



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 - 11.10.1

Report Cards will be mailed home on 11.18.16.

Headmaster/Administration

Message of the Week

After 33 years of service, Ms. Coy-Gonfa is moving forward to the world of retirement. Ms. Coy-Gonfa's last day of work will be Friday, November 4th. As a thank you, we will hold a celebration in the library on Friday, November 4th, from 2 - 4pm. We will have tasty food for everyone. Please make every attempt to attend.

Homeroom Updates

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

Twice each month, we will give all homerooms important topics to discuss. Our goal is to reinforce school-wide expectations and build community within each homeroom. On the days when there are homeroom discussions, we will only do the Pledge of Allegiance on the PA system; daily announcements will be emailed and posted outside of the library.

College Pride

To promote college awareness, we are asking the O'B community to wear college gear on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016.

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

- 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:
 - 10/24 - 10/28: 95.69%
 - 10/17 - 10/21: 94.48%
 - 10/10 - 10/14: 96.64%

Let us continue to improve by coming to school everyday, on time, and ready to learn!

- Thank you ILT members for a great meeting on October 25th. The lead teachers planned a session on Instructional Learning Walks to norm how to collect data when visiting classrooms. Our next meeting will be held on November 8th to continue this work.
- 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!

Experiential Learning

- On Saturday, NJROTC students will participate in the North Drill Meet. Best wishes for a successful competition!
- Mr. Pitts-Dilley will take his students to the Black Heritage Freedom Trail & Museum of African-American History.



Family and Community Engagement

- 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! A custom bookplate thanking the teacher of your choice. Donate [here](#) or contact the school librarian at jichord@bostonpublicschools.org
- **Attention Class of 2017 & Parents:** UMass Boston's 13th Annual Parent & Family Night is on Mon., Nov. 7th from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. Refreshments will be served & families will learn about the academic opportunities at UMass Boston. See Ms. Nolan or a guidance counselor for more info.
- The ISEE Exam will be held at O'B on Sat., Nov. 5th at 8 a.m. There is only one make-up exam on Nov. 19th at Boston Latin School.

Partnership Updates

- The Alumni Mentoring Program is back! Interested 11th grade students can get an application from Ms. Arbit in rm 3-227.
- 12th grade students who have their own small business can apply for the Young Entrepreneurs Award! More info is [here](#).
- Roxbury Youth Programs offers a safe place for students to get a healthy snack after school AND free homework support from tutors! You can find more info [here](#) or speak to Ms. Fontanez-Pilon in room 3-237.
- Pi R Squared continues to support our students with free math tutoring Mon - Thurs from 3 - 7pm. Ask any member of the mathematics department for more info.
- 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.



Shout-outs

- A major shout-out goes out to the coaches and students for finishing up the fall sports!

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



Student Council

Objectives

- Improve the culture and climate of the school
- Ensure that student voices are heard and incorporated in school decision making
 - Help fulfill the school's mission
 - Develop student leadership skills

Meeting Dates (2016 - 2017)

October 26, 2016	Period 5
November 16, 2016	Period 2
December 7, 2016	Period 6
January 11, 2017	Period 3
February 8, 2017	Period 5
March 8, 2017	Period 2
April 5, 2017	Period 6
May 24, 2017	Period 3
June 7, 2016	Period 5

Executive Board

President: Crystal Aneke
Vice-President: Adam Wertheimer
Communication Office/12th grade Captain: Lisa Agyare
Coordinator/11th Grade Captain: Enyu Rao
Secretary/10th Grade Captain: Rosiris Lara
Treasurer/9th Grade Captain: Aya Nakkachi
Middle School Coordinator: Alondra Bobadilla

FALL SPORTS



Athletics



Team Records



Girls Volleyball

12 - 6



Girls Soccer

11-2-2



Football

6 - 1



Boys Soccer

6-7-3

As of October 25, 2016



City Championships / MIAA State Tournament for Fall Athletics



Girls Volleyball

October 27th: City Championship Semi-Finals
4:00 pm O'Bryant v. East Boston (at Burke)

TBA: MIAA State Tournament

Football

October 28th: MIAA Div 4A North State Tournament
5:00 pm O'Bryant v. St. Clement's (H)

October 31st: JV Football v. East Boston
3:30 pm Shelburne Center Field

Girls Soccer

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O'Bryant v. TBA

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