



River Oaks School

CD ROM - *December 3, 2018*

From the Headmaster

Good morning to you all! I hope you enjoyed a short reprieve from winter with some beautiful sunny skies with pleasant temperatures. Hard to believe we dealt with snow in November and began December in shorts and t-shirts! That's Louisiana for you!

I attended the MAIS Football ALL-STAR game in Jackson, Mississippi on Friday. Our contingency of participants included Rico Gonzalez, Brandon Dorsey, JohnEthan Hughes, and Cody Tindall. All of our young men represented River Oaks in a most positive way with a great display of athleticism and outstanding sportsmanship! Great job guys, and great support from teammates and parents for making the trip over on our bonus day off!!!! This event ended another outstanding week for River Oaks School.

We began the week with the HOSA Club Sponsors arranging for a Med Evac Helicopter to land on the baseball field for their monthly meeting. This was tremendous exposure for our prospective medical field students! The next day we had our annual River Oaks Spelling Bee. We are excited for this year's winners and are very proud of all of our participants! We will recognize this event in today's notes! On Wednesday and Thursday, the ULM Social Studies Fair was held and River Oaks was well represented with outstanding student work. An article on the event will also follow in the notes. I will go ahead and say that Mahi Sreedhara definitely had a week to remember!!!! (More info below). We were also treated throughout the week with several exciting basketball games! Be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events to make sure you don't miss any of the action!

Over the weekend, our 41st President of the United States, George H. Bush passed away at the age of 94. Considered by many as the kindest president ever, he committed most of his life to serving our country. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor and became a decorated Naval Aviator during World War II. Former President Bush was a Yale graduate and a highly successful business man before entering public service at the state and national levels. Our flag will fly at half-mast for the next 30 days, when it is displayed, in honor of his legacy.

I hope you have a wonderful week, don't forget that Midterm Exams begin next Friday on December 14th with 1&2, followed by 3&4 on Monday December 17th, and 5&6 on Tuesday December 18th. Go Mustangs!

News & Announcements

Auction Committee Meeting

There will be an Auction Committee meeting Tuesday, December 4th in the River Oaks Upper School Computer Lab at 1:30

Lady Mustang PeeWee Softball

It's that time of year to sign up to play PeeWee Softball for River Oaks! Check out the attached flyer, or romustangs.com for more information. If your child is interested in playing, please have your form turned in to the RO office by December 12th.

Calendar

December

- 4 -BB vs Mt. Olive –Away 4pm
- District Spelling Bee @ Tallulah Academy
- Auction Meeting 1:30 Comp Lab
- 5 -Soccer @ St. Aloy 5:30
- 6 -BB @ Prairie View Tournament
- Fall Sports Banquet 6:30PM
- 10 -Soccer vs St Aloy @ RO 5PM
- 12 -Soccer vs Central Hinds @ RO 3:30
- 13 -BB @ Riverfield 4PM
- 14 -MIDTERMS
- 17 -MIDTERMS
- Elementary Christmas Program
- 18 -MIDTERMS
- Elem Christmas Parties 10:15am
- BB @ Briarfield 4PM
- 19 -MAKE UP TEST DAY
- 20 -Christmas Holidays begin
- 28 -BB @ Manchester Tournament

January

- 3 -Classes resume
- BB Stockton New Years Classic
- 4 -BB Stockton New Years Classic
- 5 -BB Stockton New Years Classic
- 7 -BB vs Monroe Home School
- 8 -ROMP Meeting 8:05am

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"Striving for Excellence in Academics,
the Arts, and Athletics"*

*River Oaks School has a Nondiscriminatory,
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Elementary PJ Day

This week during Library, we will be reading the Polar Express. Students may wear their pajamas on their library day (this is optional).

Monday 12/3

Pre-K 3

Pre-K 4

Kindergarten

Wednesday 12/5

2nd grade

4th grade

5th grade

Friday 12/7

1st grade

3rd grade

Fall Sports Banquet

The Fall Sports Banquet will be held Thursday, December 6th at 6:30pm in the RO Cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend our Annual Fall Sports Banquet, but in order to prepare, we need a count of who plans to attend.

All Football players, Cheerleaders, SDKs, Sunstations, Softball players and Swim team are admitted free of charge. Everyone else will pay \$15. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Yearbook Advertisements

Yearbook Ads are on sale now. See the attached flyer for pricing information. Ads will be on sale from now until **December 7th**. SENIOR PARENTS: Pay to reserve your ad spot now. Your deadline to submit pictures for your ad will be April 1st.

Midterm Exam Schedule

Friday, December 14th - 1st Period 8:30-10:00
2nd Period 10:30-12:00
Monday, December 17th - 3rd Period 8:30-10:00
4th Period 10:30-12:00
Friday, December 18th - 5th Period 8:30-10:00
6th Period 10:30-12:00

Annual Giving Campaign

Finally, our Annual Giving Campaign needs a "jump start"! I am certain that the Thanksgiving Holidays and shorter week created some thought interruption, so I am making a gentle reminder. River Oaks School is making great strides and effort to maintain a level of academic excellence as a true college preparatory school for our community. Last year, we were able to raise over \$30,000 to prepare our school campus for 21st century learning and instruction. This ground work was necessary for us to deliver the Chromebook initiative and Google Teaching Resources for our students and teachers.

This year, we are aiming for a 10% increase in giving (\$33,000 goal) to improve our ability to communicate to our stakeholders and community the great things that are happening at River Oaks School and the great accomplishments and opportunities that are available to our students, parents, and staff. In addition to providing information, we hope to improve the safety and effectiveness of our school providing an attractive and modern venue for learning.

We need EVERYONE'S help! We have 188 families, 287 students, and 49 employees at River Oaks School. Our goal is \$33,000, a reflection of only %10 more than we actually attained last year! Some people are able to give more than others, but everybody can give something! We currently have a few donations that have arrived and we will begin posting donations at the end of this week. Please find it in your heart to help work towards meeting this goal by contributing today! Thank you for helping us provide the means to Strive for Excellence in Academics, the Arts, and Athletics!

Annual Giving Campaign Tier

Order of the Oaks \$25,000+

Benefactors \$10,000-\$24,999

Mustang Club \$5,000-\$9,999

Patrons \$2,000-\$4,999

Special Friends \$1,000-\$1,999

Stang Gang \$1- \$999



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ULM Social Studies Fair

Congratulations to Mahi Sreedhara for winning 2nd place at the ULM Regional Social Studies Fair. Her project was about the Impact of Amazon on our lives and industry. She will now be eligible to compete for State Honors! Great job by this young Mustang!

RO Spelling Bee Results

Overall Winners

1st place Mahi Sreedhara
2nd place Alivelu Morampudi
3rd place Snigdha Patlola

Grade winners:

4th Grade

1st place - Kaleb Davis
2nd place - Caroline Vance
3rd place - Bella Gonzales

5th Grade

1st place - Jackson Micka
2nd place - Yash Thokala
3rd place - Ian Moran

6th Grade

1st place - Alivelu Morampudi
2nd place - Sonu Reddy
2nd place - Lason Cope

7th Grade

1st place - Mahati Sreedhara
2nd place - Snigdha Patlola
3rd place - A.J. Austin

8th Grade

1st place Anderson Song

The following individuals earned the opportunity to compete at the MAIS District Spelling Bee by winning their division at River Oaks School.

Kaleb Davis 1st in 4th Grade
Jackson Micka 1st in 5th Grade
Alivelu Morampudi 1st in 6th Grade
Mahi Sreedhara 1st in 7th Grade
Anderson Song 1st in 8th Grade

Special congratulations to Mahi Sreedhara for winning 1st place Overall!!!

Mustang Movers

Dec. 3-7

Monday Ian Moran, Bryce Coleman
Tuesday Nick Colton, Julia Roberson
Wednesday Brinkley Shively, Maggie Rhodes
Thursday Anika Chegireddy, Ishee Sreedhara
Friday Yash Thokola, Nick Patel

Dec. 10

Eva Kate McDonald, Julia Roberson

****Mustang Movers should be at school by 7:45. Safety vests will be provided. Do not walk into the parking lot. Let cars pull up. No Movers on stormy days or if the temperature is below 40*.*

Thank You ROMP Parents

We owe a special thank you to the ROMP Parents who are so kind to fill our teacher's lounge with snacks. The teachers and staff appreciate this thoughtful gesture. It is really convenient to be able to grab a quick bite in-between classes.

Cheerleaders Perform at Disney

Marly Simmons and Emory Cooper Leggett represented RO the week of Thanksgiving in the Disney Thanksgiving Day Parade as UCA All American cheerleaders. This event was held in Orlando, Florida at Walt Disney World during the Thanksgiving Week! These girls earned the opportunity to participate in this activity by being named All-American Cheerleaders at Summer Camp! Great job by these young Mustangs!