

**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**

On October 10, 2017, students will receive their mid-progress reports for 1st Term. Our goal is to use mid-progress report data to determine after-school support for students. As always, teachers and support staff will continuously encourage students to attend school on a daily basis, complete assignments on time, and strive for excellence. We want to see a significant increase in the number of students who earn the honor roll.

The admin team will continue to conduct Informative Learning Walks (ILWs) this week. 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.



**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.**

- 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:** 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
- The O'Bryant has been selected as one of the BPS Schools to host guests speakers that are being honored at the **Forbes 30 under 30 Event on October 4th**. We have three guest speakers that will visit OB and speak to our students.
- ELA and AP Biology students are reading Ben Mezrich's new book [Woolly](#) and will attend the kick-off of Hubweek with Mayor Walsh and participate in an author talk with Mezrich local scientists on **October 10th** at City Hall Plaza.
- This year's Boston City-wide College and Career Fair will be **Saturday, November 4, 2017**. The event will be held from 10 am to 1 pm at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College located at [1350 Tremont Street](#) in Roxbury. There will



## Family and Community Engagement

- **The OB Parent Council's annual Cherrydale Farms Pie Fundraiser** begins next week and will continue through October 18th. Please support this fundraising initiative! **Here is the timeline for the fundraiser:**
  1. **Week of October 2nd:** Forms and fliers are organized by HR and are placed into teacher mailboxes for distribution to students.
  2. **October 18th :** Students turn in order forms and payment to their HR teachers. Checks should be made payable to: O'Bryant Parent Council
  3. **November 15th:** Students pick up orders from 2-4 PM in the Fishbowl Conference Room. Orders that are not picked up will be given to the school for resale--no refunds will be given. No exceptions.
- **826 Boston's annual College Essay Boot Camp** will take place on **Saturday, October 21, 2017**, at Northeastern University. Students will work one-on-one with a tutor on their essay, then enjoy pizza and a college tour. We would love to see O'Bryant students there! Students can sign up at [www.826boston.org/essay](http://www.826boston.org/essay).
- **MIT PRIMES** - Program for Research In Mathematics, Engineering, and Science) is a free year-long afterschool research program for high school students from Greater Boston. Program participants come weekly to the MIT campus to work with their mentors, MIT graduate students, on exciting unsolved problems in mathematics, computer science, and computational biology. The deadline for PRIMES is December 1, 2017. Click [here](#) to apply.

be FAFSA completion sessions on-site, which will be extra helpful for our current senior students and families.

- Mass Maritime Academy is offering a free 3.0 credit college course in *Emergency Management* here at the O'Bryant School. The course will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 2:15pm to 5:15pm starting on October 3rd. The course is open to all students in grades 9-12. Please see Mr. M. Sullivan in Room 5112 for an application.
- Northeastern University is offering a free, 3.0 credit course in Engineering, training in CAD and Python programming, and a paid summer internship as part of their Early College Experience program. An Information Session about the program will be held here at the O'Bryant this Thursday, October 5th from 5-6pm in the Science Building Auditorium, (Room 5131). Please see the school website for a flyer or contact Mr. M. Sullivan for more details.
- If you are interested in the future of Boston and want to find out more about some of the innovative things that are happening around the city, please check out the activities that are happening during HUBweek - A Festival for the Future. HUBweek is running in Boston from October 10th thru October 15th. More info about activities around the city can be found at [hubweek.org](http://hubweek.org).

- **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.
- **The Health Professions Recruitment & Exposure Program (HPREP)** at Harvard Medical School is a high school science enrichment program aimed at recruiting high school students from the Boston area, particularly those from underserved and underrepresented backgrounds, into science and medicine. Deadline is October 1st: [Apply here](#)
- 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.](#)
- Framingham State University is offering a **FREE** seminar on "College Readiness for Parents: What Every Parent Needs to Know". The seminar scheduled for **Thursday, October 19 at 7-9 PM**. The focus of this event is NOT on financial aid but on helping parents understand the difficulties students have with the transition to college in order to help build the habits needed to become successful. Everyone is welcome to attend. [Please click here to register for the event.](#)
- Seniors, please sign up for the **Remind Me App**. Ms. Sutton, the Senior Advisor, will communicate senior information through the Remind Me App.

- **O'Bryant Latin Class:** Did you know that studying Latin helps your English vocabulary greatly improve? Students who study Latin have an advantage on the SATs, as well as in medical careers and in learning Spanish or French. Join the O'Bryant Latin Class, offered as an after-school activity 4 days/week. See Ms. Greene in room 3-338 for more information to sign up.
- **Student Immigrant Movement (SIM):** O'B has a chapter of the Student Immigrant Movement (SIM). If you are undocumented or want to support people who are undocumented, see Ms. Papagiannis in room 3B18 for more information.
- **Excellent Attendance Campaign**
  - Each term, the O'B will raffle off prizes to those students that meet the excellent attendance criteria: zero unexcused absences, less than 3 excused absences, and less than 3 tardies.
  - Prizes include clothing from the gear store, gift certificates, and an IPAD Mini.
  - Be sure to come to school everyday, on time, and ready to learn so that you can be entered into the raffle!
- **JAL Foundation World Children's Haiku contest:** The Consulate General of Japan is a co-host of JAL Foundation World Children's Haiku contest. This is the first time that the Boston branch of JAL has the contest and we encourage students to [apply!](#) **Contact for additional information:** Julie Caldarone, [jcaldarone@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:jcaldarone@bostonpublicschools.org)
- **12th grade students:** Join the School Counselors for coffee on **October 5th from 7:30 - 9am in the O'B Library**

**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

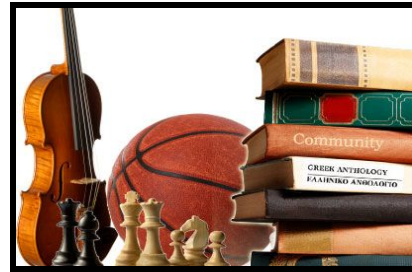
**10th - 12th grade Students**

→ **Last Names A - K:** Mr. Rodriguez, room 3-238

→ **Last Names L - U:** Ms. Arbit, room 3-237

→ **Last Names V-Z & Health**

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



**Extra-Curricular Activities**

- In an effort to promote a culture of well-being, have some fun, and engage in friendly competition, Mr. Pires is inviting the staff to join the O'B Fitbit challenge. If you would like to join, please let Mr. Pires know the email address that you have registered your Fitbit with and he will include you in the challenge. They are also looking to see if Fitbit will offer free Fitbits to others that would like to join. More information to come.

**FALL SPORTS**





# O'Bryant Athletics



## Recent Highlights:

### Girls Soccer (September 25th): O'Bryant 1 - Burke 0

Strong team defense coupled with the game's only goal scored by Junior Grace Burns were enough to defeat the Burke for the second time this season.

### Boys Soccer (September 27th): O'Bryant 4 - Tech Boston 2

Senior forward David Nwaoha had a hat trick (3 goals) and Senior Owen Locke added a late insurance goal to seal the victory.

### Girls Volleyball (September 27th): O'Bryant 3 - Snowden 2

An oppressively hot gymnasium due to unseasonably warm temperatures could not deter the Lady Tigers in their quest for victory in a very competitive match against an improving Snowden squad.

### Football (September 29th): O'Bryant 24 - East Boston 22

Junior Anthony Francis dominated in all three phases of the game (offense, defense and special teams) scoring four touchdowns (two receiving, one kickoff return and one interception return) including the game winner with just seconds left on the clock.

## This Week in O'Bryant Athletics:

Sport	Day	Date	Time	Visiting Team	Home Team	Location
JV Football	Mon	10/02	3:30 pm	O'Bryant JV	East Boston JV	East Boston
Boys Soccer	Mon	10/02	3:30 pm	East Boston	O'Bryant	O'Bryant
Girls Volleyball	Wed.	10/04	3:00 pm	O'Bryant	Burke	O'Bryant
Girls Soccer	Wed.	10/04	3:30 pm	Snowden	O'Bryant	O'Bryant
Boys Soccer	Thu.	10/05	3:30 pm	Charlestown	O'Bryant	O'Bryant
Girls Volleyball	Thur.	10/05	3:30 pm	O'Bryant	Latin Academy	Latin Academy
Girls Soccer	Thur.	10/05	3:45 pm	O'Bryant	Mt. Alvernia	Mt. Alvernia
Girl Volleyball	Fri.	10/06	3:30 pm	O'Bryant	C.A.S.H.	C.A.S.H.
Boys Soccer	Sat.	10/07	1:00 pm	O'Bryant	Snowden	O'Bryant



## Shout-outs

- Thank you to the **O'Bryant Community Builders** for organizing a fun and delicious Community Potluck on Wednesday, September 27.
- Thank you to all **O'Bryant AP English Language and AP English Literature students** for coming to school on Saturday to begin the preparation for the AP English Exam!
- Shout out to Ms. Scott-Edwards, Ms. Reny, Ms. Greene and Ms. Andrews for presenting at **the Mass Insight AP English Saturday Session** on Saturday, September 30th!
- To the Building 2 for your teamwork on Friday!

## Pictures of the Week











From top to bottom: Photos from the 2nd Annual O'B Community Potluck on 9.27.17 (5 photos); the O'B Tigers Football & Cheerleading teams from the game on 9.29.17 (2 photos)