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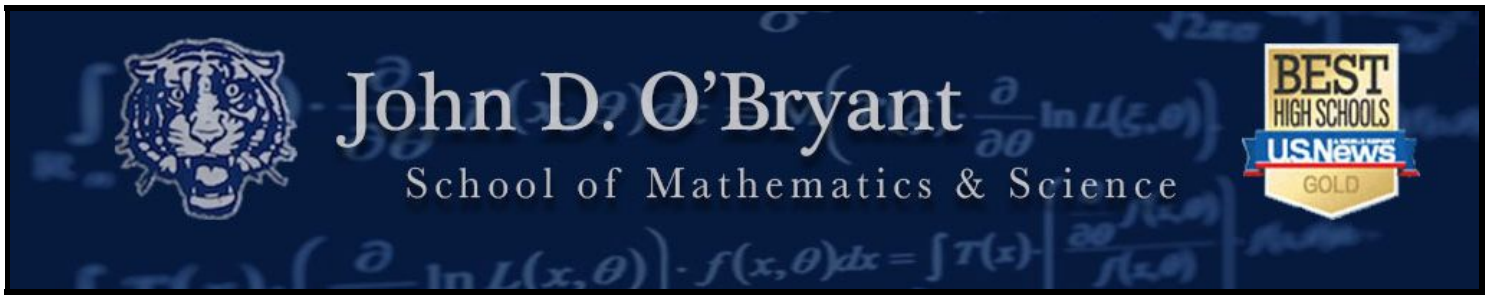

Headmaster/Administration Message

On behalf of the O'Bryant faculty and staff, we want to take a moment to wish all community members a safe and restful winter break. Please take the time to relax and spend time with loved ones.

Please note that next week has an abbreviated schedule:
Friday, December 23rd: No School

Please report back to school on Wednesday, January 4th.
The next Eye of the Tiger newsletter will be sent on January 6th.

Teaching and Learning

- To incentivize and improve attendance & tardiness, we are introducing the Excellent Attendance Campaign. Students that have zero unexcused absences, less than 3 excused absences, and less than 3 tardies to school each term will be entered into a raffle to win great prizes, including an IPAD Mini! Be sure to come to school everyday, on time, and ready to learn!
- Congratulations O'Bryant community for being one of two schools recognized by the district by meeting a 95% attendance rate for term 1! Keep up the great work!
- Our attendance goal for the year is to exceed a 97% attendance rate. Our attendance rate for the past three weeks are as follows:
    - 12/12 - 12/16: 91.22%
    - 12/05 - 12/09: 94.44%
    - 11/28 - 12/02: 95.11%
- Our next professional development will be held on January 10, 2016. We will review MTV informative learning walk data and discuss cognitively demanding tasks.

Experiential Learning

- **MIT's free** national summer programs in science and engineering - E2@MIT, MITES, and MOSTEC - are now accepting applications. Apply here!

Family and Community Engagement

- The SPC's O'B Community Builders will hold an **Aspen Workshop** at the beginning of the Dec. 20 SPC meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Please RSVP for the workshop to Ginger at obryantparentcouncil@gmail.com. The workshop will be followed by a short agenda and refreshments.
- Be sure to give the gift of **O'Bryant 'Gear'** this holiday season! Current products have been restocked, spirit gear is available, & we're featuring a NEW long sleeve t-shirt in PINK. All proceeds go directly back to O'B. Shop Thurs. from 7 - 7:20am. To view products, visit obryant.us>parent tab> O'Bryant Gear Store.
- Sign up for the O'B **School Parent Council** Google group here to get important info regarding Headmaster Selection; saving our music program; & O'B adding more class options for students. For more info, email the SPC at obryantparentcouncil@gmail.com.
- Support reading at O'B: Thank a teacher & bring new books to the **O'B Library** at the same time! Donate here.

Partnership Updates

- The **Summer Search** application is still open for 10th grade students. See Ms. Azar in room 3-233 to apply.
- 11th & 12th grade students can take free college classes at **Bunker Hill Community College**! To read more info on this wonderful Dual Enrollment opportunity, click here.
- The **College Board** has announced that they have made it easier for students with disabilities to receive accommodations on the SAT! Click here to read the NYTimes article.

Shout-outs

- Congratulations goes out to **Dr. Freeman-Wisdom**! She received a citation from the Boston Public School Committee for earning a doctoral degree.
- We would like to take the time to welcome our new guidance counselor, **Mr. Gilbert White**, to the O'Bryant family! He comes with extensive experience in the Boston Public Schools and we are fortunate to have him as part of our team. You may contact him by calling 617-635-9932 ext 31921.
- Congratulations to O'Bryant Varsity Baseball Coach, **Ted Curley**, who will be inducted into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on **January 28, 2017.**

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 - Dr. Freeman-Wisdom
History - Mr. MacLeod
World Language - Mr. Pires
Special Education -Mr. Pires
Mathematics - Mr. Pires
Students - Mr. Pires
Parents/Community Members - Ms. Arbit

Be sure to check out our school website at www.obryant.us & follow us on Twitter at @obryantschool.

Extracurricular Activities

Organization Spotlight

O'Bryant Girl Scouts
(STARS-Successful, Talented, Achieving, Reunited Sisterhood)

Objective: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. We strive to be the premier leadership organization for girls, and experts on their growth and development.

Advisor: Ms. Malden

When: Biweekly on Thursdays (2-4)

Where: 3-215

Athletics

First Home Games/Meets

Date	Time	Team	Opponent	Location
December 18th	7:30 pm	Hockey	East Boston	Matthews Arena
December 20th	4:00 pm	Boys Basketball (JV)	Brighton	OB Gymnasium
December 20th	5:30 pm	Boys Basketball (V)	Brighton	OB Gymnasium

Pictures of the Week

From top to bottom
The Roland Hayes School of Music Winter Concert: 8th grade Chorus; part of the HS Chorus; the Sing Alon