

Origins News for the Week of December  
15th



**ORIGINS** HIGH SCHOOL EST. MMXIII  
**WHERE CHARACTER, CREATIVITY,  
+CURIOSITY MEET**

Dear Origins Families,

Last week's Roundtables gave us a lot to celebrate on Friday, as you can see by the number of students' names below. Roundtables were celebratory, deeply intellectual, and exhausting for students and teachers. Thank you to all the parents and guests who joined us for this celebration and defense of student learning. With the end of Roundtables came the end of the 1st marking period. We will be mailing report cards home at the end of the week, and they should reach you by Monday. Please let us know if you have any questions about the grades your student earned and the progress they have made towards the standards of each course. With the beginning of the 2nd Trimester also comes Winter Break. Please remember that the last day of classes before the break is next Tuesday, December 23, and we don't resume till January 5. Have a wonderful week, and please join us for the PA meeting this Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Regards,  
Mr. Banks

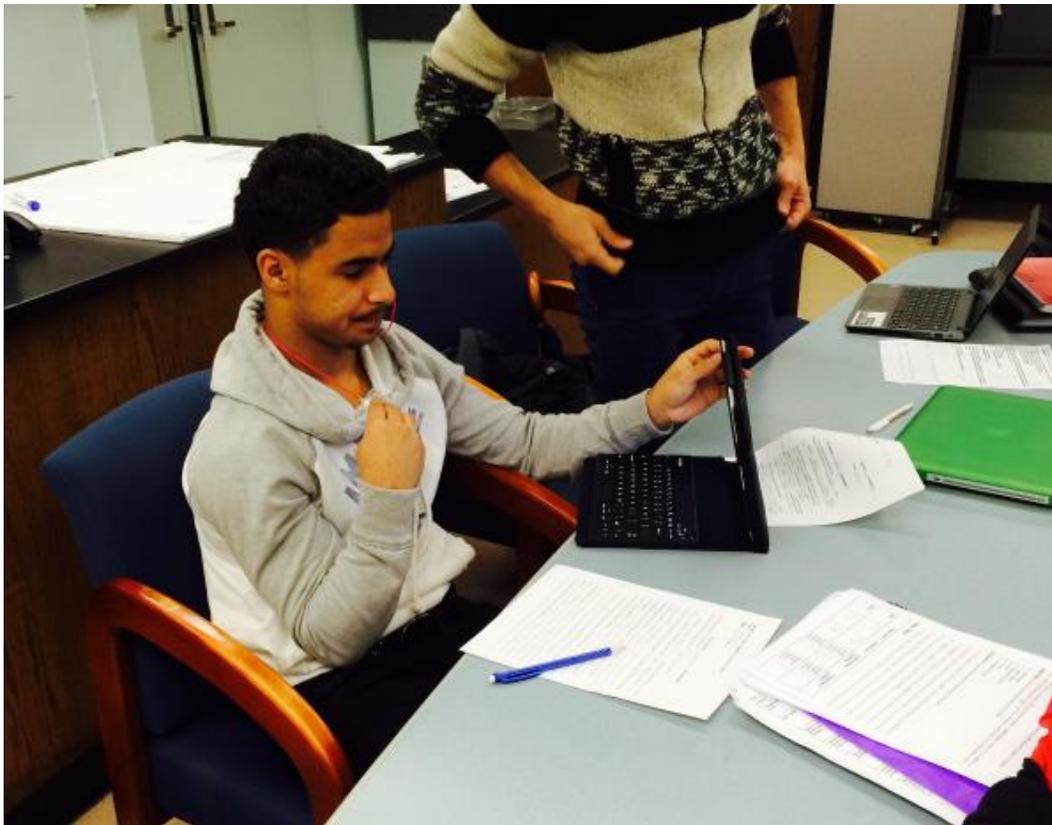
**Classroom Feature: Mr. Balan**



10th graders are working on their writing assignment. A small group instruction helps them to get prepared for NYSESLAT exam.



Students are getting ready for Roundtables. They're working on their presentations, writing cover letters, and essays.



Abdulkarim is working hard on his cover letters, getting ready for Roundtables.



## Celebrations!!!

At OHS we have a little tradition called Celebrations! It is a way to celebrate our scholars and staff for upholding our school mission.

and values. It happens each Friday during Morning Meeting.

Students and staff can receive a bracelet for the following categories:  
Creativity, Curiosity, Reflection, Empathy and Determination

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**Over the last week we've recognized the following students and staff:**

**Soufiane Jouali - Determination**  
**Cindy Persaud - Empathy**  
**Nika Medilishi - Determination**  
**Sincere Mewborn - Reflection**  
**Nicole Folk - Reflection**  
**Jada Francis Fisher - Reflection**  
**Ashley Hall - Reflection**  
**Anacelis Maldonado - Reflection**  
**Mr. Rizzo - Empathy**  
**Mr. Ramirez - Empathy**  
**Mr. Banks - Creativity**

Please check in each week to see who we celebrate next!



**New After-school Cell Phone Policy:** In order to make it easier for students to attend after-school activities, we are beginning a new cell phone policy. Students who are attending after-school activities (listed below) may check their phone with the school in the morning. They may only check their phones on days they plan on attending an after-school activity. Phones for after-school activities will be held until the end of after-school and distributed to students by the teacher running the activity. If a student has said they are attending the activity, they must attend the activity in order to receive their

phone. We hope that this new policy makes it easier for students to attend the variety of homework help sessions and clubs.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Help - English as a Second Language: Ms. Mignault (Rm. 272)	Homework Help ELA: Mr. Farrell (Rm. 221)	Homework Help Science: Ms. Sutjiawan & Ms. Steele (Rm. 227)	Homework Help Math: Mr. Diamantis & Mr. Min (Rm. 229)	
Step & Dance: Ms. Marrero (Dance Gym)	Art: Mr. Rizzo (Rm. 273)	Green Team & Garden Club: Ms. Branagan & Ms. Cavallo (Rm. 271)	Mock Trial: Mr. Janosch (Court Room)	
Strategic Gaming: Mr. Diamantis & Ms. Sutjiawan (Rm. 227)		Student Government: Ms. Castillo & Mr. Elliott (Rm. 280)	Poetry & Music: Mr. Banks (Rm. 273)	

## This month at Origins

**December 19th**

**1st Trimester Report Cards**

PA Meeting @ 5:30

**December 19th**

9th Grade Bowling trip to Shell Lanes

**December 22nd**

Ugly Sweater Day!

**December 24th - January 4th**

**Schools closed for Holiday Break**

**January 7th**

SLT Meeting @ 5:30

