Happy Thanksgiving!

I am grateful to be a Royal Oak resident and to have the privilege of serving as the superintendent of Royal Oak Schools. The Royal Oak community supports its schools - - through the approval of millage and bond proposals for school buildings, through giving to school support organizations, and through countless community volunteer hours. Thank you!

Student achievement in our schools is strong and improving. Last spring, high school juniors across Michigan took the SAT college entrance exam. We recently received the results of these exams which confirm that our schools are doing a tremendous job preparing students to attend college and pursue careers that demand high level skills.

As a district, we regularly review how we are serving our students and our community. At the start of this school year, we welcomed a new program to our district, Transitioning Responsible Adults in Life (TRAILS). Based on an Individual Educational Plan (IEP), this program provides educational services to young adult students through the age of 26. Housed in the Churchill Community Education building, this program provides services to Royal Oak students who previously would have had to go outside of our community to have their educational needs met. This program is just one example of our continuing commitment to meet the needs of ALL learners.

While districts around us continue to grapple with declining enrollment, in Royal Oak Schools enrollment is up slightly this fall compared to last year at this time. Even though we continue to operate on per-student funding levels that are dramatically lower ($500 per student less) than the state funding we received ten years ago, thanks to difficult decisions and ongoing fiscal discipline, we ended our fiscal year on June 30, 2016, with a balanced budget. And, once again this year, our district financial audit resulted in an unqualified opinion, the highest level of assurance that auditors can provide.

Our Royal Oak Schools are strong and getting stronger. It is with profound appreciation for what has been, and great hope for what will be that I wish you a Thanksgiving rich in gratitude.

Sincerely,

Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Superintendent of Schools
Registering for Kindergarten

Royal Oak Schools is pleased to welcome children and their families to kindergarten. Kindergarten enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year begins on Monday, January 16, 2017. Enrollment for all kindergarten programs district-wide is processed at our Central Enrollment office.

We encourage families to visit the enrollment section of our district website, www.royaloakschools.org, for information regarding the documents necessary for enrollment. Our enrollment web page also provides families the opportunity to complete much of the enrollment paperwork online. We look forward to partnering with you on your child’s education.

Michigan State Law stipulates that a child be five (5) years of age on or before September 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. If a child is not five (5) years of age by the September 1 enrollment eligibility date, but will be five (5) years of age no later than December 1, an option for parents or guardians to enroll the child in kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year is available. Families interested in exploring this option should contact the district Central Enrollment office for additional information.

**District Central Enrollment Office**
800 DeVillen, Royal Oak

**District Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**Enrollment Office Hours:**
Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Enrollments need to be started by 4:00 p.m. to allow time for the completion of enrollment process by 4:30 p.m. when the office closes.

Coleen Hella, Enrollment Coordinator
(248) 435-8400, Ext. 1260
Fax: (248) 280-2591

To register a child for school, parents should bring the following with them to the Enrollment Office:

**Enrollment/Registration Required Documents**
- **2 Proofs of Residency**
  - Lease Agreement (plus page with landlord and tenant signatures)
  - Mortgage Statement (within last month)
  - City Assessor’s Tax Statement (current year)
  - Current Utility Bill or Cable Bill (within last month)
  - Notarized Shared Housing Affidavit if living in someone else’s home/apartment
    - This person’s driver’s license and two proofs of their residency
  - **Driver’s License** (of parent or guardian)
  - **Birth Certificate** (original or certified copy with raised seal)
  - Immunization Records
  - **Vision Screening Required for Kindergarteners**
  - Court documents, if applicable (guardianship, foster care, etc.)
  - **Enrollment packet paperwork must be completely filled out.** It can be downloaded at www.royaloakschools.org, click “Enrollment”, or it is available at the district enrollment office or any school building.
  - **Please bring:** Emergency contact names/phone numbers, physician’s name/phone number, and previous school name/address/phone and fax numbers

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

The Royal Oak Schools Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) currently offered at Addams Early Childhood Center is designed to get your four-year-old ready for kindergarten. The program runs from mid-September to mid-May each year, following the district holiday and break schedules. The classroom is staffed with a certified K-8 teacher with ZA endorsement (early childhood emphasis) and an associate teacher. The student-to-teacher ratio is 8:1. Full day classes are held Monday through Thursday from 8:55 a.m. to 3:55 p.m. This program is fully licensed through the State of Michigan.

GSRP is a state program that is funded through a grant from the State of Michigan Department of Education. For qualifying families, there is no cost to participate. GSRP is not solely based on financial need. In order to qualify, your child must meet two of eight factors that place them into the “at risk” category (as defined by the grant provided through the State of Michigan). Please contact the GSRP teacher at (248) 288-3220, Ext. 3569 for further information.

Kindergarten Vision Screening

Michigan law (Public Health Code, Act 368, and Michigan School Code, Act 291) requires a vision screening for kindergarten entrance. A vision screening done by a health department technician, physician, or eye doctor fulfills this requirement.

The Oakland County Health Division offers free vision screenings for Oakland County residents. Call (248) 424-7070 to schedule an appointment.

Changing Residence and School Enrollment

Parents/guardians of all Royal Oak School district students who change their residence during the school year are required to update their address information with the Enrollment Office at the Board of Education/Administration Building. Please check the “Enrollment” section on the district website (www.royaloakschools.org) for required/acceptable proofs of residency.
Royal Oak Students Show High Achievement on State Assessments

Royal Oak students demonstrated a high level of achievement on the spring 2016 state assessments. The students' scores are consistent with the high level of achievement of the past several years. “We have seen a steady increase in our student achievement scores which indicates that the research based best practice instruction in our schools is working,” said Lisa Shannon, Supervisor of Elementary Education. Among the strongest indicators of success is the average SAT composite score for Royal Oak High School that places Royal Oak High School in the top 10 high schools in Oakland County.

Two years ago the state replaced the 44-year-old MEAP test with an online test called the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress). The M-STEP is aligned to the Common Core State Standards and designed to gauge how well students are mastering these standards. Students are tested in English Language Arts in all grades; math in all grades; science in grades 4, 7, and 11; and social studies in grades 5, 8, and 11. Ninth and tenth graders take the PSAT as part of the M-STEP and eleventh graders take the SAT in addition to M-STEP subject area tests.

Royal Oak students scored above the state average and exceeded the county average in almost all grade levels and subjects on the M-STEP. Historically Royal Oak exceeds the state averages in all content areas and measures itself against the top performers in Oakland County.

As a Community of Excellence, Royal Oak is always striving to improve. M-STEP is just one measure of growth that is used to track academic progress and achievement. In addition to the M-STEP results, teachers use NWEA, local district assessments, classroom work and other tools that provide a more comprehensive analysis of students' progress and achievement.

Royal Oak teachers set high expectations for their students and work diligently every day to meet and exceed those standards. Assessment data is used by teachers to monitor their students' academic achievement, but more importantly such data is analyzed and used in designing learning opportunities for each individual student.

Save the Date: Preschool & Child Care Information Night

The 18th Annual Preschool & Child Care Information Night sponsored by the Royal Oak Public Library will be held Monday, January 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 East Eleven Mile Road. Parking will be free.

Addams Early Childhood Center representatives will be on hand to talk to parents and answer questions about the various programs offered, including:

- Early Childhood Special Education Program for eligible preschool children ages three to six
- Early Childhood Special Education Services for eligible children under the age of three, who are Royal Oak residents
- Preschool Program for three-, four and five-year-olds. Three-year-olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday. Four and five-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The AM session meets from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and the PM session meets from 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- Young Oaks Before and After School Child Care Program
- Great Start Readiness Program
- Child Care Program Full or Part-time for two and one-half to five-year-olds

Royal Oak High School Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Ceremony - 1:30 p.m.
Afterglow - 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Royal Oak High School Auditorium

Keynote Speaker Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha
Public Welcome

Inductees: Julie Boledovich, Anne Hartrick Cook, James Curnow, Cynthia DeAlmeida, Marie Donigan, Mona Hanna-Attisha, Melinda Jayne Loftin, Alexander Maximovich, Daniel Polsgrove, Amy Ronayne Krause, Jack Stephan, Tracey Yokich
Royal Oak Schools Financial Audit Receives Highest Level of Confidence

David Youngstrom, Principal, Yeo and Yeo CPAs and Business Consultants, presented the district’s annual audit addressing the Royal Oak Schools Board of Education meeting and the community. Auditors from Yeo and Yeo gave the district’s audit an unmodified opinion, the highest level of confidence received for such reports.

In his comments, Youngstrom commended Kathy Abela, Executive Director of Business and Finance, and the district’s business services team for a “clean audit - a lot of hard work goes into making that happen,” said Youngstrom. He also offered praise for getting the audit completed early.

“Royal Oak is our first school district audit presentation this fall,” said Youngstrom.

He also commended the district for being fiscally sound and providing good services to the students and the community.

“Because tough decisions were made by the Board, you are in a good spot to move forward.”

In looking ahead, Youngstrom reminded the Board that the district’s revenue primarily depends on state per pupil budget allocations and enrollment. Youngstrom noted that the decline in enrollments experienced by the district appear to be leveling off, with enrollment this current year projected to be steady with last year.

He concluded by cautioning the Board that “these are challenging times for all districts throughout the state, with increases in the state retirement system rates (which are charged back to local districts), increasing fringe benefit costs and special education costs continuing to rise.”

Youngstrom’s presentation is available on the district’s webpage, www.royaloak-schools.org, under the “District” tab.

ROHS Welcomes German Students Participating in Exchange Program

On Tuesday, October 18, Royal Oak High School welcomed 20 German students who are participating in the German American Partnership Program (GAPP). The students lived for two and one-half weeks with ROHS German student host families. In June 2017, ROHS students will travel to Waldkirch, Germany and be hosted in return.

The German students, most of whom are juniors and seniors, attended class with their ROHS student hosts. Students enjoyed a welcome scavenger hunt, as well as a number of activities including trips to Greenfield Village, Cedar Point, a hockey game and Bowers Farm corn maze.

The four-week home-stay exchange between ROHS and the Geschwister-Scholl-Gymnasium in Waldkirch, is the eighth such exchange. The first exchange occurred during the 2002-2003 school year and the last took place in 2014-2015. Frau Rene K. Brodowsky, ROHS German teacher, specifically sought out the school in Waldkirch because that is where she lived and went to school. Waldkirch is a beautiful small town in the foothills of the Black Forest mountains on the French and Swiss borders.

“An exchange of this type opens so many doors for our students, academically, interpersonally and emotionally,” explained Frau Brodowsky. “We want so much for our children to possess confidence and maturity, and most importantly, an understanding of the diverse world we live in. The real value of the program happens most often after the exchange has taken place. The families and students continue to visit one another and open the door to life-long friendships and memories.”
Welcome New Teachers

Royal Oak Schools welcomed 30 new teachers for the 2016-2017 school year:

**Addams Early Childhood Center**  
Jennifer McElroy, Early Intervention Teacher

**Addams Elementary**  
Colleen Davis, Social Worker  
Sarah Labadie, Autism Spectrum Disorder Teacher  
Thomas Pavlovich, Choir Teacher

**Keller Elementary**  
Claire Forhan, Fifth Grade Teacher  
Armen Gulian, Speech/Language Teacher  
Jacqueline Proper, Fifth Grade Teacher  
Christina Zeoli, Foreign Language Teacher

**Northwood Elementary**  
Lindsey Friedlein, Fifth Grade Teacher  
Danielle Johnston, Third Grade Teacher

**Oak Ridge Elementary**  
Rachel Forsyth, Fifth Grade Teacher  
Madalyn Losey, Fourth Grade Teacher  
Olivia Najor, Kindergarten Teacher  
Brittany Ward, Music Teacher

**Oakland Elementary**  
Selena Cressman, Second Grade Teacher  
Amanda Giannettino, Third Grade Teacher

**Upton Elementary**  
Kathleen Daibess, Occupational Therapist

**Royal Oak Middle School**  
Lindsey Belzyt, Middle Years Program  
Megan Canty, Math Teacher  
Jason Chmiel, Physical Education Teacher  
Sara Dean, English Language Arts Teacher  
Ron Kochan, Physical Education/Health Teacher  
Lauren Leitheim, Resource Room Teacher  
Thomas Pavlovich, Choir Teacher  
Samantha Wiens-Wice, Physical Education Teacher

**Royal Oak High School**  
Ayana Ball, Business Teacher  
Lindsey Belzyt, Middle Years Program  
Jason Palazzolo, Physical Education Teacher  
Jessica Smith, Math/Science Teacher  
Fiona Sookhai-King, French/Spanish Teacher

**Churchill Community Education Center**  
John McAskin, Transitioning Responsible Adults In Life Skills (TRAILS) Teacher  
Emily Taylor, Adult Education

**Elementary Schools Staff**  
First Row (left to right): Megan Krozek, Danielle Johnston, Olivia Najor, Kathleen Daibess, Armen Gulian. Middle Row (left to right): Jacqueline Proper, Claire Forhan, Amanda Giannettino, Rachel Forsyth, Selena Cressman, Sarah Labadie. Back Row (left to right): Madalyn Losey, Lindsey Friedlein, Monica Bell, Jennifer McElroy. Not pictured: Colleen Davis, Lindsey Friedlein.

**ROMS Staff**  
Front Row (left to right): Sara Dean, Megan Canty, Lindsey Belzyt, Kathleen Daibess. Back Row (left to right): Jason Chmiel, Samantha Wiens-Wice, Ron Kochan. Not pictured: Lauren Leitheim and Thomas Pavlovich.

**ROHS Staff**  
Front Row (left to right): Ayana Ball, Fiona King. Back Row (left to right): Jessica Smith, Lindsey Belzyt, Kathleen Daibess, David Weeks. Not pictured: Jason Palazzolo.
TRAILS Program Highlights

The Transitioning Responsible Adults In Life Skills (TRAILS) program is off and running for students ages 18-26 under the direction of Teacher John McAskin. Program students have begun working on community based instruction, functional academics, and worksite based learning skills. Students visit the local grocery store and prepare food weekly, as well as explore other community locations. The program visits the Royal Oak YMCA to take part in a community based exercise program. In addition, students have begun working at area business locations to practice vocational skills. We work daily on functional academics to help prepare students to live the most independent life possible. There is a lot of fun and growth happening in TRAILS!

Dan Colligan Named ROMS Assistant Principal

Dan Colligan has been named Assistant Principal of Royal Oak Middle School (ROMS).

Colligan comes to Royal Oak from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. He began his career as a social studies teacher at Canton High School. Subsequently he served as Coordinator for Assessment Services for the district and Assistant Principal at Plymouth High School.

He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with majors in Education and History from Western Michigan University and a Master of Arts Degree in Economics from Eastern Michigan University.

Todd Noonan, Royal Oak Middle School principal, says, “From the outset, Dan has spent his time getting to know the ROMS community, speaking with students, greeting families, listening to all of us share points of pride and upcoming growth opportunities. His natural rapport with others is already evident. Along with Kirk Duncan and me, Dan will focus primarily on keeping ROMS a warm and welcoming place for ROMS students and families.”

In filling the position, the district reviewed 290 applications. Eight candidates were interviewed in first round interviews, with three candidates coming back for a second round interview in a selection process that involved teacher, administrator and parent representatives.

Royal Oak High School Selected for PBS NewsHour STEM Student Reporting National Park Program

The PBS NewsHour’s STEM Student Reporting Labs program announced Royal Oak High School (ROHS) is one of 21 schools from across the country selected for its 2016-2017 class.

This year, in honor of the National Park Service’s 100th Anniversary, the STEM Labs will head into their local National Parks to produce unique stories from America’s canyons, craters and mountain peaks. ROHS students and Video/TV/Media Instructor Mike Conrad will be traveling to Sleeping Bear Dunes for production of a story about avian botulism. The students who will be working on this project are entering their third year of the curriculum and are looking forward to pursuing this as a career.

Students will have access to a journalism and digital media literacy curriculum augmented with a STEM literacy focus, a mentor from a local PBS affiliate, access to a STEM practitioner in a field related to their story, professional development for educators and support from the PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs team. The initiative is funded by the National Science Foundation and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

“The partnership between ROHS and the PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs has been amazing,” exclaimed Conrad. “To have students in our community learn from and work alongside producers from the PBS NewsHour is such a great opportunity. And this new initiative takes it to a whole new level.”

“We are incredibly proud of our students and of our program,” said Principal Michael Giromini. “Through Mr. Conrad’s inspiring classroom leadership, ROHS is connecting students with the worldwide community, and our student reporters will undoubtedly deliver excellence.”

“National parks are some of the most amazing classrooms in the world,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “They bring to life the stories of the people, places, and events that have shaped our country. Programs such as this encourage exploration and inspire lifelong connections to the natural and cultural treasures found in national parks.”

The video stories will be published on the PBS NewsHour’s website and transformed into educational resources for PBS LearningMedia. The program offers schools and young people the opportunity to have their stories air on the NewsHour broadcast, seen by over a million people each night.
Community of Excellence Award Winners

Three Royal Oak Schools staff members and two community members have received the district's Community of Excellence (COE) Awards:

Alesha Beistline, Northwood and Oakland Elementary School Art Teacher
Michael Betman, Royal Oak Middle School Counselor
Kerry Derminer, Royal Oak Middle School Math Teacher
Scott Brown and April Ozdych, Royal Oak Schools Performing Arts Committee (ROSPAC) Co-Chairs

Ms. Beistline was nominated by Deb Anderson, Celebration of the Arts Committee Chair and Vice President of the Board of Education. “Alesha worked tirelessly to make sure this year’s event was a fantastic celebration of the arts, from the community as well as the schools”, said Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. Betman was nominated by Royal Oak Middle School parent Holly Beth Jenkins. In her nomination, Ms. Jenkins said “Mr. Betman has done a wonderful job leading my daughter Mia through middle school. He communicates effectively, clearly and professionally. He takes care of issues that come up with the kids the second he is aware there is a problem. He is an excellent asset to the community.”

Ms. Derminer was nominated by Royal Oak Middle School parent Lynn Szymkowski-Fish who said, “Kerry always took the time to help my child understand her homework and she has made sure that the children in her classroom always feel accepted into a new school. She is super kind to everybody. My child is getting a first rate education and a life mentor. I couldn’t be more impressed.”

Mr. Brown and Ms. Ozdych were nominated by Northwood Elementary Teacher Mary Ann Welch-Campbell. “Scott and April have been tireless cheerleaders and fundraiser champions to meet the ROSPAC goal of $100,000 to replace the very old seats in the Kimball Auditorium,” said Ms. Welch-Campbell.

Describing the awards, Superintendent Shawn Lewis-Lakin said “Community is the context for all that we do; excellence is the standard we set for ourselves. This vision describes who we are and who we strive to be. Each one of us, each day, is committed to this vision. Each of us knows of instances where individuals go above and beyond the expected in their efforts to make this vision real for our students and community. The purpose of the COE award is to recognize exceptional individual effort towards making our district vision real.”

Any community member, district family, student, or person employed by Royal Oak Schools may nominate an individual who works (either as a district employee or as an employee of a contract service provider) in the district for this award. Nomination forms are available on the district website www.royaloakschools.org.

Photos from top:
Northwood Elementary Art Teacher Alesha Beistline (r) with Principal Angela Ashburn (l).
ROMS Counselor Michael Betman (r) with ROMS Principal Todd Noonan (l) and nominator Holly Jenkins’ daughter Mia Shelton.
ROMS Teacher Kerry Derminer (c) with nominator Lynn Szymkowski-Fish and her daughter Grace.
ROSPAC Co-Chairs Scott Brown (l) and April Ozdych (r) with nominator Mary Ann Welch-Campbell.
Royal Oak High School Performing Arts Students Celebrate New Kimball Auditorium

High School Band Director Composes Special Piece to Celebrate Auditorium Updates

Royal Oak High School’s fall concerts by the band, orchestra and choir and Drama Club’s production of Anything Goes were dedicated to the celebration of Royal Oak High School’s (ROHS) newly refurbished Kimball Auditorium.

ROHS Band Director Dave Jensen composed a fanfare which was premiered at the band concert to commemorate the new facility. “I wanted to have something special and something specifically dedicated to our first performance in the new auditorium,” said Jensen. In explaining the piece he said “I used the numbers 2016 both rhythmically and harmonically to create the melodic structure of the piece.” Jensen invited ROHS alumni band members who are currently involved in the music industry to perform solo passages.

The school district recently completed a $400,000 renovation of Kimball Auditorium including a new stage façade, flooring, painting, acoustical treatments, and all new electrical work, including both theatrical and house lighting.

The Royal Oak Schools Performing Arts Committee (ROSPAC) raised over $100,000 to replace the nearly 60-year-old seats in the auditorium. “We all had or have kids in drama, band and orchestra, and choir programs,” said Scott Brown, chairman of ROSPAC. “The school was addressing needs in the auditorium and we decided to join as partners in the effort in the most tangible way, by raising the money for the seats.” Money was raised by volunteers at beverage tents and at the gate during the Arts, Beats & Eats festivals, as well as 50/50 raffles, the Royal Oak Schools Foundation Golf Outing and seat naming sales.

ROSPAC is made up of school administrators, teachers, PTA members, performing arts coaches, booster club officers, and Royal Oak citizens who want to assist Royal Oak Schools in providing our student performing artists with a top tier facility, equipment and opportunities. “We have some of the most talented performers in the state and our goal is to help provide facilities and equipment that match their excellence,” said Brown.

Major donors to the project included the Royal Oak Schools Foundation, Holiday Market, Royal Oak Ford, Royal Oak Optimist Club, Royal Oak High School Drama Boosters, Royal Oak High School Band and Orchestra Boosters, Royal Oak High School Choir Boosters and the Royal Oak High School PTSA.

“This effort is a great example of the kind of community-school partnerships that make Royal Oak not only a great school district, but a great community in which to live,” said Superintendent Shawn Lewis-Lakin. “This is what being a Community of Excellence is all about.”
Food Services in Our Schools

Students in our Royal Oak Schools have breakfast and lunch service available on a daily basis. Students who qualify can obtain these meals for free or reduced rates. Families who believe they may qualify for free or reduced priced meals should complete an application form available on the Food Services page of the district website (www.royaloakschools.org).

Digital lunch and breakfast menus for all meals are available on the district website. The menus include nutrition information for every item on the menu. To view menus, go to: www.royaloakschools.nutrislice.com. No username or password is needed. Just visit the website and choose your school and menu type (breakfast or lunch). When you hover over menu items, nutrition information will appear (calories, fat, saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, sodium, total carbs, fiber, sugar and protein). This site also has enhanced navigation features for food allergies and dietary concerns. An app for handheld devices and multiple languages is also available.

Chartwells Dining Service which provides Royal Oak Schools Food Services also offers catering services. Catering acts as a fund raiser for the school lunch program. Catering menus may be found on the district website under district, click departments, then food services. To design an event menu, call (248) 435-8400, Mike Jacobs, Ext. 1122 or Michelle Ziegler, Ext. 1124.

Royal Oak Schools Adult Education

Churchill Community High School
Daytime Alternative High School program for students under the age of 20 as of September 1st of the current school year.

**Days:** Monday through Friday

**School Calendar:** A student can take a varying course load to earn 2.5-3.5 credits per trimester. Trimesters begin September 6th, December 5th and March 13th. Classes begin December 5, 2016.

Potential new students, please call (248) 588-5050, Ext. 1502 to schedule an interview for admission.

**Adult Education/Afternoon and Evening High School**
Program for adults and high school age students age 16 and older who wish to complete the requirements for a high school diploma.

**Class Times:**
Monday - Thursday, 3:15-9:15 p.m.

**School Calendar:** Two 15-week semesters are offered between September and May. Classes begin January 23, 2017.

**Registration begins January 4, 2017**
**Registration Fee:** $25.00
Mondays & Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesdays & Thursdays 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For more details, please see www.royaloakschools.org/churchillcenter/adult-education/

**Tuition:** Non-high school graduates who do not attend school during the day can take classes free of charge. Students who attend school during the day must pay a tuition fee for evening classes and bring a signed permission slip from their high school counselor that includes approved courses for the student to take.

English as a Second Language
For foreign born adults who are learning the English language. This class provides basic English vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, speaking, listening and culture through various media, including the online program Burlington English. Daytime classes are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Evening classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Classes will begin January 23, 2017. For further information, call (248) 588-5050, Ext. 1506, or come in person to:
Churchill Community Education Center
707 Girard, Royal Oak (between 12 & 13 Mile Roads, between Rochester and Campbell Roads)

**Registration begins January 4, 2017**
**Registration Fee:** $25.00
Mondays & Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesdays & Thursdays 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For more details, please see www.royaloakschools.org/churchill-center/esl/

G.E.D. Preparation English & Math
These courses are designed to prepare students for the G.E.D. test. The focus of the classes will be on English skills, writing and math. There will also be a personalized online skill-builder used, and test taking skills will be taught. You can earn one unit of credit while you prepare for the G.E.D. test. Classes are free and begin January 23, 2017. For further information, call (248) 588-5050, Ext. 1502.

**Registration begins January 4, 2017**
**Registration Fee:** $25.00
Mondays & Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesdays & Thursdays 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For more details, please see www.royaloakschools.org/churchill-center/ged-prep/
2016-2017 Calendar
November 2016 - March 2017

November 2016
23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
28 School Resumes
29 ROHS PTSA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
29 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.
30 Professional Learning Morning Early Start for Teachers & Late Start for Students

December 2016
7, 14 Professional Learning Mornings Early Start for Teachers & Late Start for Students
8 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
12 Elementary PTA Meetings 7:00 p.m.
19 ROMS PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
23 - Jan. 3 Winter Holiday Break - No School

January 2017
4 School Resumes
9 Elementary PTA Meetings 7:00 p.m.
10 Oak Ridge, Oakland & Upton Kindergarten Welcome Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.
11 Addams, Keller & Northwood Kindergarten Welcome Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.
12 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School
17 ROMS PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
18-20 ROHS Exams (1/2 Day for Students)
20 End of Second Quarter; End of First Semester
23 Records Day – No School for Students
30 ROHS PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.

February 2017
1, 8, 15 Professional Learning Mornings Early Start for Teachers & Late Start for Students
8 Count Day
9 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
13 Elementary PTA Meetings 7:00 p.m.
20-21 Mid-Winter Break – No School

March 2017
1, 8, 15, 22 Professional Learning Mornings Early Start for Teachers & Late Start for Students
1 ROHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.
9 ROMS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.
9 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
13 Elementary PTA Meetings 7:00 p.m.
16 ROMS Open House 6:00-8:00 p.m.
20 ROMS PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
23 Elementary Open Houses (Addams, Keller, Northwood, Oak Ridge, Oakland & Upton) 6:30-8:00 p.m.
24 Good Friday - No School
27 ROHS PTSA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
29 ROHS Open House 6:00-8:00 p.m.
30 End of Third Quarter
31 Records Day – No School for Students
Activity Gold Card
Available for Seniors

The Royal Oak School District presents its Senior Activity Gold Card, a complimentary pass for Royal Oak residents ages 60 and over. This complimentary pass will be renewable every three years.

Benefits
The Gold Card includes free admission to:
• Athletic Events (except state sponsored tournaments)
• Drama Programs & Dance Shows
• Vocal & Instrumental Music Concerts
• Evening Recreational Swim at Royal Oak Middle School

Applications are available at the Churchill Community Education Center, 707 Girard, Royal Oak. For additional information, please call (248) 588-5050.

Instructional Swim Program
Registration:
Wednesday, December 14, 5:15-6:30 p.m. at Royal Oak High School Pool Lobby
If classes are not filled on this date, registration will continue at the pool prior to the start of the first lesson.

First Date of Winter Lessons:
Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Royal Oak High School Pool, 1500 Lexington

Classes
Training Program for Competitive Swimmers, Ages 7-17
Class Time: 7:30-8:25 a.m., January 7 - March 11
Must be able to swim 50 yards of the fly, back, breast and free.
Fee: $90

Boys & Girls, Ages 6-14 (9 lessons)
Class Times: 8:30-9:10 a.m. or 9:15-9:55 a.m., January 7 - March 11
Fee: $80 per child, $75 for each additional child in same family

Tiny Tots, Ages 3-5 without parent (9 lessons)
Class Time: 10:00-10:30 a.m., January 7 - March 11
Fee: $80 per child, $75 for each additional child in same family

Tiny Tots, Ages 1-5 with parent (6 lessons)
Class Time: 10:35-11:05 a.m., January 7 - February 11
Fee: $40 per child, $35 for each additional child in same family

Adaptive Swim, All Ages (6 lessons)
Class Time: 11:10-11:40 a.m., January 7 - February 11
Fee: $20 per half hour

Individual Lessons, Available to Children & Adults
(minimum 5 lessons)
Class Time: 11:10-11:40 a.m. on Saturday mornings
Fee: $20 per half hour

For additional information, call (248) 435-8500, Ext. 1148 or 1087. There will be an additional charge of $5.00 per registrant for non-residents.

Winter Evening Recreational Swim Program

Schedule:
Mondays & Thursdays now through March 9, 2017
Royal Oak Middle School, 709 N. Washington

Monday Evenings:
7:30-8:30 p.m. Children & Adults
8:30-9:45 p.m. Adults Only

Thursday Evenings:
8:45-10:00 p.m. Adults Only (Lap Lane)

Fee:
$5.00 for everyone over 3 years of age. Seniors are free with school district Senior Citizen Gold Card (available at Churchill Community Education Center). Discount Cards are available at Open Swim for $40 (10 visits).

Pools are closed during school breaks and whenever school is not in session due to inclement weather or other emergency.

Vacation Periods When Pools are Closed:
Thanksgiving: November 24, 2016
Winter Holiday: December 23, 2016 - January 3, 2017
Martin Luther King Jr’s Birthday: January 16, 2017
Winter Break: February 20-21, 2017

Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday Celebration

Monday, January 16, 2017
MLK Service Day 2017

Royal Oak Schools – Berkley Schools
Royal Oak & Berkley Pastor’s Association

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

Together the Royal Oak and Berkley communities will celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday with a community breakfast and day of service.

For additional information, visit www.royaloakschools.org
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