

Origins News for the Week of November  
17th



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

Dear Origins Families,

With the Thanksgiving break a week away and the end of the first Trimester marking period right around the corner in December, I want to actively encourage you to come out to our Parent Association meeting this Thursday night at 5:30. Our PA executive board has arranged for a special guest from Medtroop to join us to discuss CPR training, and we also have much to discuss about the variety of ways parents can help grow Origins and the programs, activities, and options available to our students. Continuing to build and develop our parent involvement is one of our goals this year, and I would love for you to join us and help make Origins the best school it can be for your children.

Regards,  
Mr. Banks

**Save The Date!!!**  
**OHS ROUNDTABLES**  
**Come And Join Us**



**When:** December 8-10, 2014

**Where:** Origins High School

**Who:** Your Student!

**What Are Roundtables?**

Roundtables are twice yearly student presentations of work to panels of teachers, peers, and community members. Students must defend that work against probing questions to demonstrate their mastery of the content and skills learned in that portion of the course. Family Members are invited and encouraged to attend.



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**Classroom Feature: Mr. Mayorga**



Students in Ms. Fried and Mr. Mayorga's civics class are delving into the intricacies of public policy and its relation to community issues and subsequent solutions. This entails a fair amount of independent research. These students are identifying problems in their communities and determining the effectiveness of community-based and government led responses to them.

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**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 14th**

**Jazzy Best - Empathy**  
**Brianna Milus - Determination**  
**Annalisa Peña - Creativity**  
**Ashley Hall - Reflection**  
**Mr. Farrell - Determination**  
**Ms. Branagan - Determination**  
**Ms. Sutjiawan - Empathy**  
**Mr. Diamantis - Determination**

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

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**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)	

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# 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

**Trimester Ends December 10th**

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