



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 2 Dates

11.14.16 - 1.27.17

Progress Reports will be distributed 12.16.16.

Headmaster/Administration

Message of the Week

With progress reports coming in just 1 week, it is important that all community members - students, parents, and teachers - review student grades and remind students how important it is to stay focused. Students, make sure that you advocate for yourself and reach out for support when needed!

Homeroom Updates

O'Bryant student interns will pick up excused absence notes from the blue folders every day during period 1.

Next week in homeroom, we would like all teachers to discuss attendance. During this time, teachers will distribute Excellent Attendance Awards, Perfect Attendance Awards, and review the Excellent Attendance Criteria. We will only do the Pledge of Allegiance on the PA system; daily announcements will be emailed and posted outside of the library. The date and more information will be forthcoming.

College Pride

To promote college awareness, we are asking the O'B community to wear college gear every Wednesday.

O'Bryant PRIDE

To promote O'Bryant PRIDE, we are asking the O'B community to wear O'B gear each Friday.



Teaching and Learning

- To incentivize and improve attendance and tardiness, we are introducing an 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!
- We have set a high goal for the year to exceed a 97% attendance rate for the year. Our attendance rate for the past three weeks are as follows:
 - 11/28 - 12/02: 95.11%
 - 11/14 - 11/18: 95.8%
 - 11/7 - 11/10: 96.2%
- Term 1 Celebration Assemblies continue:
 - 12/5 - grade 11: period 3
 - 12/5 - grade 12: period 5
- This month's professional development will be held on December 6th and will step away from teaching and learning so that the O'Bryant educators can come together to celebrate each other and our accomplishments. Please see Dr. Dias or another member of Faculty Senate for more information!

Experiential Learning

- Student Council will be held on December 7th from 12:50p.m. - 1:45p.m. Passes will be given to students during homeroom. Please meet in the auditorium.
- Biology students will visit Vertex labs. See Mr. Sullivan for more details.
- Chief Barros is taking a group of students to Rooms to Grow for community service.



Family and Community Engagement

- There is a Senior Class bake sale on December 7th at 2pm in the basement cafeteria.
- We are raising money for our Excellent Attendance Campaign. On December 16th, we will sponsor a "Crazy Hat Day". On this day, students and teachers that donate \$2 will be able to wear a hat of their choosing for the day. No face masks will be allowed! See Mr. Pires for more details.
- 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.
- Coffee with Counselors for 11th grade families is on December 14th from 7:30am - 9:00am.
- Support reading at O'B: Thank a teacher & bring new books to the O'B Library at the same time! Donate [here](#).

Partnership Updates

- Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE) is a summer program at Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center. CURE offers high school & college students the chance to conduct hands-on, mentored cancer or cancer disparities research at one of the 7 Harvard-affiliated hospitals & schools of DF/HCC. This is a full-time, paid summer research experience. Students must be 16 years old by June 19, 2017. [Online applications are here](#) & are due on February 17th, 2017.
- **Pi R Squared** continues to support our students with free math tutoring Mon - Thurs from 3 - 7pm.



Shout-outs

- Congratulations to Malik Thomas, the November *Scholar-Athlete of the Month*
- This Thanksgiving, the O'Bryant family raised money & donated turkeys to 11 families that were in need of support. A big shout out goes to Ms. Fontanez-Pilon, Ms. Monestime, and members of the guidance team for facilitating this!
- A shout out goes out to the middle school homerooms for raising money towards Breast Cancer Awareness! They raised approximately \$1,600!

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

obryant.us

and follow us on Twitter at [@obryantschool](https://twitter.com/obryantschool).



Extracurricular Activities



O'Bryant Recycling Club

Objective: The Recycling Club champions environmentalism efforts at the O'Bryant. They collect recycling weekly and educate students and faculty/staff about recycling.

Advisors:

Mr. Pontillas

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Ms. Kontras

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When: Mondays & Thursdays, 1:55 - 2:45 pm

Where: 3- Bo8

Highlights: Winner 2016 BPS Energy Conservation Challenge



Athletics



Winter Sports



First Home Games/Meets

Date	Time	Team	Opponent	Location
December 13th	3:30 pm	Boys & Girls Swimming	Randolph	OB/MP Pool
December 14th	3:30 pm	Boys & Girls Track	New Mission	Reggie Lewis Ctr.
December 16th	3:30 pm	Girls Basketball (JV)	Fenway	OB Gymnasium
December 16th	5:00 pm	Girls Basketball (V)	Fenway	OB Gymnasium
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: Scotty Caldwell of the New England Revolution came to OB to speak to our soccer players; the Fall Most Valuable Scholar Athletes: Florcey Bouquet (Volleyball), Ryan Kalayjian (Football), Esther Saint-Fort (Girls Soccer), Irlin Perrin Cheerleading), Julio Alvarado Solis (Soccer; not pictured)