

**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

**O'Bryant Instructional Focus: 2016 - 2017**

Teachers will create opportunities for students to make their thinking visible, verbally and in writing, by supporting their ideas with details, evidence, and/or examples.

**Term 1 Dates**

9.08.16 - 11.10.16  
Progress Reports will be mailed home on 10.12.16.  
Report Cards will be mailed home on 11.18.16.

**Headmaster/Administration**

**Message of the Week**

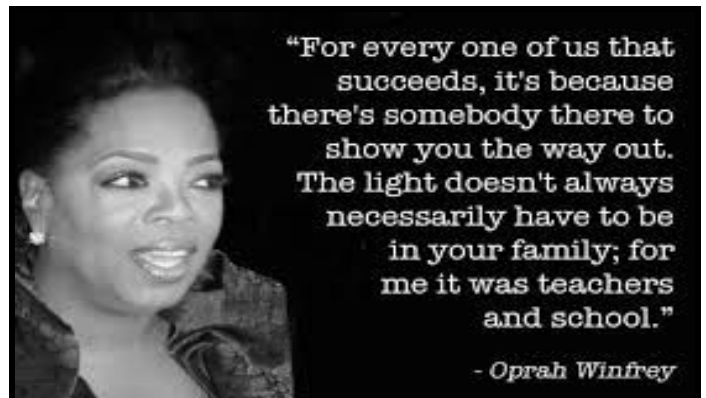
The administration team has conducted over 60 class visits. We are seeing great instructional practices and engaged students. Please continue to plan and deliver lessons that require cognitive demand and visible thinking from all students. This work is critical because it gets us closer to meeting and exceeding our goal of increasing the number of students who score at the advanced levels on state and national assessments across all content areas. These assessments include MCAS, PARCC, PSAT, SAT, and AP. There is no doubt that we can reach our goal!

***National Bullying Prevention Month***

On Wednesday, October 19th, we will hold our 5th Annual Unity Day. Please wear something orange to support the cause.

***O'Bryant Pride***

To promote O'Bryant Pride, we are asking all faculty and staff to wear O'B gear each Friday.





## Teaching and Learning

- We are focused on attendance! Our goal for the year is to exceed 97%. Our attendance rate for the past three weeks are as follows:
  - 10/10 - 10/14: 96.64%
  - 10/3 - 10/7: 96.77%
  - 9/26 - 9/30: 96.71%
  - 9/19 - 9/23: 96.15%

Let us continue to improve by coming to school everyday, on time, and ready to learn!

- Professional development for staff is on October 18th from 2:05-4:05p.m in the library.
- 10th & 11th grade students will take the PSATs, on Wednesday, Oct. 19th.
- Attention all educators - please continue to submit your goals and action plans to your evaluators for the October 15th deadline.
- The O'B Library is open for student use at the following times:
  - 6:45 - 7:20a.m. & 1:50 - 4:00p.m.
  - During lunch if prior approval is received.

## Field Trips

- Ms. Shields' 9th grade Biology class will visit Vertex Pharmaceuticals.

## Experiential Learning

O'Bryant students visited the Boston Public Library's Teen Central last week to hear a presentation by authors Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely, who collaborated on a book entitled *JJJ I ZBMfio{*. Sophomore Isaiah Pyram introduced the duo, and several O'B students asked great questions during their talk. Students interested in reading *JJJ I ZBMfio{* can stop by the school library to borrow a copy. To help the O'B Library buy more titles like this one, visit [this page](#).



## Family and Community Engagement

- The results of the SPC elections are in!
  - Co-Chairs: Lucille Culpepper-Jones, Ginger DeShaney & Maria Farrell
  - Co-Secretaries: Mary Ellen Ehrenreich & Billie-Jo Weiss
  - Co-Treasurers: Jerry Algere, Shena Lambright & Christina Yee
  - School Site Council Reps: Jerry Algere, Crystal Davis, Maria Farrell, Paulette Francis, Nampeera Lugira, Ahmed Noor, & Christina Yee; alternates: Lilliana Arteaga, Lucille Culpepper-Jones, & Shari Perry-Wallace
- Sign up for SPC google group [here](#).
- Coffee with Counselors for 9th grade families will take place in the O'B Library from 7:30-9:00a.m. on Oct. 28th.

## Partnership Updates

- Thank you goes out to everyone who participated with supporting our work with WPI to establish a STEM vision. More information to come!
- Pi R Squared continues to support our students with free math tutoring Monday through Thursday, from 3p.m. - 7p.m.. Ask any member of the mathematics department for more information.
- 826 Boston is hosting College Essay Bootcamp for the month of October. Visit the Writer's Room from 2-4p.m., Mon-Thurs.



## Shout-outs

- Thank you to Ms. Martinez for supporting our students throughout your time here. We wish you lots of luck for all of your endeavors!
- Thank you to all of the O'B students and staff who wore pink to help raise awareness for Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October).
- Best of luck to the 23 students that will be participating in Boston Middle School Cross Country Championships on October 20th.

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### **Have something to add to the Eye of the Tiger Newsletter?**

Please send information according to the following:

- Guidance/Support Staff - Ms. Nolan
- Science/Technology - Mr. Sullivan
- English Language Arts - Ms. Coy-Gonfa
- History - Mr. MacLeod
- World Language - Ms. Kontras
- Special Education - Ms. Kontras/Mr. Pires
- Mathematics - Mr. Pires
- Students - Mr. Pires
- Parents/Community Members - Ms. Arbit

**Be sure to check out our school website at [obryant.us](http://obryant.us) and follow us on Twitter at [@obryantschool](https://twitter.com/obryantschool).**



## Extracurricular Activities

Get involved at the O'Bryant! Here are all the registered clubs thus far:

### Mondays

- + Student Immigration Movement: rm 3-127 w/ Ms. Papa
- +TAG: rm 3-208 w/ Ms. Fontanez-Pilon
- + Recycling Club: Mon & Thurs in rm 3-Bo8 in Mr. Pontillas & Ms. Kontras,

### Tuesdays

- + National Honor Society: meets Monthly in rm 3-108 w/ Ms. Tsoutsis

### Wednesdays

- + Model United Nations Club: rm 3-Bo9 w/ Dr. Diskant
- + O'B Royal Tigers Dance & Step Team: Auditorium w/ Ms. Charles-Gow
- + Knit & Stitch Club: Every other Wed in rm 5-106 w/ Ms. Clark & Ms. Paul-Shultz
- + French Club: Every other Wed in rm 2-148 w/ Ms. Skone
- + Anime: Wed & Fri in rm 5-119 w/ Ms. Hibbard

### Thursdays

- + Art Club: Thurs in rm 3-239 w/ Ms. E
- + Gay Straight Alliance: Thurs in rm 2-148 w/ Ms. Skone

### TBD

- + International Travel Society; See Ms. Nolan
- + Gentlemen's Club: in rm 2-137 w/ Mr. Hines
- + NJROTC: in NJROTC Office w/ Commander Sturges

# FALL SPORTS



## Athletics



### Team Records



#### Girls Volleyball

7 - 4



#### Girls Soccer

9-1-1



#### Football

4 - 1



#### Boys Soccer

3-5-3

As of October 14, 2016



### Athletic Schedule for Week of October 11th - 14th



- 10/17: JV Football v. West Roxbury (Home)
  - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/17: V Girls Soccer v. English (Home)
  - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/18: V Boys Soccer v. Cash (Home)
  - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/18: V Girls Soccer v. Mt. Alvernia (Home)
  - 3:45p.m. - 5:45p.m.
- 10/19: V Girls Volleyball v. Snowden (Home)
  - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/20: V Girls Volleyball v. Brighton (Home)
  - 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

- 10/20: JV Girls Volleyball v. Brighton (Home)
  - 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.
- 10/20: V Boys Soccer v. Catholic Memorial (A)
  - 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.
- 10/21: V Football v. South Boston (Away)
  - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/21: V Girls Soccer v. Randolph (Home)
  - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/21: V Girls Volleyball v. Tech Boston (H)
  - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.

