



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



STEM Update

- On March 2nd, the **Mass Life Sciences Center** will present the O'Bryant School with a large grant award here at our school. Mayor Walsh and Superintendent Chang will be present for the award ceremony. We will also host a number of other schools who received awards.
- 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

February Recess has arrived! It is our hope that every community member finds the time to relax and enjoy the company of loved ones. When we return, we must continue to encourage all students to do their absolute best to ensure a strong ending to the school year.

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:
 - 2/13 - 2/17: 95.48%
 - 2/06 - 2/10: 95.77%
 - 1/30 - 2/03: 95.18%
- We will host the **Mass Insight AP English** session on March 4th from 8am to 12pm. Students enrolled in AP English courses are expected to attend.
- 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.
- We will hold our Term 2 Academic Award assemblies when we return from vacation:
 - 2/28 - Grade 7 - 3rd period
 - 2/28 - Grade 8 - 5th period
 - 3/1 - Grade 9 - 5th period
 - 3/1 - Grade 10 - 3rd period
 - 3/2 - Grade 11 - 5th period
 - 3/2 - Grade 12 - 3rd period

Experiential Learning

- Dr. Diskant will bring students to the Model United Nations Conference at Northeastern University.



Family and Community Engagement

- The O'B Community Builders will host a workshop for families before the Feb. 28th SPC meeting. The workshop is called **Social Media & Teens**. Please RSVP by emailing obryantparentcouncil@gmail.com.
- 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. We're accepting submissions that discuss identity, politics, self-discovery and more! Any art you can put on paper is welcome! Email submissions to 826rubix@gmail.com by March 12 and tell us who you are!
- The **Alumni Association** has a talk show! Watch the 1st episode of Tiger Talk on Youtube or [click here](#).
- 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](#).
- Attention all boys interested in playing in the **Boys Volleyball Team** this spring. There is an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 1st after school in Mr. Pitts-Dilley's room (3-322). We are looking for 7th - 12th grade students for our varsity & JV teams.
- Mrs. Drew and Mr. Olsen will begin the **Tech Goes Home** program on Thursday, March 2nd, from 5:30-8pm. The program is 6 weeks and, at the end of the program, your family will be able to purchase a new ChromeBook for the price of \$50. Attendance of the parent and child to every session is mandatory.
- **Phenomenal Moms** is a parent empowerment group that is hosting a 4 part workshop series. Click [here](#) for more info.



Shout-outs

- Congratulations to **Esther Saint-Fort**, the January Scholar-Athlete of the Month!
- Shout-out goes out to the staff that went to Rollerworld. While one staff member (who shall be left nameless) did fall, no one got hurt! Thank you for supporting community building amongst the senior class.

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



O'Bryant Athletics



On January 28, 2017, O'Bryant Varsity Baseball coach, Ted Curley, was inducted into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. During his 30-year career as a high school baseball coach (the past 5 with O'Bryant), Coach Curley has won 335 games and qualified for the MIAA state tournament 21 times. Coach Curley will lead a veteran O'Bryant squad this spring which should be a strong contender for the 2017 Boston City League Championship and which aspires to go deep in the MIAA state tournament. Congratulations Coach Curley on this well-deserved honor!



Congratulations to the boys and girls varsity basketball teams who both qualified for the Boston City Championship Tournament, which will take place in the Madison Park Gymnasium on **Wednesday, February 22nd** (semi-finals) and (hopefully - the finals) on **Thursday, February 23rd**.

Additional details regarding opponents and times will be announced this weekend.

Pictures of the Week



