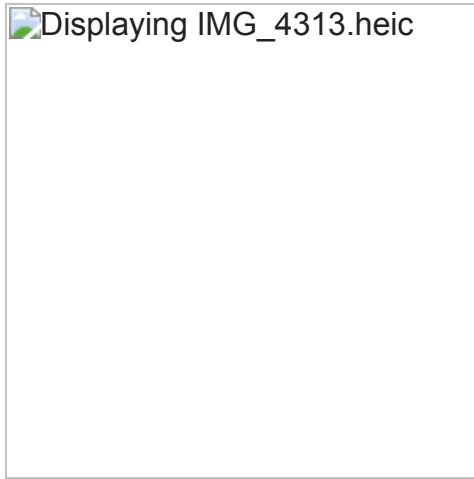
Seniors, don't miss out!
The deadline for submitting your **Senior Quotes** is **Friday**,

We have Spartan Academy tomorrow morning, I hope that any students with absences to make up or who need extra help with schoolwork are able to attend. If you have any questions about Spartan Academy, please reach out to our amazing attendance technician, Ms. Castro-Lopez at carlicia.castrolopez@oxnardunion.org.

Have a great weekend Spartans!

Warm regards,
Mr. Peterson

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November 15, 2024. Due to a technical issue, all previous submissions were lost—so please **resubmit your quotes** using the new [form](#).

💡 **Pro tip:** Make your quote meaningful, as it will be a lasting part of your high school legacy! The character limit is **180 characters** (including spaces), so choose wisely! ✍️

🎓🌟 **A-G Awards Night – Celebrating Our Academic Stars!**

We are thrilled to report that our **A-G Awards Night** was a huge success! Hosted by **UCSB EAOP** and **Ms. Juarez**, this event celebrated the hard work of over **80 students** who are excelling in their academic journey. 🌟

We couldn't be prouder of our Spartans for their dedication to staying on the **A-G track**! Keep up the amazing work! 💪📚

👤🎨 **LASO Dia de Los Muertos Celebration – Join the Festivities!**

Get ready for a night of culture and remembrance! The **Latin American Student Organization (LASO)** is hosting their annual **Dia de Los Muertos Celebration** on **Thursday, October 24th**, from **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** in the quad.

Enjoy stunning altars, music, and the chance to honor loved ones. It's a celebration you won't want



to miss! 🌻 🕯️



Stay connected, get involved, and let's keep that **Spartan spirit** strong!



Go Spartans! 🛡️ ⚔️

Spartan Staff Shout-Outs!

Last week we were proud to recognize several members of our team who consistently go above and beyond to make our school a

welcoming and supportive place for all.

Jamie Saelee 🌟 has been doing an incredible job connecting with students and being such an amazing part of our campus. Her dedication to building relationships truly makes a difference!

Linda MacDonald ❤️ has been an inspiring advocate for our Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) students. She not only

pours her heart into supporting them during the week but even gives up her Saturdays to help them succeed.

Celeste Rossbach 📁

has stepped up to take on IBB History while continuing to support all students. She works hard to create a safe and welcoming environment on campus where everyone feels valued.

Regina Petti 🖨️ is truly a jack-of-all-trades, doing *everything* from IT and tech support to managing books 📖 and even offering encouragement to staff (with a sense of humor! 😂). Regina, we appreciate all you do!

Thank you all for your dedication and tireless efforts in making our school such a wonderful place!

Rio Mesa High School's Commitment to Preparing ALL Students for College and Career Success

As we kick off the second quarter and dive into college application season, here's how we're gearing up to help Spartans get ready for life after high school! 🎓 Rio Mesa High School (RMHS) is dedicated to ensuring *every* student is ready for college and career success. Through rigorous academic programs, personalized support, and family involvement, we equip students for the future.

Why College and Career Readiness Matters 📖

In today's world, students need more than a diploma—they need skills for higher education and the workforce. RMHS's comprehensive approach helps all students succeed,

California Dashboard Highlights 📊

Data from the [California School Dashboard](#) shows Rio Mesa's impact:

- **Graduation Rate:** Over 90%, well above the state average.
- **College/Career Readiness:** Expanded access to AP, IB, and CTE programs helps more students meet college/career benchmarks.

IB Programs: Preparing Students for a Global Future 🌐

RMHS offers three IB programs that develop critical thinking and global citizenship:

- **MYP** (grades 9-10): Builds real-world connections and critical thinking.
- **DP** (grades 11-12): A rigorous two-year curriculum preparing students for university.
- **CP:** Combines academic depth with career-focused learning for students pursuing specific career paths.

College and Career Program 🌟

Our College and Career Program provides essential support:

- **College Workshops:** Guiding students through applications and financial aid. This week, we had over 50 students attend our first College Workshop! The next ones will be held on **10/23** and **10/30**.
- **Career Exploration:** Career fairs, job shadowing, and professional panels.
- **EAOP:** In partnership with UC, helping first-generation and traditionally underrepresented students navigate college admissions.

- **Financial Aid Information & Support:** Ventura College Financial Aid Specialists will be at our Library and Career Center to guide parents through the FAFSA & CADAA applications process on **11/13**. The goal is to ensure families are well-prepared before the December 1st release date. The presentation will be available in both English and Spanish.

How Parents Can Help 🍌

Parents play a crucial role in student success. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Encourage Participation:** Support your student in attending workshops and career events.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep up with school programs and resources.
- **Connect with Counselors:** Ensure regular meetings to discuss academic and career planning.
- **Explore Careers:** Talk with your student about their interests and career options.
- **Give us feedback! Please complete this short survey; survey is also available in Spanish**

A Shared Commitment to Success 🏆

At RMHS, college and career readiness is a shared effort between students, staff, and families. With our IB programs, College and Career resources, and partnerships like EAOP, we're preparing every student to achieve their goals.

Let's support our students in reaching their dreams!

📣 New McKinney-Vento Resource Page Available: Supporting Students in Need 🏠

We are excited to announce that we now have a dedicated resource page on our website for McKinney-Vento families! This page is designed to provide vital support for students and families experiencing housing instability. Huge thanks to our librarian, Ms. Oliff, for quickly putting this together and making these valuable resources accessible to everyone! 🎉 Below is the link—please bookmark it, share it, and spread the word: 🔗 [McKinney-Vento Resources Page](#)

What is the McKinney-Vento Act?

This federal law ensures that students who lack stable housing can access the same free, public education as their peers.

🤔 Not sure if you qualify?

Check out the simple criteria we've provided on the website to help determine if your family is eligible.

Why is this important?

🏠 Students without stable, long-term housing are at a higher risk of chronic absenteeism, which is linked to lower academic achievement and increased dropout rates (CDE, 2024). Our goal is to reduce the unique barriers these students face so they can succeed academically. 🎓

What we (staff) can do:

1. ➡️📱 Share the website with all students and families.
2. 📄📺 Learn more about McKinney-Vento and how it impacts students. I've attached a presentation I shared last school year for additional insight.
3. 🤝 If you have concerns about a student experiencing housing or food insecurity, or lacking access to basic needs, please don't hesitate to reach out for support.

Thank you for being proactive in helping connect our students to the resources they need! Together, we can make a difference. 💙

Tutoring Support!

Tutoring is a powerful tool that helps students overcome academic challenges, build confidence, and become better prepared for college and career success. Here's how RMHS supports our Spartan scholars:



24/7 online tutoring



Connect with a live, highly-qualified tutor in less than a minute - get help when you need it!



Upload assignments and worksheets for tutoring and for the writing lab



Interactive lesson space with audio, video, screen-share and chat. As close to in-person as you can get!

<https://bit.ly/ouhsclever>

TutorMe

Tutoría en línea
gratis



24/7 tutoría en línea

Inscríbete para
iniciar sesión en



Conéctate con un tutor
altamente calificado en
vivo en menos de un
minuto: ¡obtiene ayuda
cuando la necesites!



Sube tareas y hojas de
trabajo para tutoría y
para el laboratorio de
escritura



Hay lecciones interactivas
con audio, video, pantalla
compartida y chat. ¡Lo más
cercano de tener la
presencia de un tutor en
persona, ahora lo puedes
conseguir!

<https://bit.ly/ouhsdclever>

Rio Mesa HS	2024-2025 Tutoring			
Subject	Teacher	Room	Days & Times	Other
Math	Gracom	53	Before School Monday - Thurs 7:45-8:20 Lunch	
Math	Jacquez	52	Lunch M-W	
Math	Law	55	Before school: Monday: 7:15-8:24am Tuesday - Thursday: 7:45-8:24 am Friday: 7:15-8:00 am During School: Nutrition and Lunch	
Math	Brennan	T-7	Lunch Monday-Friday	
Math	Hansen	P-4	Mon - Thur: 7:15-8:24	
English 3	Houdoud	43	Lunch Monday thru Thursday	
IB Economics SL	Moody	T-2	Lunch on Fridays or by appointment	
Economics	Phillips	3	Before School 7:45-8:25am	
AP Human Geography	Moody	T-2	Lunch on Fridays or by appointment	
Science (Chem & Bio/IB Bio & IB ESS)	Ohlrich	48	Lunch Monday-Thursday	
Health	McKnett	46	Before School 7:45-8:30am or by appointment	
Spanish	Navarro	49	Lunch or by appointment	
Transportation Tech.	Cleveland	65	Lunch Monday-Thursday by appointment	
History	Holloway	P-1	Lunch M-F	
English	Stancil		Before school 7:30-8:25	
English	Severin	T-4	Lunch Tuesdays & Thursdays, Make an appointment for Mon, Wed, Fri. lunch or any day after school	
All	Olliff	Library	Before school 8-8:30 (m-Th); Lunchtime	

Upcoming Events!

October Activities

**RIO MESA
HIGH SCHOOL**

OCTOBER 1ST & 2ND

HOMECOMING COURT
FINAL VOTING

OCTOBER 23RD

FREE PUMPKINS FOR
OUR ANNUAL PUMPKIN
CONTEST!

OCTOBER 7TH-10TH

SPIRIT WEEK!
CHECK OUT OUR IG FOR
DAYS

OCTOBER 25TH

LUNCH ON THE LAWN
DROP OFF YOUR
SPARTAN BUCKS
TO WIN FREE PRIZES

OCTOBER 9TH

HOMECOMING RALLY
PERIOD 4
A/B RALLY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 25TH

RED CROSS BLOOD
DRIVE IN THE QUAD
MUST HAVE PARENT
PERMISSION IF 16YRS
OLD--APPTS REQUIRED

OCTOBER 10TH

HOMECOMING
FOOTBALL GAME VS
SANTA BARBARA

OCTOBER 30TH

ANNUAL PUMPKIN
DECORATING CONTEST
IN THE QUAD DURING
LUNCH
COME OUT AND VOTE!

OCTOBER 12TH

HOMECOMING DANCE
7-11PM
IN THE GYM

OCTOBER 31ST

--HALLOWEEN COSTUME
CONTEST ON THE
STAGE
--SCHOOL WIDE
SCAVENGER HUNT
FOR YOUR CHANCE TO
WIN A TREAT!





Spartan Academy

Join us Saturdays from
8:00am - 12:15pm

Attending one Spartan Academy makes up
one absence

**Spartan Academy
Dates:**

**Spartan Activities
include:**

- Science Labs
- Credit Recovery
- AP Test Prep
- ACT/SAT Test prep
- Make-Up Work
- Spartan Spirit Activities

- September 21st
- October 5th & 19th
- November 16th
- December 14th
- January 25th
- February 8th
- March 8th & 22nd
- April 5th & 26th
- May 10th

Please email attendance at:
carlicia.castrolopez@oxnardunion.org




Academia Espartana

Acompáñanos los sábados de
8:00am - 12:15pm

Asistir a una Academia Espartana te
recuperará una ausencia

**Academia Espartana
Fechas:**

**Actividades
Espartanas
incluidas:**

- Laboratorios de ciencias
- Recuperación de créditos
- Prueba de preparación AP
y ACT/SAT
- Recuperar trabajos y tareas
- Actividades de espíritu
Espartano

- 21 de septiembre
- 5 & 19 de octubre
- 16 de noviembre
- 14 de diciembre
- 25 de enero
- 8 de febrero
- 8 & 22 de marzo
- 5 & 26 de abril
- 10 de mayo

Por favor escribenos al correo electrónico de
asistencia:
carlicia.castrolopez@oxnardunion.org



COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

RIO MESA HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

TIME:
4:00-6:00PM

DATES:
WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 16, 23, 30

What you will need:

- Transcripts (College & HS)
- Parent Annual Income
- Social Security Number
- Citizenship Status
- California State ID
- Brag Sheet

UC APPLICATION DUE NO
LATER THAN DECEMBER 2ND



SCAN HERE!

CSU APPLICATION DUE NO
LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30TH

TALLERES DE SOLICITUD DE INGRESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD

RIO MESA HIGH SCHOOL

UNIVERSIDAD Y CENTRO DE CARRERAS

TIEMPO:
4:00-6:00PM

FECHA:
MIÉRCOLES 16, 23, 30
DE OCTUBRE

Lo que necesitarás:

- Transcripciones (universidad y escuela preparatoria)
- Ingreso anual de los padres
- Número de Seguro Social
- Hoja de alarde de estado de ciudadanía
- Identificación estatal de California
- Hoja de méritos/logros

LA SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCIÓN A LA UC
DEBE PRESENTARSE A MÁS TARDAR EL 2
DE DICIEMBRE



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LA SOLICITUD DE INGRESO A
LA CSU DEBE PRESENTARSE A
MÁS TARDAR EL 30 DE
NOVIEMBRE



EARLY ACADEMIC OUTREACH PROGRAM

PLANTING DREAMS

FAMILY CONFERENCE

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 21ST



PARENTS! WANT TO BE BETTER PREPARED TO NAVIGATE THE JOURNEY OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH YOUR STUDENT OR FOR YOURSELF? THEN JOIN US ON THE UCSB CAMPUS FOR EAOP'S PARENT CONFERENCE!

FREE & OPEN TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

ART & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AGES 4-11

LIMITED TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- TRANSITIONS FROM HS TO COLLEGE AND BEYOND
- FINANCIAL AID & LITERACY
- CREATING A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- BECOMING A COMPETITIVE STUDENT

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS!



BUS LEAVES LOCATION AT 7AM FROM THE FRONT OFFICE



Where: UC Santa Barbara

When: Sunday, October 27th, 9am-4pm

Breakfast and registration will begin at 8:30am

EARLY ACADEMIC OUTREACH PROGRAM

PLANTANDO SUEÑOS

CONFERENCIA FAMILIAR

REGISTRESE ANTES DEL 21 DE OCTUBRE



¡PADRES! ¿QUIEREN ESTAR MEJOR PREPARADOS PARA NAVEGAR LA EDUCACIÓN SUPERIOR CON SUS ESTUDIANTE O PARA USTEDES MISMOS? ¡ENTONCES ÚNASE A NOSOTROS EN EL CAMPUS DE UCSB PARA LA CONFERENCIA FAMILIAR DE EAOP!

GRATIS Y ABIERTO A TODA LA FAMILIA

SE PROPORCIONARÁ DESAYUNO LIGERO Y ALMUERZO

ACTIVIDADES AL AIRE LIBRE PARA ESTUDIANTES DE PRIMARIA DE 4 A 11 AÑOS

TRANSPORTACIÓN LIMITADA DISPONIBLE

TEMAS INCLUYEN:

- TRANSICIONES DE LA PREPARATORIA A LA UNIVERSIDAD Y MÁS ALLÁ
- AYUDA FINANCIERA
- EDUCACIÓN FINANCIERA
- CREANDO UN AMBIENTE DE APRENDIZAJE
- COMO SER UN ESTUDIANTE COMPETITIVO

ASISTENCIA PARA SOLICITUDES UNIVERSITARIAS PARA ESTUDIANTES DE GRADO 12



EL AUTOBÚS SALE A LAS 7AM EN FRENTE DE LA OFICINA PRINCIPAL



DONDE: UC SANTA BÁRBARA

CUANDO: DOMINGO 27 DE OCTUBRE, 9AM-4PM

DESAYUNO Y REGISTRACIÓN COMENZARAN A LAS 8:30AM

¿PREGUNTAS? COMUNÍQUESE CON MS. JUAREZ A
ZAIIRA.JUAREZAGUILAR@OXNARDUNION.ORG

FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION

Get the information you need to be prepared for when
your student applies for FAFSA or CADAA!



PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

- What types of Financial Aid are available?
- How to prepare for the FAFSA or CADAA applications?
- Understand the changes of financial aid application and learn how to apply

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Register
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NOVEMBER 13
RMHS LIBRARY AND C&CC
6PM-7PM

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ASISTENCIA ECONÓMICA PRESENTACIÓN

¡Obtenga la información necesaria para estar listo
cuando su estudiante solicite FAFSA o CADAA!



ASPECTOS CLAVE DE LA PRESENTACIÓN

- ¿Qué clases de asistencia financiera están disponibles?
- ¿Cómo prepararse para las solicitudes de FAFSA o CADAA?
- Comprenda las modificaciones en la solicitud de asistencia financiera y descubra cómo realizar la solicitud.

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13 DE NOVIEMBRE
BIBLIOTECA RMHS Y C&CC
6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Contacto: vina.robins@oxnardunion.org | 805-278-2937





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!

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