



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 Instructional Focus: 2016 - 2017

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.

Term 1 Dates

9.08.16 - 11.10.16

Progress Reports will be mailed home on 10.12.16.

Report Cards will be mailed home on 11.18.16.

Headmaster/Administration

Message of the Week

Please continue to plan and deliver lessons that require cognitive demand and visible thinking from all students. This work is critical because it gets us closer to meeting and exceeding our goal of increasing the number of students who score at the advanced levels on state and national assessments across all content areas. These assessments include MCAS, PARCC, PSAT, SAT, and AP. There is no doubt that we can reach our goal!

College Pride

To promote college awareness, we are asking the faculty and staff to wear college gear on Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

O'Bryant Pride

To promote O'Bryant Pride, we are asking all faculty and staff to wear O'B gear each Friday.





Teaching and Learning

- We are focused on attendance! Our goal for the year is to exceed 97%. Our attendance rate for the past three weeks are as follows:
 - 10/17 - 10/21: 94.48%
 - 10/10 - 10/14: 96.64%
 - 10/3 - 10/7: 96.77%
 Let us continue to improve by coming to school everyday, on time, and ready to learn!
- There will be an I.L.T. (Instructional Leadership Team) meeting on 10/25 from 2:05pm - 3:35pm.
- This school year's first Mass Insight Saturday Study Session for AP science (AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1, AP Physics C) will be held at O'B on October 29th from 8 am to 12:15 pm. Students are expected to be at O'B no later than 7:55 am. Attendance in these Saturday study sessions is mandatory and part of the AP agreement that students signed. These study sessions contribute immensely to student achievement and performance in AP science courses.

Experiential Learning

- Mr. Marotta's 10th grade classes will visit BU to see the play *Topdog/Underdog*.
- The 11th grade ELA teachers have organized a trip to visit the Arnold Arboretum.
- Mr. Muller will take a group of students to the Pinnacle Leadership Center to prepare students for the Guatemala Trip in 2017.
- All 9th grade students will get real-life experience in the Vertex Pharmaceuticals learning labs in the upcoming weeks. Ms. Shield's 2nd period class will visit this week.



Family and Community Engagement

- Sign up for SPC google group [here](#).
- SPC will host Coffee with O'B on Friday, Oct/ 28th from 7 - 8am in the O'B Fishbowl.
- Coffee with Counselors for 9th grade families will take place in the O'B Library from 7:30-9:00am on Friday, Oct. 28th.
- *@-vvvz} zZVbñ Nj)z 4ll* Thank a teacher & bring new books to the O'B Library at the same time! Donate [here](#). You can either select a book from the list or contribute to the general book fund. Should you decide to identify a particular book, we will install a custom bookplate thanking the teacher of your choice. Questions? Contact the school librarian at jichord@bostonpublicschools.org
- Student Council will meet Wednesday, October 26th during 5th period. Students will receive passes during homeroom to attend the meeting in the auditorium.

Partnership Updates

- Thank you goes out to everyone who participated with supporting our work with WPI to establish a STEM vision. More information to come!
- Pi R Squared continues to support our students with free math tutoring Monday through Thursday, from 3pm - 7pm. Ask any member of the mathematics department for more information.
- 826 Boston is hosting College Essay Bootcamp for the month of October. Visit the Writer's Room from 2-4pm., Mon-Thurs.



Shout-outs

- Congrats to all of the 10th & 11th grade students for taking the PSATs this week. It was a big first step in the college process & we are all proud of you! We also want to acknowledge our staff for supporting the administration of the PSATs.
- Hats off to our content lead teachers for co-planning and co-facilitating school-wide professional development.
- Congratulations to 12th grader Lily Zhao for being selected as a School Winner for the 2016 Wendy's High School Heisman! Lily is recognized for sharing Wendy's values of giving back to the community, treating people with respect, continuing education and excelling on the athletic field. Click [here](#) for more info.
- Congrats to the middle school athletes that participated in the Boston Middle School Championship Meet. Our Girls & Boys team won the overall championship! They also took second in the co-ed relay. Courtney Lambright took first place in the individual girls race!

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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 Activities

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

Mondays

- + Student Immigration Movement: rm 3-127 w/ Ms. Papa
- + Engineering Club: rm 5-100 w/ Mr. Muller & Ms. Paul-Schultz
- + TAG: rm 3-208 w/ Ms. Fontanez-Pilon
- + Recycling Club: Mon & Thurs in rm 3-Bo8 in Mr. Pontillas & Ms. Kontras

Tuesdays

- + National Honor Society: meets Monthly in rm 3-108 w/ Ms. Tsoutsis

Wednesdays

- + Model United Nations Club: rm 3-Bo9 w/ Dr. Diskant
- + O'B Royal Tigers Dance & Step Team: Auditorium w/ Ms. Charles-Gow

- + Knit & Stitch Club: Every other Wed in rm 5-106 w/ Ms. Clark & Ms. Paul-Shultz

- + French Club: Every other Wed in rm 2-148 w/ Ms. Skone

- + Anime: Wed & Fri in rm 5-119 w/ Ms. Hibbard

Thursdays

- + Art Club: Thurs in rm 3-239 w/ Ms. E

- + Gay Straight Alliance: Thurs in rm 2-148 w/ Ms. Skone

- + Gentlemen's Club: in rm 2-137 w/ Mr. Hines

TBD

- + International Travel Society; See Ms. Nolan

- + NJROTC: in NJROTC Office w/ Commander Sturges

FALL SPORTS



Athletics



Team Records



Girls Volleyball

9 - 4



Girls Soccer

11-1-1



Football

5 - 1



Boys Soccer

5-6-3

As of October 21, 2016



Athletic Schedule for Week of October 11th - 14th



- 10/24: V Girls Soccer v. Latin Academy (Away)
 - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/24: JV Football v. Brighton (Away)
 - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/24: V Boys Soccer v. East Boston (Home)
 - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.

- 10/25: V Girls Volleyball v. Burke (Home)
 - 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.
- 10/26: V Boys Soccer v. Tech Boston (Home)
 - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
- 10/26: V Girls Soccer v. Burke (Away)
 - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.

