



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.

Headmaster/Administration

Message of the Week

The administration team has started to conduct Informative Learning Walks (ILWs). ILWs are *non-evaluative* observations used by the administration team to gather data about school-wide instructional practices. After observing all staff during each cycle, we will share our findings, and teams will have the opportunity to discuss the data in CPT meetings. The findings will not include names of teachers or content related data to ensure the anonymity of all educators. A list of commendations, recommendations, and wonderings will be included in the findings. The focus of our first ILW cycle is to identify our Instructional Focus (IF) of **Making Thinking Visible (MTV)** in instructional practices and student-enacted tasks. We will use Hess' Cognitive Rigor Matrices to identify evidence of MTV.

College Wednesdays

To promote college awareness on a consistent basis, we are asking all faculty and staff to wear college gear each Wednesday.

Breast Cancer Awareness

On Friday, October 14, please wear something pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness.



Teaching and Learning

- No School on Monday, October 10th. Enjoy the 3-day weekend everyone!
- Grades for Term 1 Progress Reports close on October 11th.
- We are focused on attendance! Our goal for the year is to exceed 97%. On Oct. 6th, we reached our highest attendance rate since the 2nd day of school with 97.4%! Keep up the great work by coming to school everyday, on time, and ready to learn!
- Student learning and professional practice goals are due by October 15th!
- The Guidance Dept. will have introductory workshops in 9th grade classes throughout the week.
- 10th & 11th grade students will take the PSATs, on Oct. 19th.
- The O'B Library is open for student use at the following times:
 - 6:45 - 7:20a.m.
 - 1:50 - 4:00p.m.
 - During lunch if prior approval is received.

Experiential Learning

Students in Mr. Clinchot's 8th grade science class experienced a science research cruise on Boston Harbor on board the UMASS Boston vessel M/V Columbia Point. The experience included an orientation and time spent out on Boston Harbor collecting biological samples, water quality data, and demonstration of other oceanographic sampling techniques. Students engaged in activities that included retrieving lobster traps, deploying an underwater camera to observe the harbor floor, engaging in seafloor trawling to collect invertebrate samples, and collecting phytoplankton samples.



Family and Community Engagement

- School Site Council Meeting will be held from Oct. 11th from 5:00-6:15p.m. in the Fishbowl.
- School Parent Council (SPC) elections are Oct. 11th. There are 3 openings: President, Secretary & Treasurer. There are 4 parent seats open on the School Site Council (SSC).
- Coffee with Counselors for 12th grade families will take place in the O'B Library from 7:30-9:00a.m. on Oct. 13th.
- 5th Annual Middle School Unity Day is Oct. 19th. O'B community should wear orange as a sign of support to those who've been bullied & to demonstrate O'B is united against bullying.

Partnership Updates

- The BPS College & Career Fair is **tomorrow** Oct. 8th from 10am-1pm at the Reggie Lewis Center. All MS & HS students are welcome!
- WPI is working with O'B to establish a STEM vision for our school. Science teachers will finish surveying students this week to get their feedback. Educators and parents, please also take the survey!
 - [Teacher Survey](#)
 - [Student Survey](#)
 - [Family/Partner Survey](#)
- The Math department is participating in a Walk to Dudley Dough Week to escort students to the free math tutoring program. We'll meet in the main lobby at 2p.m. Free pizza and snacks are available. See any member of the math dept. for more info.
- 826 Boston is hosting College Essay Bootcamp for the month of October. Visit the Writer's Room from 2-4pm, Mon-Thurs.



Shout-outs

- Congratulations to the Girls Soccer team for raising awareness & donating time to raise funds to fight against Breast Cancer. Great exemplification of O'B PRIDE.
- Congratulations to the Middle School Science Team for organizing & coordinating a fantastic Family Science Night at the Harvard Museum of Natural History. The event provided a great learning opportunity for students & families and was a wonderful community-building experience!
- Congratulations to the newly appointed Senior Class Officers!
 - President - Megan McLean
 - Vice President - Woyekson Lorves Rodriguez
 - Events Coordinator - Mikayla Antoine
 - Treasurer - Ashley Perello
 - Secretary - Caitlyn Undag

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 - 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
- +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
- ### TBD
- + International Travel Society; See Ms. Nolan
 - + Gentlemen's Club: in rm 2-137 w/ Mr. Hines
 - + NJROTC: in NJROTC Office w/ Commander Sturges

FALL SPORTS



Athletics



Team Records



Girls Volleyball

4 - 4



Girls Soccer

6-1-1



Football

3 - 1



Boys Soccer

2-5-2

As of October 5, 2016



Athletic Schedule for Week of October 11th - 14th



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 10/11: JV Football v. Dorchester (Home)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.● 10/11: V Boys Soccer v. West Roxbury (Away)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.● 10/11: V Girls Soccer v. Brighton (Home)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.● 10/12: V Girls Volleyball v. Latin Academy (A)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.● 10/12: JV Girls Volleyball v. Latin Academy (A)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 10/13: V Girls Volleyball v. West Roxbury (H)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.● 10/13: V Girls Soccer v. Charlestown (Away)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.● 10/13: V Boys Soccer v. Latin Academy (Away)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.● 10/14: V Football v. Madison Park (Home)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.● 10/14: V Girls Volleyball v. English (Away)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. |
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