



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

Dear Origins Families,

It was so wonderful to see so many families at our parent conferences last week. Our students spoke to their strengths and their areas of improvement. Setting goals and creating actionable plans for meeting those goals is an important part of the work we do with students here at Origins. With the end of the first marking period rapidly approaching in December and student presentations right around the corner, it is important that students focus on their goals and making sure they have the tools to meet them. We actively encourage students to take advantage of our after-school homework help each day, whether it's for extra help or just a quiet place to complete work. In order to make it easier for students to attend homework help, we are instituting a new cell phone policy, which is discussed below in the section on after-school activities. Please let us know if you have any questions, and have a wonderful week.

Regards,
Mr. Banks

Origins High School Peer Mediators



On Saturday, November 1st, our Origins High School Peer Mediators gathered together to complete a training session to help them learn how to be leaders in conflict resolution in our school community. Peer Mediation is a leadership group at Origins High School that teaches students to help fellow peers resolve issues that they have with each other. On this rainy Saturday morning, the group gathered and learned about all different aspects of conflict and conflict resolution. They learned about what usually causes conflict and what the cycle of conflict tends to be and the group discussed what causes or prevents violence from entering into conflicts. The Peer Mediators also learned the 6 steps they need to know in order to lead a peer mediation. Some of the training sessions were facilitated by 10th grade students who were Peer Mediators last year. The group members performed role plays to explore how conflicts happen and how peer mediation can help. The group also completed a few team-building games to see how well they can collaborate with each other. During one game, the group pretended that they had to cross a field of lava by only stepping on a few pieces of paper. They had to use a lot of teamwork and every group member safely crossed the lava! The group members brought a lot of energy and curiosity to the training and overall, it was a great day.



Classroom Feature: Ms. Mignault



At the culmination of our first unit in Spanish class, the students presented a research project which they have worked on throughout the unit. They were asked to research a country and find out a wide range of information about the country including food, clothes, tourism, schools, etc. They were allowed to let their creative juices flow and present their information in the form of their choice.

Here you see Rauwban Willis presenting his power-point, and Anthony St. Jules and Aman Afzal holding up each other's posters.



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:

Celebrations for November 7th

Fiza Mahmood - Determination
Destiny Weeks - Determination
Chante Lewin - Determination
Rose Casimir - Determination
Ms. Vanathayan - Empathy
Mr. Janosch - Creativity

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 & 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

November 11th

No School in observance of Veterans Day

November 20th

5:30 PA Meeting

November 27th & 28th

Thanksgiving Break

December 3rd

5:30 OHS SLT Meeting

December 8 - 10

OHS Roundtables