

**Mission Statement**

The John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science is a diverse, supportive community of learners that engages in a rigorous and comprehensive Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program integrated with Humanities. Our college-preparatory exam school enables our students to reach their full potential and become leaders who will shape the direction of society.

**Core Values: O'B PRIDE!**

- Perseverance
- Respect
- Integrity
- Discipline
- Excellence



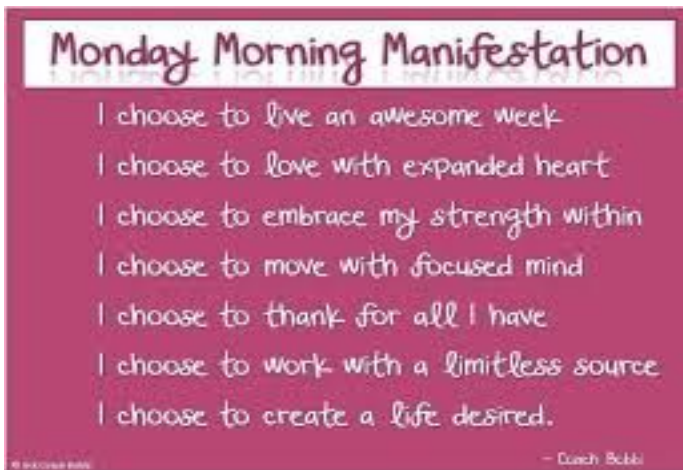
Science Technology Engineering Mathematics

**Headmaster/Administration**

**Message of the Week**

Now that we are entering our second full week of school, the admin team will begin to conduct Informative Learning Walks (ILWs). ILWs consist of co-observing classes to examine the implementation of our school-wide Instructional Focus. Observations will inform upcoming CPT meetings and PD sessions.

The admin team would like to acknowledge the hard work and effort of our faculty and staff members over the past two weeks. We had a great opening that would not have been possible without dedicated educators such as yourselves.



**Term 1 Dates**

9.07.17 - 11.09.17

Report Cards distributed 11.17.17



## Teaching and Learning

Our Instructional Focus for the 2017-18 school year is **Implementing evidence-based reading and problem solving strategies that enable students to successfully engage in cognitively demanding tasks.**

- We will follow an [Early Release Schedule](#) on Wednesday, Sept 20 and Wednesday, Sept 27. Students will be dismissed at 11:34 a.m. Faculty and staff will have Professional Development starting at noon on those dates.
- Author Ibi Zoboi, author of *American Street* will be visiting the O'Bryant on September 22nd during 5th period for a book talk with a 10th grade and 11th grade ELA class.
- The PSAT will take place for all 10th and 11th grade students on Wednesday, October 11th at the O'Bryant.
- The Mass Insight SY 17-18 AP Saturday Sessions will take place on the following dates:  
ELA: 9/30/17, 1/20/18, 3/3/18  
Math: 11/8/17, 2/3/18, 4/7/18  
Science: 10/28/17, 1/27/18, 3/17/18
- Boston Public Schools invites all middle and high school students to begin preparing to take the next step toward their future, by attending the 2017 BPS City-Wide College & Career Fair. The fair will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, 1350 Tremont Street, Roxbury, MA 02120. Participating colleges and universities throughout the country will be available to share information about their school's programs. There will also be a number of local



## Family and Community Engagement

- Coffee hour is presented by our wonderful parents every Friday from 7-8 a.m. in September. Please join the Administration and the Guidance Department in the Fishbowl for coffee.
- O'B Community Potluck is Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 5-7:30 p.m. in the ground floor cafeteria. Please RSVP by emailing [obryantparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:obryantparentcouncil@gmail.com).
- Pie R Squared - the free mathematics tutoring program at Dudley Dough - has begun tutoring students again! The hours are 3pm - 7pm, Monday through Thursday. Students will also be given free food!
- BAM - Becoming a Man - will be holding an informational session for grade 9 students that would like to join the program. Date and time to be announced! Please see Mr. Pires or Mr. Lowry for more information.
- Save the Date for the 2017 [Boston Book Festival!](#) It will take place October 28th, Copley Square. [Here is the list of presenters for the event.](#)
- Please see below for your guidance counselor assignment for the 2017-2018 school year.
  - 7th & 8th grade Students: Ms. Monestime, room 3-236
  - 9th grade Students: Ms. Azar, room 3-335
  - 10th - 12th grade Students
    - Last Names A - K: Mr. Rodriguez, room 3-238
    - Last Names L - U: Ms. Arbit, room 3-237
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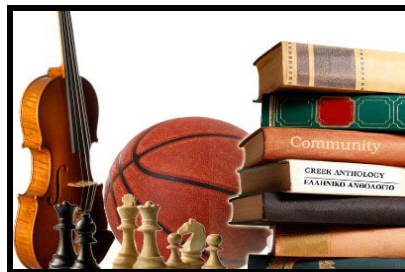
career agencies and college access organizations on site. For more information about the fair, please check in with your guidance counselor or college adviser.

- Are you looking for some help with your DACA renewal? Have questions for a legal expert? Check out the free local DACA clinics happening soon:

- Monday, September 18 from 2:30-7:30 pm at Greater Boston Legal Services, which is at 197 Friend St. 02114
- Wednesday, September 20 from 6:30-8:30 pm in room 106 of the Brazilian Women's Group, which is at 267 Cambridge St. Brighton 02135 / for more information, call: (617) 202-5775
- Thursday, September 21 from 7:00-9:00 pm at MAPS Cambridge, which is at 1046 Cambridge St. Cambridge, MA 02139 / for appointments, call: (617) 864-7600
- Monday, September 25 from 2:30-7:00 pm at Greater Boston Legal Services, which is at 197 Friend St. 02114
- Monday, October 2 from 2:30-7:00 pm at Greater Boston Legal Services, which is at 197 Friend St. 02114

For more general information on DACA, see [DACA](#)  
For a longer list of clinics in the greater Boston area, see [DACA Renewal Clinics](#)

Science/Engineering Pathway Students: Ms. Fontanez-Pilon, room 3-232



## Extra-Curricular Activities

- Learn more about O'Bryant Extra-Curricular Activities at the **5th Annual Team, Club and Organization Information / Sign-Up Fair** on Friday, September 22nd at 2:15 pm in the Basement Cafeteria.
- Row Boston
  - Tryouts for Row Boston will be held all next week, September 18th through September 22nd. They will meet in front of the school at dismissal. No experience needed! For more information, see Ms. Saltzberg in the Tiger Zone or email [rowboston@communityrowing.org](mailto:rowboston@communityrowing.org).
- Rubix Club
  - Join the Writer's Room Rubix Club, the only student run literary magazine. Share your writing, meet new people, make new friends, and get involved in your school. Stop by and see what they are all about in the Writer's Room on Monday, September 18th at 2PM. There will be free pizza!

# FALL SPORTS



## O'Bryant Athletics



### Recent Highlights:

#### Boys Soccer (September 8th): O'Bryant 3 - Saugus 2

Trailing 2-1 with only four minutes remaining, freshman Ethan Somers supplied the equalizer for the Tigers. Soon after, senior captain Owen Locke found the back of the net with mere seconds remaining to lift the team to their first victory of the season.

#### Football (September 8th): O'Bryant 28 - English 0

The Tigers roared to an opening season victory on the road at English High led by two touchdowns by Senior Amarj Alexandre and a stifling defensive effort by the whole team,

### This Week in O'Bryant Athletics:

Sport	Day	Date	Time	Visiting Team	Home Team	Location
JV Football	Mon	09/18	3:30 pm	Tech Boston	O'Bryant JV	O'Bryant
Boys Soccer	Mon	09/18	3:30 pm	O'Bryant	Charlestown	Charlestown
Girls Soccer	Mon.	09/18	3:30 pm	Latin Academy	O'Bryant	O'Bryant
Girls Soccer	Wed.	09/20	3:30 pm	New Mission	O'Bryant	O'Bryant
Boys Soccer	Wed.	09/20	3:30 pm	O'Bryant	NewMission	White Stadium
Girls Volleyball	Wed.	09/20	3:30 pm	O'Bryant	English	English
Girls Volleyball	Fri.	09/22	V - 3:00 pm JV - 4:00 pm	West Roxbury	O'Bryant	O'Bryant
Varsity Football	Fri.	09/22	5:00 pm	West Roxbury	O'Bryant	West Roxbury

Boys Soccer	Sat.	09/23	2:30 pm	O'Bryant	Martha's Vineyard	Martha's Vineyard
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### **Shout-outs**

- **THANK YOU to all faculty and staff for your hard work preparing for the opening of school!**
- **Mr. Gazzola and Ms. Bouix for making adjustments to your schedule so that grade level assemblies could take place in Roland Hayes Auditorium.**
- **NJROTC students, Commander Sturges, and Chief Barros for supporting Back-to-School Night.**
- **OB students who volunteered throughout the summer for projects in our school community! Your hard work is appreciated and you demonstrated tremendous OB PRIDE!**
- **Thank you Middle School faculty, parent chaperones, and Mr. Micley for taking our 7th and 8th graders to STEM Day at Fenway Park on September 14th. Hopefully, it inspired the next generation of engineers, doctors, and scientists.**



Pictures of the Week





**From top to bottom: 8th graders at Fenway Park for STEM Day; 7th grader Fallon Weiss answering a trivia question on international space station during Red Sox STEM Day; 10th graders Jonathan Muniz and Jennifer Jagba at the 10th grade Welcome Back assembly; Headmaster Dr. Freeman-Wisdom at the 9th grade Welcome Back assembly**