

Origins News for the Week of January
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ORIGINS HIGH SCHOOL EST. MMXIII
**WHERE CHARACTER, CREATIVITY,
+CURIOSITY MEET**

Dear Origins Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2015. We hope you all enjoyed the winter break. We were excited to get back to work last week and into the routine of things. Last week also brought the Mayor and Chancellor's announcement concerning the lifting of the cell phone ban on March 2nd. We know many of you have questions or suggestions concerning this and actively encourage you to join us for our PA meeting this Thursday, January 15th at 6 pm to discuss the new policy. Once we have feedback from all stakeholders and have met with the campus council to establish a new policy, we will send out details to families and students, so that we are ready with our new procedures by March 2. Please stay tuned for more details. You may also have received a call last week from our new automated call system that will notify you of a student's absence or lateness. We will also use this system to notify you of upcoming events. Please call the main office if you have any questions regarding the messages sent. We hope this new system will provide you with increased and efficient communication from the school. We wish all of you a happy start to the new year!

Regards,
Mr. Banks

9th Grade Shell Lanes Trip

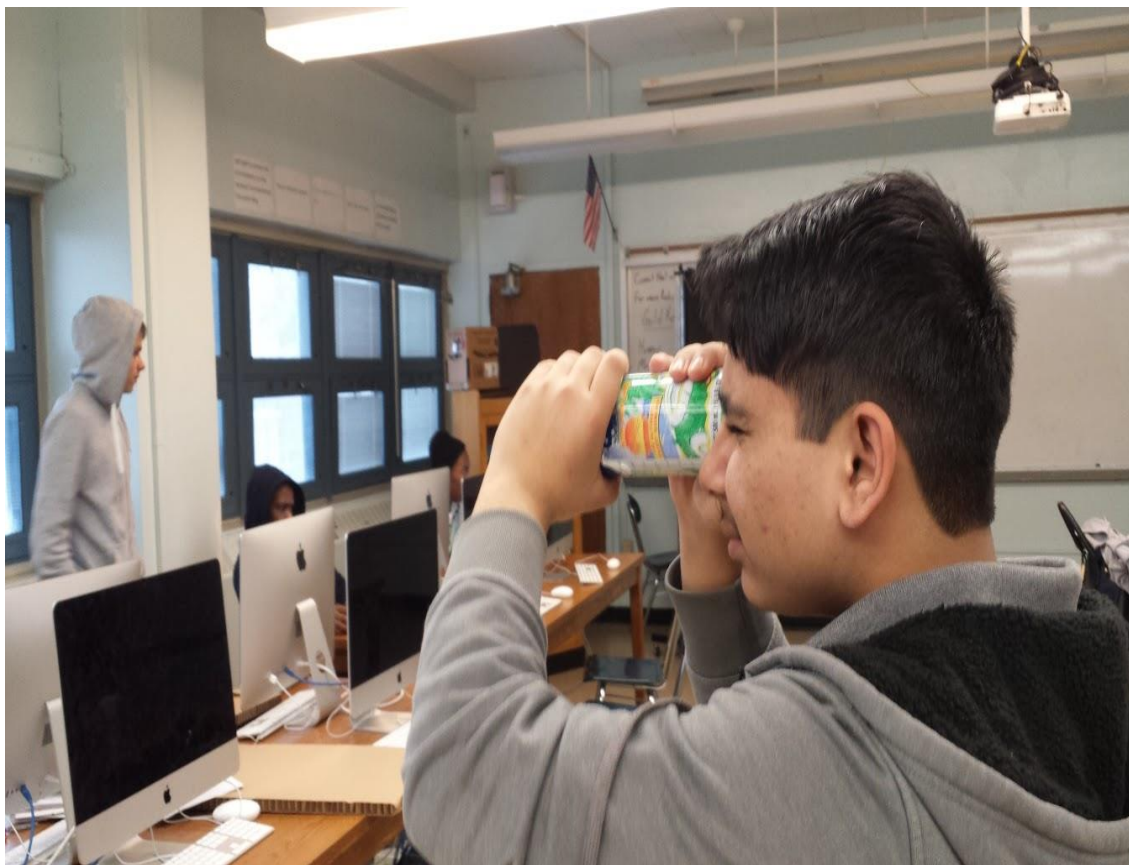
Just before break the 9th grade went to Shell Lanes to enjoy a day of bowling, bonding and games. Everyone had a great day, some bowling for their first time! Competition was intense, but in the end everyone showed good sportsmanship and enjoyed the day. Here are just a few snapshots from the trip.





Classroom Feature: Mr. Rizzo

This week in Mr. Rizzo's Photography class students are working with one of the simplest principles in optics, the pinhole lens. Using a pinhole lens and a hollow light-proofed object, our photographers are able to project a real-time image onto a screen inside the camera. Here we can see Yan Wei Yang and Tian Ou testing their camera. Below we see Tehman Pervez finding Nazar Andrusiv using their aluminum can construction.





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:

Guyvaldo Rejouis - Empathy

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

January Regents Prep

Select 10th grade students will retake the Algebra Regents during January Regents week. To support these students, we are offering Regents prep sessions on Thursday afternoons at 3:45 with Mr. Diamantis, along with Saturday morning sessions from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for the next two weeks. Families of students

who are eligible for the January Regents and the prep sessions have been contacted. Prep sessions for June Regents will begin in the spring and more details will be sent home to eligible students in February.



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

January 15th

PA Meeting @ 6:00

January 19th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

January 26th - 30th

Regents Week

February 2nd

Chancellor's Day - No School for students

February 5th

SLT Meeting @ 5:30

