



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

Dear Origins Families,

Spring break is almost upon us and things are going strong at Origins. The third trimester is in full swing with new English and Art elective courses, a new music program, and our Karate for Leadership program in full swing. This week our 9th graders are going on an overnight trip to Ramapo in Rhinebeck, NY. A wonderful outdoor community building experience for all students, make sure your student is joining us on Wednesday's overnight by turning in any outstanding permission slips. Supply lists will be sent home with students again tomorrow and are available on our website. 10th graders will also begin preparing for Regents examinations in earnest with a practice Global Regents on Wednesday and other diagnostic assessments in Living Environment and Algebra. When we return from the spring break, we will begin Saturday Regents prep sessions and continue after-school prep sessions. Make sure your 10th grade student is taking advantage of these extra study opportunities. We hope you have a wonderful week and a wonderful start to April.

Regards,
Mr. Banks

*Note: School and the newsletter will resume on April 13.

Classroom Feature: Ms. Branagan

10th Grade Studio Art

Incredible Sculptures made with Everyday Materials

Here are just a few of the sculptures from this past trimester. Students were inspired by a natural object of their choice. One of the design challenges of this project was that they were limited to using only one material.



Artist: Jennifer R. & Beatrice T.
Title: *Call It Spring*
Inspiration: Ostrich Egg
Material Used: Plastic Eggs



Artist: Divine R. & Tanjiba P.
Title: *The Prickster*
Inspiration: Horned Lizard
Material Used: Paper



Artist: Nicole K.
Title: *Naked Ugg*
Inspiration: Swan Feather
Material Used: Cotton Balls

Students that have selected sculpture for third trimester have just begun a unit in clay. They will be exploring various ways to manipulate this material and continue to design and create sculptures. Mr. Rizzo and I look forward to showcasing these and many more art projects during the Spring Art Show. More information to follow shortly!



Dear OHS Family and Friends,

On Tuesday, March 31st, we will be hosting the school's first annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament! In addition to providing our community with yet another opportunity to come together and develop deeper relationships, the tournament is being held in an effort to raise funds for overnight school trips taking place this Spring to Ramapo (in upstate NY) and Washington, D.C. All proceeds from the tournament will go directly to helping subsidize the cost of these trips for students in need of financial assistance.

If you are interested in helping sponsor a team, any donation amount is appreciated. The registration fee for each team is \$20, but teams are encouraged to raise funds beyond the \$20. The team with the highest amount raise gains an advantage in the tournament!

If you have any questions, or want to confirm that your donation was received, please feel free to email Mr. Diamantis (pdiamantis@originshighschool.org) or Mr. Farrell (dfarrell@originshighschool.org).

Sincerely,

Pete Diamantis
Dan Farrell



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

Yan Wei Yang - Empathy
Rauwban Willis - Determination
Salma Bravo - Reflection
Jada Rowe - Determination
Mr. Martin - Empathy

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

Overnight School Trips

We're excited to offer two wonderful community-building trips for our students in the spring. You should have received information concerning the trips already. A brief synopsis follows for each trip and full details are posted on the website:

9th Grade: Ramapo for Children - Students will go for 2 days and 1 night to Rhinebeck-Upstate New York. Students will participate in various workshops and team building exercises to build relationships with their fellow classmates, gain confidence, and sharpen their problem solving skills.

Date: April 1st and 2nd

Travel Cost/Expenses: The trip to Ramapo will cost \$160.00 per person. **There is a reduced fee of \$140.00 is the payment is received in full by February 27th.**

10th Grade: Students will go for 2 days and 1 night to Washington D.C. and its surrounding areas. Students will participate in college tours and team building exercises to build relationships with their fellow peers. Students will also visit national monuments and view the White House.

Date: April 30- May 1

Travel Cost/Expenses: The trip to Washington D.C. will cost \$230.00 per person. **There is a reduced fee of \$210.00 is the payment is received in full by March 13th.**

10th Grade Regents Preparation Sessions

Below you will find the available after-school sessions beginning on March 2. After-school sessions run from 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm. Beginning on April 18, Saturday sessions will run from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please look at the available prep sessions and let us know if you have any questions concerning the schedule or preparation for the Regents exams. Note: 9th grade students taking the Algebra Regents will have separate after-school and Saturday prep sessions starting the week of April 13.

Regents After-school Prep Sessions

Beginning March 2

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Global Studies Ms. Vanathayan & Mr. Mayorga Rm. 277	Algebra I Dr. Djemil & Ms. Steele Rm. 278		Living Environment Ms. Cavallo & Ms. Mignault Rm. 276
	Earth Science Ms. Cavallo Rm. 276		

This month at Origins

March 31st

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

April 1st - 2nd

Ramapo 9th Grade Trip

April 2nd

SLT Meeting @ 5:30 pm

April 3rd - 12th

Spring Break

April 16th

PA Meeting @ 6:00 pm

New Cell Phone Policy for Frank J. Macchiarola Educational Complex

Effective March 2, students are permitted to bring the following electronic items to school: 1) cell phones; 2) laptops, tablets, iPads and other similar computing devices (“computing devices”); and 3) portable music and entertainment systems, such as iPods, MP3 players, PSP, and Nintendo DS.

A. The use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems at school is subject to the restrictions below:

1. Cell phones and portable music and entertainment systems must be collected by the school when students enter the school building and stored in

a designated location until the end of the school day, according to the following procedures:

- a. All students entering into Origins High School during normal school hours must check any and all cell phones and portable music and entertainment systems with an Origins High School staff member upon entry to the building.
- b. Devices will be held in a safe, locked space throughout the school day.
- c. Devices will be labeled, separated by grade, and held in alphabetical order in groups by last name (A-B, C-D, E-F, etc.).
- d. Students are responsible for coming to school with devices already labeled with names. These labels must be at least semi-permanent (for example, masking tape) so devices are not confused during redistribution.
- e. Students will not have access to devices during the school day.
- f. At dismissal, students will meet with a designated member of school staff for device distribution.
- g. Distribution will occur at different areas of the school, depending on grade.



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. S...		Student Government: Ms. Castillo & Ms. Elliott	Poetry & Music: Mr. Banks (Rm. 272)	

(Rm. 227)

(Rm. 280)

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