



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

Dear Origins Families,

This is a double issue of the newsletter, as we will not be issuing one next week, due to Regents exams. As a reminder, there is no school next week for students, unless they have been scheduled to take a Regents exam. All families whose students are scheduled for Regents have been contacted, and if you have not received a phone call, your child is not scheduled for an exam. We will resume normal classes on Tuesday, February 3. This is an excellent opportunity for students not taking exams to catch up on any missing work, finish outstanding projects, and set themselves up for success when we return. Please check Jupitergrades, speak with your student, and make sure they are caught up with work by the time we return. This past week also brought Career Day, where over 20 different professionals from a variety of fields including law, computer programming, media, photography, and nursing spoke with students about their career path. In our next issue of the newsletter we will feature pictures and more details about this exciting day, which we hope to make a yearly event. Finally, you will be receiving details about spring overnight trips from your students this week. We are excited about the community building trip to Ramapo for 9th grade students and the college visit to Washington DC for 10th grade students. Please read over the material carefully, let us know if you have any questions concerning the trip, and come to our February PA meeting to discuss details. Have a wonderful weekend and wonderful final week of January.

Regards,
Mr. Banks

January Regents Prep

Select 10th grade students will retake the Algebra Regents during January Regents week. To support these students, we are offering a final session of Regents prep this Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. 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.

Classroom Feature: Partnership with Children

The Partnership with Children office has been buzzing with activity! Our groups have been doing some exciting things. The Young Men's and Young Women's Groups have been engaging in some fun but challenging cooperative and team-building activities to help members build their communication and collaboration skills. The groups have also been a safe space for discussing some important and very relevant topics such as racism, sexism and homophobia. The Peer Mediators have continued their training to help them become the leaders in conflict resolution at Origins High School. The Gay-Straight Alliance has also been doing some exciting things like discussing ways to combat homophobia in our communities and how to celebrate our diversity.





Diana and Anacelis show off their bracelets.

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 two weeks we've recognized the following students and staff:

Anacelis Maldonado - Reflection
Roann Waterman - Reflection
Malic Fata - Determination
Diana Dubitskaya - Empathy
Alex Edmonson - Reflection
Elizabeth Green - Determination
Luis Montero - Reflection
Amari Pendleton - Reflection
Mrs. Castillo - Creativity
Mrs. Kammerman - Creativity
Mr. Rizzo - 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) 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

January 26th - 30th

Regents Week

February 2nd

Chancellor's Day - No School for students

February 4th

Twins Day!!!

February 5th

SLT Meeting @ 5:30

