

Origins News for the Week of December
22nd



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

Dear Origins Families,

Last week was a fantastic week. We had multiple field trips and our last full week of school before 2015. 9th grade students and advisors had a wonderful time on their community building advisory trip on Friday. 10th grade honors students attended a tour and luncheon at St. Francis College on Monday, while 9th and 10th grade honors students were treated to a showing of the Fantasticks, Broadway's longest running show, on Wednesday. The end of 2014 has flown by, filled with Roundtables and the end of the first marking period. Report cards were distributed on Friday to students and should be making their way home to you. Please let us know if you have any questions about your student's grades or progress. As 2014 draws to a close, we hope everyone has a wonderful winter break and a Happy New Year!! We look forward to a strong start to 2015 on January 5th.

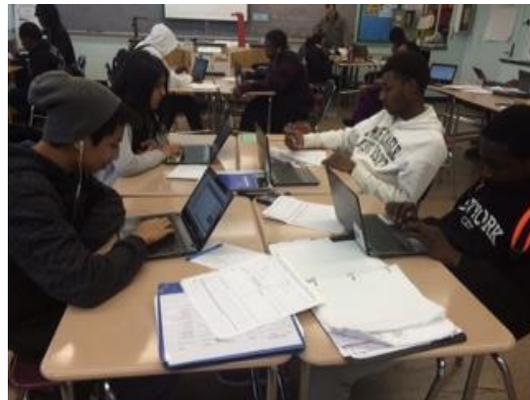
Regards,
Mr. Banks

The Fantasticks

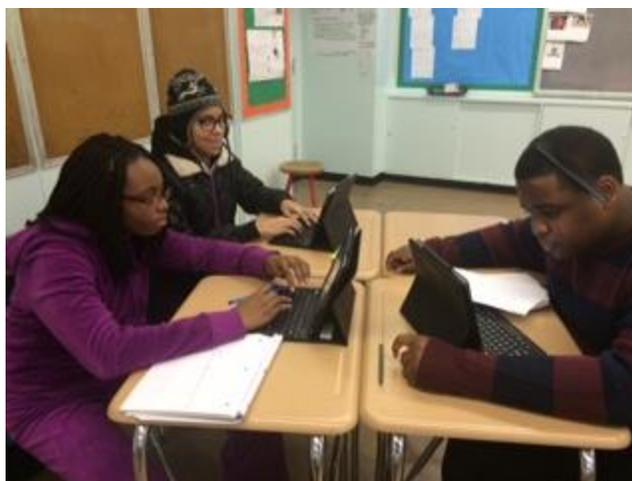


This past week a group of our students went to see The Fantasticks on Broadway. Here we see Kim Kha, Mastura Mukhamedova, Salma Bravo, Whitney Pierre-Paul, Analisa Peña, and Elizabeth Green in Times Square before the show.

Classroom Feature: Ms. Steele



In Algebra, 9th graders are working on solving a puzzle called "Number Puzzles". The puzzle consists of four circles which students are given two numbers and they have to find the other two missing numbers. Students are not allowed to use calculators to complete the puzzles which helps students work on their math skills. In class we allow students time to work on different math skills on the website Khan Academy.



In Physics, 9th graders are starting a new topic on Space Exploration. They are researching important events/information they find important and then creating a timeline that shows key events in the history of Space Exploration.



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:

Timothy Perry - Empathy, Reflection
 Thomas Perry - Empathy
Abdulaziz Alnahmi - Empathy
Akmal Madmarov - Empathy
 Rosemary Colon - Empathy

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 o	Mock Trial: Mr. Janosch (Court Room)	

		Ms. Cavallo (Rm. 271)		
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 22nd

Ugly Sweater Day!

December 24th - January 4th

Schools closed for Holiday Break

January 7th

SLT Meeting @ 5:30

January 15th

PA Meeting @ 6:00

