

Origins News for the Week of February
9th

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

Dear Origins Families,

With another winter recess on the horizon, we are at the mid-point of our second trimester of the year. To help you best support your OHS student, we are mailing home current progress reports at the end of this week. We advise you to sit down with your student and their progress report and have a conversation about where they are and what they need to do to meet their academic goals by the end of the 2nd marking period in March. Please let your student's advisor know if you have any questions concerning the progress report or other items that are mailed home. We return from the mid-winter recess on February 23 and look forward to the advent of spring. Have a wonderful week!

Regards,
Mr. Banks

Twins Day!

On February 4th, both students and staff showed their school spirit by dressing as twins... even triplets! Here at Origins we work hard but we also have a lot of fun. Here are just a few photos from TWINS DAY!



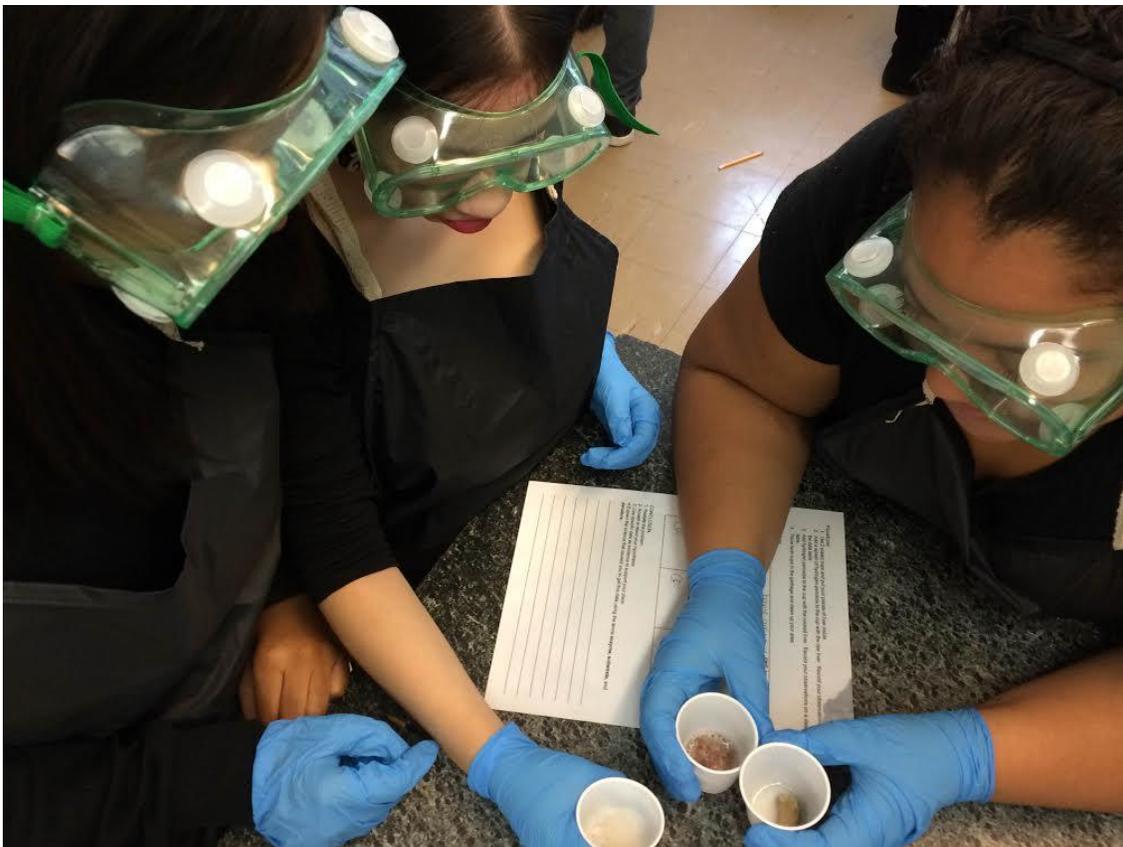




Classroom Feature: Ms. Cavallo



In Living Environment, 10th grades students have been learning about how organisms are able to get and use energy. First, we learned about how our bodies convert the food we eat into energy through the process of respiration. Then we learned how plants make their own food using energy from the sun through the process of photosynthesis. Lastly we learned how our bodies use special proteins called enzymes to help us do all sorts of different things, like break down waste or make the different substances we need to survive.



When we were learning about enzymes we did a lab where we asked the question, "What happens to the enzymes in your body when you have a really high fever?" In order to answer this question, we used raw beef liver to see the reaction

that happens when your liver breaks down the waste Hydrogen Peroxide. In the picture above Anacelis, Sheena, and Samantha (who look great in their safety gear!) observed that the enzyme in the raw liver made the Hydrogen Peroxide bubble. After we heated up the liver (like if you had a very high fever) the liver was not longer able to react. This showed us that when you have a high fever, it can stop your enzymes from working correctly and cause many problems in your body.



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

Ian Jacobs - Creativity
Farrukh Almatov - Curiosity
Denis Bektshi - Determination
Karen Nieves - Reflection

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) Current project: Origins Mural	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

February 12th

SLT Meeting @ 5:30

February 16th - 20th

February Break!!!

February 26th

PA Meeting @ 5:30

March 5th

SLT Meeting @ 5:30
