



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

50/50 Raffle



Support our **Student Excellent Attendance Campaign** by entering our 50/50 raffle! All proceeds go to purchasing the prizes for the student winners of the Excellent Attendance campaign. Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for 6 tickets, or \$10 for 15 tickets. Tickets can be purchased from Mr. Pires or Ms. Arbit on Monday. The winning tickets will be announced on April 10th.

Headmaster/Administration

Message of the Week

Our 10th and 11th grade students registered for Advanced Placement (AP) courses this week. This is an important step in preparing our students to be college and career ready. We encourage all of our students to challenge themselves academically! This is also the first step in the scheduling process for the 2017-18 school year. We will provide more information regarding the scheduling process soon.

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



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:
 - 3/27 - 3/31: 95.19%
 - 3/20 - 3/24: 95.11%
 - 3/13 - 3/17: 94.37%

- **10th & 11th grade students:** Complete the **AP Common Application - Due April 1 @ 11:59pm**. Remember you need to bring a **paper form signed by your parent/guardian** (available from Ms. Kontras) to your **guidance counselor by Monday, April 3.**

- [Rising Junior AP Common Application](#) (for current sophomores)
- [Rising Senior AP Common Application](#) (for current juniors)

Review the [AP Course Descriptions](#) and [AP Awareness Presentation](#), as you decide which classes to apply for. Class lists will be released in early May. We encourage all 10th & 11th grade students to apply for AP classes. Contact Ms. Kontras with questions via email: akontras@bostonpublicschools.org

- Spring testing season is upon us. The March & April **MCAS & SAT** Testing schedule is as follows:

- 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: akontras@bostonpublicschools.org



Family and Community Engagement

- The **BPS Parent University's Spring Learning Conference** is on Saturday, April 28. Save the Date!
- **Boston-area Educators for Social Justice Conference** is this Saturday, April 1st at Fenway High School & it's FREE. Register [here!](#)
- **Louder than a Bomb:** The 826 Poetry Slam Club is competing in *Louder than a Bomb*. You can find the 2017 event details [here](#).
- The **Mbadika Youth Workshop at Roxbury Innovation Center** is Tuesday, April 18th to Friday, April 21st from 9:00AM-4:00PM at 2300 Washington St. in Roxbury. Students ages 10-14 can register for the week-long workshop at Fab Lab Roxbury. It's also not too late to register for the free 4-week Computer Aided Design (CAD) workshop! [Register for both workshops here.](#)
- **GrubStreet** offers high school students a paid **creative writing fellowship** to train with professional writers over the summer. See Ms. Arbit or Ms. Tsoutsis for an application.
- April Vacation Workshops! **826 Boston** offers writing workshops for students of all ages over April vacation. We have several geared towards high school students, including **How To Write a Review** run by Boston Globe film critic Ty Burr. You can see the [full schedule here.](#)



Shout-outs

- Shout out to **Ms. Andrews** for coordinating a fundraiser at West on Centre to raise funds for a chromebook cart for her classroom!

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

O'B Spring Sports



Due to the weather, there have been significant challenges scheduling tryouts and practices for spring teams. Please contact coaches directly for information.

Spring Teams, Coaches and Contact Information

Boys Varsity Baseball

Coach Curley

tcurlley@bostonpublicschools.org

Boys Junior Varsity Baseball

Coach Griffiths

kgriffiths12@aol.com

Girls Varsity Softball

Coach Ryan

bryan3@bostonpublicschools.org

Girls Junior Varsity Softball

Coach Tompkins

ctompkins@bostonpublicschools.org

Boys and Girls Outdoor Track and Field

Coach Rowe

rowekamilah@gmail.com

Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity Volleyball

Coach Pitts-Dilley

ppittsdilley@bostonpublicschools.org

Girls Varsity Tennis

Coach Reny

greny@bostonpublicschools.org

Boys Varsity Tennis (Co-op based at BLA)

Coach Crane

andrew.crane@comcast.net

Attention ALL O'B Athletes, Families and Coaches!

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, May 31, 2017



^{2nd annual}
O'B Sports Banquet

Reggie Lewis Center gym • 6-9 p.m.

Tickets go on sale soon!

Picture of the Week



The Boston Red Sox donated hats for our 7th and 8th graders. #SoxHatsForBPS