

Origins News for the Weeks of October  
20th and October 27th

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

Dear Origins Families,

We apologize for the delay in last week's issue of the newsletter, so this week we have a special double issue. As you'll see below, we've had a lot going on over the last couple of weeks, from field trips to our yearly potluck. We also have parent conferences coming up next week in the evening of Wednesday, November 5th and the afternoon of Friday, November 7th. Conferences at Origins are student led and occur over 15 minute intervals with your student's advisor. This provides time for you to fully go over your student's strengths and areas for improvement. This means that you will need to sign up for a specific time slot with your student's advisor. Students will be bringing home sign up sheets for conferences today and tomorrow. Please fill these out with your preferences for a meeting time, and advisors will respond with your scheduled time. Please reach out to your advisor if you have any questions.

Regards,  
Mr. Banks

## 9th Grade Trip to the American Museum of Natural History





This week the 9th grade class visited the American Museum of Natural History to explore the museum and see the new space show, Dark Universe. The show is narrated by Neil deGrasse Tyson and explains what the universe is made up of and what our place in it might be. With many classes working on autobiographical projects this is a key component to understanding who we are. Our students enjoyed this stunning, digitally animated show and lunched in Central Park before heading home.

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## PA Potluck

This past week the Parent Association got us all together for it's annual PA Potluck. Great food and a great turnout. Join us for our next event!

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## Classroom Feature: Mr. Farrell



This week in Mr. Farrell's ELA classroom, students are beginning their Literature Circles. Students ranked books based on interest and were matched to like-minded classmates. Over the next few weeks, each Literature Circle will set their own deadlines, hold and moderate their own discussions, and work on our PQCS strategies (Predicting, Questioning, Clarifying, and Summarizing) to have an enriching, high school literary experience. To bookend their exploration, students also developed an action plan for their self-identified reading goals and will complete their Circle with a Gibbs' Reflective Cycle paper as part of their focus on OHS's core value of Reflection.

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# Classroom Feature: Ms. Vanathayan

This week in Global Studies, students are studying the shifts in power that occurred during The French Revolution. Students are working in groups to create informational posters on various figures and events during The French Revolution such as Robespierre and The Reign Of Terror. At this point in history, students are discovering how ordinary people can overthrow a corrupt government and create a world where they have basic rights. They are setting the stage for an upcoming project examining revolutions and power struggles throughout the world. Why do revolutions happen? Is there another way to solve societies problems? They will be asking and answering questions about conditions that warrant revolutions: Do we need a revolution now?

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Pictured: Ms. Hall, Evelyn Gutman, Sebastian Silva Baranchuck, Yan Wei Yang, Nicole Kelly, and Sasha Alarcon.

## **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 October 17th**  
**Ms. Hall - Empathy**  
**Sebastian Silva Baranchuck - Determination**  
**Evelyn Gutman - Empathy**  
**Sasha Alarcon - Empathy**  
**Yan Wei Yang - Empathy**

**Nicole Kelly - Creativity**  
**Josh Corbett - Empathy**

**Celebrations for October 24th**  
**Rebecca Ghianchan - Reflection**  
**Alana Batson - Determination**  
**Yasar Ahsan - Empathy**  
**Jenaya Edwards - Reflection**  
**Jalil Cuthrell - Empathy**  
**Whitney Pierre Paul - Reflection**  
**Ms. Vanathayan - Determination**  
**Mr. Rizzo - Creativity**

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



Pictured: (front to back) Ms. Vanathayan, Jalil Cuthrell, Alana Batson, Mr. Rizzo, Jenaya Edwards, Whitney Pierre Paul, and Yasar Ahsan.





On Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we began our after-school clubs and homework help sessions. So far there has been a great turn out, but space is still available. **Please let us know if there is a club you would love to see offered at Origins this year.**

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

**October 29th**

HS Application School Tour

**November 4th**

Election Day - No students in attendance

**November 5th**

Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

**November 7th**

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**November 11th**

No School in observance of Veterans Day

**November 20th**

5:30 PA Meeting

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