



Headmaster/Administration Message

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving has approached us! On behalf O'Bryant faculty and staff, we want to take a moment to wish all of our community members a safe and restful Thanksgiving break.

This time of year is a perfect time to reflect on what we are thankful for. The administration is extremely thankful for the great educators we work with, the dedicated students that we see every day, and the wonderful families that we share this partnership with. Please relax and take time to enjoy yourself and your family.

The next Eye of the Tiger Newsletter will be sent out on December 2, 2016.

Please note that next week has an abbreviated schedule:
Wednesday, November 23rd: Early Dismissal at 10:45am
Thursday, November 24th: No School
Friday, November 25th: No School



Teaching and Learning

- We are focused on attendance! Our goal for the year is to exceed 97%. We are asking all students to meet the **Excellent Attendance Criteria** each term to be entered into a raffle to win free prizes. The criteria is for students to have zero (0) unexcused absences, less than three (3) tardies, and less than three (3) excused absences. Our attendance rate for the past three weeks are as follows:
 - 11/14 - 11/18: 95.72%
 - 11/7 - 11/10: 96.2%
 - 10/31 - 11/04: 95.56%
- Please be advised the last day to submit a grade change is December 6th.
- Thank you to all ILT members for engaging in Instructional Learning Walks during the past week. We are working to aggregate the data and present it to the school staff to determine our next steps as it relates to our instructional focus of *Making Thinking Visible*.
- P.D. is shifting its focus on December 6th from teaching and learning to gather for our annual holiday party. Please submit your feedback to the survey on the location & contact Dr. Diaz if you have any questions.

Experiential Learning

- Students in biology will continue visiting the Vertex learning labs to explore science in the real-world context.
- Ms. Rainey and Ms. Nolan are sponsoring a field trip to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science!



Family and Community Engagement

- Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on November 30th from 6 - 8pm.
- 12th grade Families are invited to attend **FAFSA Night on Dec. 1st from 6 - 8:00pm** in the O'B Library. Our partners from College Advising Corps and uAspire will be present to help families navigate this process.
- Do you want to run for a cause? Join Scholar Athletes to run the 2017 Boston Marathon! Deadline to sign up is Dec. 1st. See Ms. Nolan for more information!
- Sign up for SPC google group [here](#).
- Support reading at O'B: Thank a teacher & bring new books to the O'B Library at the same time! Donate [here](#).
- Attention young women: opportunities for mentoring programs are available through Delta Gems & Delta Academy in grades 5 -12. Deadline to apply is December 1st. Please email GEMSBoston@gmail.com or DeltaAcademy@DSTBoston.org for more info.

Partnership Updates

- The **Alumni Mentoring Program** is back! Interested 11th grade students can get an application from Ms. Arbit in rm 3-227. Applications are due on 11.19.16.
- **Pi R Squared** continues to support our students with free math tutoring Mon - Thurs from 3 - 7pm at the Bolling Building.
- The school nurse is accepting applications for the **20/20 Vision Screening program** for students! Students can receive a free eye exam & corrective lens. Click [here](#) for more info.
- Have you received the flu shot yet? If not, please see Nurse Peace for the necessary paperwork. Flu shots will be on Dec. 14th.



Shout-outs

- Last Thursday, 11 O'B families completed *Tech Goes Home* & took home brand new ChromeBooks! Parent/child teams learned about the benefits of technology for families, created a slideshow & presented to the group. After 15 hours of training, they were able to purchase a new ChromeBook for \$50. We will hold another session in the Spring. Please contact Ms. Cardoso-Barbosa, Mrs. Drew, or Mr. Olsen for more info. #techgoeshome
- Congrats to the O'B Math Group for participating in the 20th Harvard-MIT Mathematics Invitational Tournament.
- Congrats to Coach (and Math Teacher) Jason Joseph for being named 2016 Boston City League North Girls Soccer Coach of the Year.

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 - Ms. Kontras/Mr. Pires

Mathematics - Mr. Pires

Students - Mr. Pires

Parents/Community Members - Ms. Arbit

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Extracurricular Activities



Student Immigration Movement Club

Club Objective: to spread social and political awareness of immigration, especially as they related to students, in an effort to create an environment within the school that embraces immigrants and all those from different places around the world. We want people to become aware of how difficult it is for immigrants in the United States and to educate people on the various reforms we can support to help ease these hardships. To be clear, our mission is not to persuade people of a particular political position, but rather to educate people on these issues so that they can make their own, educated decisions.

Advisor: Ms. Papagiannis
lpapagiannis@bostonpublicschools.org

Meeting Time/Location:
Mondays 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm 3-126



Athletics



Winter Sports



Tryouts/Practices for Winter Athletics begin on Monday, November 28, 2016.

Links:

[Eligibility Requirements](#)

[Athletic Forms](#)

Questions: Email Mr. MacLeod at dmacleod@bostonpublicschools.org

