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Spartan Connection Parent Newsletter 10/25/2024

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Important Dates

Wednesday, October 30th:
Pumpkin Carving Contest @ Lunch

ELAC Meeting 6-7 pm
College Application Workshop 4-6 pm
College Family Night 6-7 pm
Thursday, October 31st:
Halloween Costume Contest @ Lunch
Scavenger Hunt @ Lunch

Spartan Newsletter – Fall Festivities & Spirit Days

 **Good Luck, Varsity Football!** 
Tonight, our Spartans hit the road to Calabasas for a 7:00 p.m. game! Let's send them winning vibes – Go Spartans!

 **Drive-In Movie Night – Let's Go!** 
Hosted by the Film Club, tonight's drive-in movie night kicks off at 7:30 p.m. on the

Friday, November 1st:
Collaboration Schedule
Home Football Game @ 7:30
pm

Principal's Message

Dear Spartan Family,

This week has been filled with wonderful moments at RMHS! I want to congratulate our amazing students recognized at the school board meeting for their hard work and achievements. Your dedication inspires us all!

Our Dia De Los Muertos celebration was a true highlight, showcasing the vibrant traditions of our community. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it such a special event.

Looking ahead, I warmly invite all parents to join us for the ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) meeting next week. Your voices are important, and we want to hear your thoughts and ideas to support our students better.

Thank you for being an essential part of our RMHS family!

Warm regards,
Mr. Peterson

Our students' Mariachi

basketball courts! Enjoy *Edward Scissorhands* under the stars – it's FREE! Snag some snacks, bring your blankets, and park for a cozy night with friends. 🍿



🎃 Get Spooky: Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest! 🎃

Bring your decorated pumpkins to the office by first period on Wednesday, October 30th! 🎨 Make sure your name is labeled on the bottom. Voting will take place at lunch in the quad – can't wait to see all your amazing designs! Need a pumpkin? Stop by the office during nutrition or lunch to claim one while supplies last!



📅 Spirit Days: Show Your Spartan Pride! 📅

- **Tuesday** – 🚫 *Red Ribbon Day!* 🚫 Wear RED to say NO to drugs and show your support for a healthy lifestyle.
- **Wednesday** – ❤️ *Pink Day!* ❤️ Wear PINK to support those affected by breast cancer.
- **Thursday** – 🎃 *Halloween Costume Contest!* 🎃 Sign up using the ASB QR code for a chance to win in our Halloween costume contest during lunch. (Reminder: no weapon-like props or full-face masks, and dress code rules apply.)
- **Friday** – 🧛 *Pixar-Coco Day & Scavenger Hunt!* 🧛 Wear Coco-inspired attire and join our Día de los Muertos scavenger hunt for a sweet treat! 🍬



🏆 Football Senior Night: Don't Miss It!

Our last league game is next Friday, November 1st, at 7 p.m., with Senior Night celebrations before kickoff! 🎉 Come out, cheer for our team, and honor our seniors for their dedication to Spartan pride!

📌 Drug-Free Pledge Hosted by Sophomores 📌

Spartans showed support our commitment to a drug-free lifestyle by signing the pledge poster at lunch today! Showing your support and committing a drug-free



performance stole the show
@ Dia De Los Muertos



Our spirited staff showing their
Dodger pride @ Lunch on the
Lawn



campus makes RMHS a better place! 🚫



☀️ Lunch on the Lawn + Spartan Bucks Prizes! ☀️

It's the last Friday of the month, and that means Lunch on the Lawn! 🎵 Spartans showed their Spartan bucks and won fun prizes. It was so fun enjoying the beautiful weather and celebrating Spartan spirit!

❤️ Blood Drive Heroes – Thank You! ❤️

To all our generous Spartans who donated blood today, thank you! Your contribution means so much to our community. If you didn't get the chance to donate, keep an eye out – two more blood drives are planned for the year!

Stay spirited and safe, Spartans – let's make it a memorable week! 💚





👻 "Get Creative, But Keep It
Classy: Our Halloween
Costume Guidelines! 🎃"



Don't be a ghoul, follow the rule!

HEY BOO!

APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR HALLOWEEN

1. You cannot wear any type of gang-related clothing or costumes.
2. You cannot wear anything that promotes hate or violence to any particular group of people.
3. You cannot wear anything that promotes the use of alcohol or drugs.
4. You cannot wear anything to emphasize or displays specific parts of the human body.
5. You cannot display or possess replicas of weapons, dangerous instruments nor can you wear any type of mask.



- Students/teachers will not be allowed to wear gang-related clothing that is linked to hate or violence-type groups. This also includes clothing that depicts drug and alcohol use along with provocative dress emphasizing/displaying specific parts of the body. (Board Policy 5132, Section 5000)
- Students will not be allowed to bring or possess replicas of weapons and dangerous instruments or wear masks of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds or at any school related or school sponsored activity on campus. (Board Policy 5131.7, Section 5000)

Rio Mesa High School - Oxnard, CA

¡No seas un demonio, sigue la regla!

¡OYE ABUCHEO!

VESTIDO APROPIADO PARA HALLOWEEN

1. No puedes usar ningún tipo de ropa o disfraces relacionados con pandillas.
2. No puedes usar nada que promueva el odio o la violencia hacia un grupo de personas en particular.
3. No puedes usar nada que promueva el uso de alcohol o drogas.
4. No puedes usar nada que enfatice o muestre partes específicas del cuerpo humano.
5. No se puede exhibir ni poseer réplicas de armas, instrumentos peligrosos ni se puede portar ningún tipo de máscara.

Políticas de la Junta 5132 y 5131.7, Sección 5000.



- A los estudiantes/maestros no se les permitirá usar ropa relacionada con pandillas que esté vinculada a grupos de odio o violencia. Esto también incluye ropa que represente el consumo de drogas y alcohol junto con vestimenta provocativa que enfatice o muestre partes específicas del cuerpo. (Política de la Junta 5132, Sección 5000)
- A los estudiantes no se les permitirá traer ni poseer réplicas de armas e instrumentos peligrosos ni usar máscaras de ningún tipo en los edificios escolares, en los terrenos escolares o en cualquier actividad relacionada o patrocinada por la escuela en el campus. (Política de la Junta 5131.7, Sección 5000)

Escuela secundaria Rio Mesa - Oxnard, CA

Celebrating Outstanding Students at the School Board Meeting

At the recent school board meeting, several remarkable students were recognized for their outstanding contributions to our school community. These students have demonstrated leadership, dedication, and school spirit in various areas, and we are proud to celebrate their achievements. 🌟

Vivia Troncoso, 12th Grade

Vivia Troncoso has been a shining star throughout her time at RMHS. As her counselor for the past three years, I've had the privilege of witnessing her growth into an exceptional leader. Vivia serves as the president of the Mock Trial team, where her leadership and work ethic have inspired her peers. 💪 Her organizational skills, approachable nature, and dedication to her education make her a respected figure on campus. Vivia's positive relationships with both students and staff reflect her remarkable ability to connect with others. She embodies the spirit of a lifelong learner and will undoubtedly make a significant impact beyond high school. Congratulations, Vivia! 🎉
By Sylvia Gomez, School Counselor

Sofie Stock, 12th Grade

Sofie Stock is the kind of student-athlete every coach dreams of. 🏐 As a dedicated volleyball and soccer player, Sofie's hard work and team-first mentality have made her a key contributor to our teams' successes. Despite starting this volleyball season with an injury, Sofie remained engaged, supporting her team from the sidelines. Her resilience and determination have led her to grow every week in her athletic abilities. On the soccer field, Sofie has earned the role of team captain, demonstrating her leadership and willingness to do whatever is necessary to help the team. Coaches and teammates alike admire Sofie for her commitment and exemplary character. She is truly an outstanding student-athlete. 🌟
By Jeff Holloway, Volleyball Coach & Gonzalo Rodriguez, Soccer Coach

Kaitlyn Owens, 12th Grade

Kaitlyn Owens is a joy to have in our school community. 😊 Her vivacious personality, positive attitude, and involvement in various activities such as cheerleading, Unified Sports, ASB, and art have left a lasting impression on all who know her. Kaitlyn's passion for dance and school spirit shines through in everything she does. 🎵 As a peer leader, she is thoughtful, conscientious, and always motivates those around her to do their best. We are grateful for Kaitlyn's contributions and the support of her family in helping her grow into the

remarkable young woman she is today. ❤️
By Deborah Hoyt, Speech and Language Pathologist

Ava Carbajal, 12th Grade

Ava Carbajal exemplifies leadership and school spirit at RMHS. 🎉 As a Link Crew leader, she played a pivotal role in welcoming and guiding our freshmen, ensuring they felt supported during their transition into high school. Ava is also a valuable member of the ASB, where her drive, enthusiasm, and commitment have already proven her to be a leader in the class. In addition to her leadership roles, Ava participates in advanced dance and has been a standout in drama. 🎭 Her friendly and welcoming demeanor makes her an asset to any team, and we are fortunate to have her in both ASB and Link Crew. ☀️
By Martina Emde, Link Crew Advisor

These students represent the best of RMHS, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Their dedication, leadership, and contributions to our school community have made a lasting impact. Congratulations to Vivia, Sofie, Kaitlyn, and Ava! 🎓 We look forward to seeing what you will accomplish next. 🚀

🌻 Día de los Muertos at Rio Mesa – A Night to Remember! 🌻

Last night, LASO and Tequio Youth clubs hosted a beautiful Día de los Muertos celebration in the Quad, honoring departed loved ones with an unforgettable evening of performances, art, and community.

Event Highlights:

Amazing Performances 🎵 by Rio Mesa Ballet Folklorico, Rio Mesa Mariachi, and the Aztec dance group Cetiliztli Nauhcampa filled the night with vibrant energy and culture.

Delicious Food 🍌 Thanks to our taquero and club tables, families enjoyed fantastic food while celebrating together

Heartfelt Ofrendas and Art 🖼️ Students created meaningful displays with ofrendas and artwork, and many brought photos of loved ones to include.

Family Fun Activities 🎨 Arts, crafts, and games brought everyone together for hands-on fun and memories! Special thanks to **Ben Todd, Veronica Renteria, and all the clubs and organizations** that made this event a success. Your hard work brought our community together beautifully. Thank you, Spartans, for a memorable night of culture and remembrance!





Didn't get enough Dia De Los Muertos?

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

NOVEMBER 3
2:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m.

 **Nyeland Acres
Community Center**
3334 Santa Clara Ave.
Oxnard, CA 93036

An evening dedicated to
coming together to
honor our loved ones
who went before us.



For more information contact
NyelandPromisePrograms@gmail.com
805-844-0861

FREE
Sweet Bread
&
Champurrado



ACTIVITIES

- Pumpkin Carving
- Face Painting
- Altares - Ofrendas
- Danzas Mexicanas
- Educational booths
- Arts & Crafts
- Piñatas




VENTURA COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Funding provided by Ventura County Behavioral Health,
Mental Health Services Act

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

3 DE NOVIEMBRE
2:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m.

 **Nyeland Acres
Community Center**
3334 Santa Clara Ave.
Oxnard, CA 93036

Una tarde para reunirnos,
recordar y celebrar a
nuestros seres queridos
que nos precedieron.



Para obtener más información, comuníquese
con NyelandPromisePrograms@gmail.com
805-844-0861

GRATIS
Pan y
champurrado



ACTIVIDADES

- Pintura para Calabazas
- Pintura de la cara
- Altares - Ofrendas
- Danzas Mexicanas
- Puestos educativos
- Arte y Artesanía
- Piñatas




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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Financiamiento proporcionado por Ventura County
Behavioral Health, Mental Health Services Act

🎓 RMHS Students Explore UCI and CSU Fullerton with EAOP! 🎓

Through the Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) at Rio Mesa High School, students recently enjoyed an exciting college tour of UC Irvine and CSU Fullerton! 🏫✨ The visits offered a firsthand look at each campus's unique programs, student life, and inspiring facilities.

From UCI's innovative research labs 🔬 to CSU Fullerton's vibrant community spaces ☀️, students explored new possibilities and began to envision their futures. Thanks to EAOP, our Spartans are one step closer to their college dreams! ✨



👟 Support RMHS's Caring Closet & AVID Program with a Shoe Donation! 👟

Rio Mesa High School's Caring Closet is teaming up with the AVID program for a shoe drive, and we need your help! We're collecting gently used shoes – from kids' sneakers to high heels and everything in between – to raise funds for these essential student support programs. Shoes should be free from holes or tears and can be any size, style, or type.

The goal? Collect **60 bags** filled with **25 pairs of shoes** each by **December 4th!** Currently, we're at **7 bags**, so every donation counts! Shoes can be dropped off at Ms. Jimenez-Ito's classroom Room **75!**

Help us make a difference – donate your shoes today and give back to our RMHS community! 🍷 ✨



Tutoring Support!

We're well on our way toward the end of the semester and now it's a great time to take advantage of academic 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:



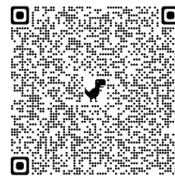
TutorMe

Free Online
Tutoring



24/7 online tutoring

How to Access
Log in to



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/ouhsdclever>



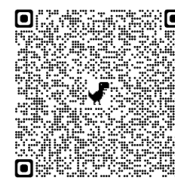
TutorMe

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!



[Register for Event Here](#)



Spartan Academy

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

Attending one Spartan Academy makes up
one absence

Spartan Activities include:

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

Spartan Academy Dates:

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

Actividades Espartanas incluidas:

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

Academia Espartana Fechas:

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 escríbenos 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



SCAN HERE!

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

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 Now!



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

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



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.

Organizado por


¡Inscríbete ahora!



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

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






RIO MESA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

LET'S TALK ABOUT COLLEGE FAMILY NIGHT

JOIN US & REGISTER NOW!



Join us for a 4-part series as we help facilitate, navigate and provide resources to parents & students on how to begin having this very important conversation


Wednesday
 30 October 2024


 The Event is from
 6:00pm-7:30pm

- ✓ Overview of CA 4 Systems of Education
- ✓ Start a conversation about your student's future options within your family
- ✓ Learn about the resources to continue the conversation at home

This event is open to all families! Please save your spot as there is limited space. Dinner will be provided.


Destination College Advising Corps


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Multi-Ethnic Student Achievement


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 Office of Education Partnerships




EN LA BIBLIOTECA DE RIO MESA HIGH SCHOOL

HABLEMOS SOBRE LA UNIVERSIDAD NOCHE FAMILIAR

ACOMPÁÑENOS Y REGÍSTRENSE AHORA!



Únanse con nosotros en una serie de 4 partes mientras ayudamos a facilitar, navegar y brindar recursos a padres y estudiantes sobre cómo comenzar a tener esta conversación tan importante.


Miercoles
 30 de Octubre de 2024


 El evento es de las
 6:00pm-7:30pm

- ✓ Descripción de los 4 sistemas de educación en California
- ✓ Inicie una conversación sobre las diferentes opciones futuras de su estudiante con su familia
- ✓ Aprenda sobre los recursos para continuar la conversación en casa

¡Este evento está abierto a todas las familias! Por favor guarde su lugar ya que hay espacio limitado. Habrá cena de cortesía.

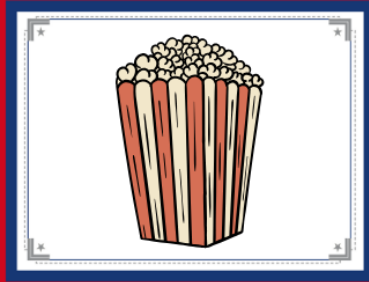

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RMHS DRAMA



***BUY DOUBLE
GOOD POPCORN
TALK TO A
DRAMA CLUB
MEMBER***



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!

October.25.2024