



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

STEM Update

- The **BPS Regional Science Fair** is being held on Saturday March 4th at Northeastern University. Public viewing of projects is from 1:30 to 2:30pm. The O'Bryant School will have 60 middle and high school students presenting their projects at the Fair!

Headmaster/Administration

Message of the Week

We are pleased to announce Ms. Nora Tsoutsis as O'Bryant's new ELA Program Director. Ms. Tsoutsis is a National Board Certified Teacher with over 15 years teaching experience, all at the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science. During her teaching career, she has taught at both the middle and high school levels. She introduced the AP English Language and Composition program to the English department and has been the Mass Insight/BPS AP English lead teacher for the past 9 years. Ms. Tsoutsis has also actively served the O'Bryant community beyond the classroom as a National Honor Society advisor, new teacher mentor, a member of the SSC and NEASC committee. Ms. Tsoutsis is excited to use her experience in this new role. Given her dedication to the O'Bryant community, we are confident that Ms. Tsoutsis will serve the O'Bryant community with vitality. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Tsoutsis on this accomplishment.

College Promotion Day

Every Wednesday is College Promotion Day! It is our hope that everyone wears college gear so that we engage in conversations about college and the rigors of post-secondary studies.

O'Bryant PRIDE Day

Every Friday is O'Bryant PRIDE Day. Wear your spirit gear!

Term 3 Dates

1.30.17 – 4.13.17

Progress Reports will be distributed 3.10.17



Teaching and Learning

- Our attendance goal for the year is to exceed a 97% attendance rate. Our attendance rate for the past three weeks are as follows:
 - 2/27 - 3/03: 95.2%
 - 2/13 - 217: 95.48%
 - 2/06 - 2/10: 95.77%
- 8th grade students have been selected to take the **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** this year. NAEP is administered by the U.S. Dept. of Education & is intended to serve as a common measure of student achievement across the country. The results of NAEP are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides info about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers & the public. 8th graders will be assessed in either reading or math.
- We are proud to recognize all of our awardees for receiving Honorable Mention, Honor Roll, and the prestigious Headmaster's award in Term 2. **663 students** fell into this category, comprising approximately **47%** of our student body! Congratulations and let us work to grow this number for Term 3.
- On March 7th, Christine Cronin from the **BPS Office of Academics and Professional Learning** will visit the ILT to engage the O'Bryant community in an academic discussion about cognitively demanding tasks. All are welcome to attend.
- Spring testing season is upon us. The March & April **MCAS & SAT** Testing schedule is as follows:
 - Grade 10 ELA MCAS: March 22-24
 - Grade 11 SAT School Day: April 5
 - Grade 7-8 ELA MCAS: April 26-27

Please [click here](#) to view the entire line-up of upcoming assessments. Contact Ms. Kontras with any questions:

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Family and Community Engagement

- The theme for the **Rubix Literary Magazine** Spring 2017 issue is Freedom of Expression. This semester's issue celebrates the right to speak your mind and be your authentic self. Submissions are accepted that discuss identity, politics, self-discovery & more! Any art you can put on paper is welcome! Email submissions to 826rubix@gmail.com by March 12 & tell us who you are!
- Want to learn how to play golf? The **City of Boston** is holding clinics for youth & adults. Click [here](#) for more info.
- The Boston Teachers Union and BPS' Parent University are hosting the **Boston Parent Conference** on Saturday, March 11th from 8:30am - 3:00pm. Register for the event [here](#).
- **summerFAB** is a four-week "design and build" program at Wentworth Institute of Technology for students in grade 10 & above. Click [the link](#) for more info.
- 11th grade students should sign up for an appointment with our College Advisor **Ms. Rainey** to start the college application process. She is located in the College & Career Center, room 3-235.
- Watch the **Alumni Association's** 1st episode of their talk show, [Tiger Talk, on Youtube!](#)
- The **6th Annual Young Men's Leadership Conference** is on Saturday, March 18th at Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, MA. Young men in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend! [Click here](#) for more info & tickets.
- **BU's Academy of Media Productions** has a 4 week summer program for 10th - 12th graders. Find more info [here](#).
- On **Thursday March 16**, The Morehouse College Glee Club, a premier singing organization that travels all over the country and the world, will perform at the Roland Hayes. This performance will be streamed live on Facebook.. Approximately 200 9th & 11th graders will be invited to attend. More information to come.

Experiential Learning

- Mr. Barry has invited **Dr. Stuart Bauer**, a urology specialist from Boston Children's Hospital to share his story about his life in medicine. He will answer questions from students who are considering entering the medical field. The event will take place in the **science auditorium** on **Thursday, March 16th from 2:00- 3:30 PM.**



Shout-outs

- Congratulations to **Mr. Sullivan, Ms. DeShaney, and Ms. Stephenson** for writing a winning grant entry enabling the school to receive a grant of over \$100k from Massachusetts Life Sciences
- Congratulations to the **Math Team** for their participation in the 14 hour American Mathematics Competition!! Special shout-outs to **Sebastian Jaramillo, Adam Yee, and Zijie Zhou.** Good work!
- On Wednesday, we held our Term 2 grade 9 Awards Assembly. Thank you to **Isis Alexander**, a Headmaster Awardee sophomore, for speaking with the freshman on how discipline leads to academic excellence. Thank you to **Ms. McCoy**, Guidance intern, for also sharing words with the class.

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



MIAA State Tournament

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team for their 71-50 victory over Hingham High School in the First Round of the MIAA Tournament Division 2 South Sectional on Thursday, March 2nd. They advanced to the Quarter Finals against Tech Boston Academy on **Friday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm** in the Boston Latin Academy gymnasium.

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball team which also qualified for the MIAA State Tournament, but lost on Thursday night to a strong Walpole team.

Mark Your Calendar: The Spring Athletic Season starts on **Monday, March 20th.** Details to follow.

Headmaster's List for Term 2

Student Name	Class
Afonseca, Jelissa Agostinha Pires	2020
Alexander, Isis Angel	2019
Bachir, Ilafallah	2022
Bantefa, Meryl Kelly	2017
Barbosa, Laidine Gomes	2019
Baumiller, Maureen Christelle	2022
Bruton, Jahlisse Aryanna	2020
Chambers, Jasmeen Jahneya	2022
Chen, Julia Yong	2019
Chu, Uyen Phuong	2018
Coston, Tmari Earl	2020
Crowther, Sarah Catbagan	2022
De Los Santos, Arthur	2022
Depina, Giovanni Victor	2022
Diskin Gaudette, Kyra Rachel	2022
Fabian, Raully Alberto	2020
Faugas, Hutshie Gerlie	2019
Garcia Cortez, Edward Joel	2021
Garcia, Etinnah Indrelle	2019
Guan, Qian Qi	2017
Hea, Hurryra Tabassum	2019
Ho, Ny Truong Minh Truong	2019
Irizarry, Luis	2022
Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth	2022
Kassa, Amlak Sirahbizu	2020
Keating, Katherine Elizabeth	2022
Knabe, Jasper Totten	2022
Lambright, Courtney Elizabeth	2022
Lei, William H	2017
Lipscomb, Rayne Keloni	2019
Luong, Helen May	2019
Marks, Sarai	2022

Mei, Cui Shan	2017
Mejia Guzman, Maria Fernanda	2022
Mendes, Tainara Costa	2020
Mohammed, Aziza Musa	2019
Moreno, Kristopher Alejandro	2019
Mountain, Shayon Maurice	2022
Muzac, Samuel Luc	2021
Nguyen, Cindy Xuan	2019
Nguyen, Judy	2019
Nguyen, Julie	2022
Nguyen, Mimi Tuyet	2018
Nguyen, Thuyan Pham	2020
Patel, Heli Vishnubhai	2022
Pena, Yalidys Dorian	2017
Peterlin, Maria Roberta	2022
Petrino, Cheyenne Louise	2020
Pham Trinh, Han Gia	2019
Pham, Sherman	2022
Pires Cardoso, Melanie	2022
Reyes, Evelyn Anneth	2020
Rodrigues, Anilda Patricia	2018
Saint-Fort, Esther	2017
Sesay, Bendu	2022
Silva Sanchez, Tiffany Betsabe	2019
Sirage, Mariam Jemal	2022
Taroll, Aditya Kumar	2021
Tran, Monica	2022
Truong, Nga Thuy	2022
Vasquez, Sonia Gabriela	2021
Vasquez, Vialexa	2022
Veillard, Jefferson Arllevd	2020
Vo, Beverly	2019
Wallace, Deanna Judy	2022
West, Briana Nicole	2022

White, Audley Aboos	2019
Wiederer, McRae Deshaney	2021
Wiggins, Quincy Larry	2022
Yu, Silvia	2017
Zeng, Raymond	2020
Zheng, Leo Y	2019

Pictures of the Week



From top to bottom: 11th & 12th grade field trip to Simmons College; Sonny Mei, Anh Nguyen, Uyen Chu, and Walid Harkous at the 2017 Moody's Mega math Challenge at the Boston Public Library

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. Tsoutsis; History - Mr. MacLeod; World Language, Special Education & Mathematics - Mr. Pires; Students - Mr. Pires; Parents/Community Members - Ms. Arbit