



**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**

On December 19th, members from the superintendent's cabinet will visit the O'Bryant to conduct a learning walk. We will be assessed on our instructional focus: Making Thinking Visible. For more information, see the email from the Headmaster.

**Homeroom Updates**

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

**Roland Hayes School of Music Winter Concerts**

Our 7th - 12th grade students will perform the Winter Concerts at the Roland Hayes School of Music. The percussion & concert bands will perform on Tuesday, December 13th, and the piano, guitar ensembles, & chorus will perform on Wednesday, December 14th. Both performances are 6 - 8:00pm. Please join us!

**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 & tardiness, we are introducing the 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!
- Our attendance goal for the year is to exceed a 97% attendance rate. Our attendance rate for the past three weeks are as follows:
  - 12/05 - 12/09: 94.44%
  - 11/28 - 12/02: 95.11%
  - 11/14 - 11/18: 95.8%
- Our next professional development will be held on January 10, 2016. We will review MTV informative learning walk data and discuss cognitively demanding tasks.
- Our friends at Wentworth Institute of Technology met with our 10th graders to talk about SLAM (Students Loving Applied Mathematics). Deadline to apply is December 15th. Apply here: <http://bit.ly/slam2017>. Please see Mr. Pires or Ms. Arbit for more info.

## Experiential Learning

- On Dec. 13th from 2:15p.m - 4:15p.m., an NCAA workshop for student athletes will be held to learn about the college application process as well as NCAA eligibility requirements. Students can RSVP to Ms. Saltzberg in the Tiger Zone.
- The 7th grade chorus will perform at Dedham Savings Bank this week!



## Family and Community Engagement

- We are raising money for our Excellent Attendance Campaign. December 16th is "Crazy Hat Day". On this day, students and teachers that donate \$2 can wear a hat of their choosing for the day. No face masks are allowed! You may donate to Mr. Pires, Ms. Arbit, or Ms. Sutton anytime Mon - Thurs.
- Join the community spirit & decorate your door or space to win a breakfast with your homeroom! Intent to participate due Dec. 16th and decorations due Dec. 19th. See Student Council Executive Board or Mr. MacLeod for more info.
- Be sure to give the gift of O'Bryant 'Gear' this holiday season! Current products have been restocked, spirit gear is available, & we're featuring a NEW long sleeve t-shirt in PINK. All proceeds go directly back to O'B to support our students. Shop Thursdays from 7 - 7:20am; additional holiday hours are Dec. 13 & 14th from 5 - 6pm before the O'B winter concerts. To view products, visit [obryant.us](http://obryant.us)>parent tab> O'Bryant Gear Store.
- 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](mailto: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](#).



## Shout-outs

- Congrats to the science and technology teachers who planned engaging lessons for the students to take part in Hour of Code: Computer Science Education Week!
- Shout out goes out to the Faculty Senate for planning a wonderful O'Bryant Holiday outing. The food was great and the company was even better!

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

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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 - 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](http://obryant.us)**

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



## Extracurricular Activities



### **The O'Bryant Tiger Zone**

**Objective:** The John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science partnered with Scholar Athletes (SA) many years ago in an effort to address the academic achievements of our athletes. The BSA Tiger Zone provides the following programs {BSA OB Programs}:

- Academic Coaching and Counseling
- College Readiness Initiative
- Intramural Sports
- Athletic and Academic Recognition
- Athletes Capacity Building

**Advisors:** Ms. Saltzberg, [PSaltzberg@WeAreSA.org](mailto:PSaltzberg@WeAreSA.org)

**When:** 1:45p.m. - 4:00p.m.

**Where:** 3-B59

The Scholar Athlete (SA) provides regular instruction to the coaching staff to ensure they are properly trained both in their sport and more importantly in the philosophy that a coach is a mentor. In the classroom, the SA strives to improve academic performance and personal growth through mentoring, tutoring, summer job placement assistance, and our College Readiness Initiative (CRI). These collaborative efforts build skills, confidence, shape character, and enhance opportunities for success.

The SA staffs, operates, and funds the Tiger Zone, a school-based learning center for scholar-athletes to receive academic support located in the basement (room 3B99). Scholar-athletes who are struggling

academically are paired with tutors; scholar-athletes who are excelling academically engage in our peer-to-peer tutoring program; scholar-athletes who are aspiring to attend college participate in our CRI program; and all scholar-athletes have access to the latest technology, school materials, and textbooks. They are surrounded by an environment that promotes sustainability and a mindset for academic excellence.

In addition to our trained SA staff, the Tiger Zone provides the following amenities:

- Access to academic assistance through peer and outside tutoring and mentoring services
- Work stations equipped with computers and internet access, Nooks and flash drives
- Monthly forums on important issues facing high school students
- Improved relationships and strengthened camaraderie with teammates
- Support for ineligible athletes to improve academic standing
- Encouragement for incoming Freshmen to become involved with athletics
- College Road Maps and handouts to provide more information to our scholar-athletes



# 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

