

Origins News for the Week of December
8th



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

Dear Origins Families,

Last week was a busy week with the end of the marking period and preparation for Roundtables. As you can see from the list of celebrations below, students really pushed themselves to get ready for these important presentations of their work and end the first trimester on a strong note. In preparation for Roundtables, we sent home a letter with the week's schedule and hope you received it last week. As a reminder, 10th grade students will have a half day on Monday, December 8th, leaving at 11:52, while 9th grade students will have half days on Tuesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 10th. After-school activities for Monday through Wednesday have been suspended for Roundtables this week, and a regular schedule will resume on Thursday. Please let us know if you have any questions about the modified Roundtables schedule. Next week, report cards will be sent home and the 2nd trimester will begin in earnest. We look forward to seeing you at school for Roundtables this week to see the great work your students have been doing!!

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.

Our Roundtable presentations are scheduled so as to allow 9th grade students time to acclimate themselves to the demands of presenting their work to an audience. 9th grade students will present two Roundtables in December (Math and Physics), with three Roundtables in March (English,

History, and Art), and all subjects presented in June. 10th grade students will present at Roundtables over two days in four of the subject areas in December and all of their subject areas in March. Please click on the following link to register for Roundtables. Please make sure to include your student's name, so we can schedule you to be with them during their presentation.

[Roundtables Registration Link](#)

Classroom Feature: Ms. Sutjiawan



In Physics, students are preparing for their Roundtables presentations. They are reflecting on the work and thinking they have done over the trimester, and putting together a presentation that represents their learning so far.

This reflection focuses on the skills and bigger picture of our units of study...

Thinking about how far knowledge has come, how exciting the future of science will be, and realizing how little we appreciate this in our day-to-day lives.

Help your student prepare for their presentations by asking them what they are learning and what they are thinking!





Back: Brittney Haynes, Jahware Roberts
Middle: Sugdiyona Togaeva, Viktoriya Chorna
Front: Ms. Steele, Javier Ellington

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 week we've recognized the following students
and staff:**

Sasha Alarcon - Empathy

Brittney Haynes - Empathy

Javier Ellington - Empathy

Nyashja Wilson - Reflection

Kim Kha - Creativity

Azim Sharipov - Reflection

Viktoriya Chorna - Determination

Sugdiyona Togaeva - Determination

Jahware Roberts - Determination

Ms. Steele - Determination

Ms. Branagan - Determination

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)	
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This month at Origins

December 3rd

5:30 OHS SLT Meeting

December 8 - 10

OHS Roundtables

December 10th

Trimester Ends

December 18th

PA Meeting

December 24th - January 4th

Schools closed for Holiday Break

