



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 School-wide Priorities

Priority #1: 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**.

Priority #2: The O'Bryant will develop students' writing skills to prepare them for **college-level and career-aligned writing in each discipline**, as delineated in standards and assessments (i.e., Common Core, AP, SAT, MCAS).

Priority #3: The O'Bryant will engage in **curriculum development and alignment** to incorporate **cognitively demanding tasks** such as lab reports, research, application problems and utilize **Hess' Cognitive Rigor Matrices**.

Headmaster/Administration Message of the Week

The administration team has started to conduct Informative Learning Walks (ILWs). ILWs are *non-evaluative* observations used by the administration team to gather data about school-wide instructional practices. After observing all staff during each cycle, we will share our findings, and teams will have the opportunity to discuss the data in CPT meetings. The findings will not include names of teachers or content related data to ensure the anonymity of all educators. A list of commendations, recommendations, and wonderings will be included in the findings. The focus of our first ILW cycle is to identify our Instructional Focus (IF) of **Making Thinking Visible (MTV)** in instructional practices and student-enacted tasks. We will use Hess' Cognitive Rigor Matrices to identify evidence of MTV.



Teaching and Learning Updates

- Congratulations O'Bryant Community for receiving the Certificate of Exemplary Attendance! The school was recognized by the district for exceeding over 95% attendance performance during the first 8 days of school. We are setting high expectations by having a goal of 97% attendance by the end of the year. With this, we ask everyone to do their part to make sure students are here everyday, on time, and ready to learn.
- The 2nd Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) meeting will be held on Oct. 4th. We will continue to plan PD and CPT. See you there!
- Grades for Term 1 progress reports close on October 11th!
- The Guidance Dept. is making classroom visits to the 10th & 11th grade ELA classes to help prepare students for the PSATs, which will take place Oct. 19th.
- The O'B Library is open for student use at the following times:
 - 6:45a.m. - 7:20a.m.
 - 2:45p.m. - 4:00p.m.
 - During lunch if prior approval is received.

Field Trips this Week

- Mr. Clinchot & a group of 8th graders will visit the New England Aquarium.
- Mr. Muller & a group of 9th graders will visit the Museum of Science.
- Ms. Ichord & a group of high schoolers will visit the Boston Public Library.



Family and Community Updates

- Coffee with Counselors for 12th grade families will take place in the O'B Library from 7:30-9:00a.m. on Oct. 13th.
- Parents/Community Members - please sign up to receive our weekly newsletter. You can sign up on our [school website](#).
- School Parent Council (SPC) elections are Oct. 11th. There are 3 openings: President, Secretary & Treasurer. There are 4 parent seats open on the School Site Council (SSC).

Partnership Updates

- WPI is working with O'B to establish a STEM vision for our school. Science teachers will be surveying students this week to get their feedback. Educators and parents, please also take the survey!
 - [Teacher Survey](#)
 - [Student Survey](#)
 - [Family/Partner Survey](#)
- The BPS College & Career Fair is Oct. 8th from 10am-1pm at the Reggie Lewis Center. All MS & HS students are welcome!
- Pie R Squared is a community-based free math tutoring program located at Dudley Dough. Students can get tutored after school from 3-7pm on Mon. - Thurs. Bring your math homework & eat free pizza! See a math teacher or Mr. Pires for more info.
- 826Boston is hosting College Essay Bootcamp for the month of October. Visit the Writer's Room from 2-4pm, Mon-Thurs.
- UAspire & the Guidance Dept. are holding workshops in the 12th grade classes to help prepare students for the college process.
- The Alumni Association has lots of activities & info on their [Website](#). Check them out!



Staff Shout-outs

- A shout-out goes to all of the parents (and Ms. Arbit) that were involved in our first ever O’B Potluck! It was a great success and everyone left with a full belly. Thank you for a great event and for bringing our community together!
- Great job ILT members for facilitating a great professional development session on “Making Thinking Visible”. Let us keep the momentum going forward!

Please submit shout-outs to your content administrator so we can recognize those that exhibit O’Bryant PRIDE!

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 and follow us on Twitter at [@obryantschool](https://twitter.com/obryantschool).



Extracurricular Updates

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

- + Model United Nations Club: Wed 2:00-3:00p.
-Dr. Diskant, 3-Bo9
- + Knit & Stitch Club: Every other Wed 2:00-3:30p.
-Ms. Clark & Ms. Paul-Shultz, 5-106
- + Recycling Club: Mon & Thurs 1:55-2:45p.
-Mr. Pontillas & Ms. Kontras, 3-Bo8
- + Anime: Wed & Fri 2:00-3:00p.; Ms. Hibbard, 5-119
- + International Travel Society; See Ms. Nolan, 3-325
- + National Honor Society: Monthly Tues after school
-Ms. Tsoutsis, 3-108
- + French Club: Every other Wed 2:00-3:00p.m.
-Ms. Skone, 2-148
- + Gay Straight Alliance: Thurs 2:00-3:00pm
-Ms. Skone, 2-148
- +TAG (Talented and Gifted): Mon 2:00-3:30p.m.
-Ms. Fontanez-Pilon, 3-208
- +O’B Royal Tigers Dance & Step Team: Wed 2-4:30p.
-Ms. Charles-Gow, Auditorium

Athletic Updates

- 10/3: JV Football v. Latin Academy (Away)
 - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/4: V Boys Soccer v. East Boston (Away)
 - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/4: V & JV Girls Volleyball v. Greater

Lawrence (Away)

- 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
- 10/5: V Girls Soccer v. Latin Academy (H)
 - 3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.
- 10/5: V Girls Volleyball v. Burke (Away)
 - 3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.
- 10/6: V Boys Soccer v. Charlestown (Away)
 - 3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.
- 10/7: V Football v. Charlestown (Away)
 - 3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.
- 10/7: V Girls Soccer v. Tech Boston (Home)
 - 3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.
- 10/7: V Girls Volleyball v. CASH (Home)
 - 3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.

Pictures of the Week

