

**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

Term 1 Report Cards will be mailed home on 11.18.16.

**Save the Date**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are Nov. 30th at 6pm

**Headmaster/Administration**

**Message of the Week**

Parents, students and staff, this is the first official week of term 2. Remember this is a chance to start anew! Work hard, stay focused and demonstrate O'B PRIDE!!

**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 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

- 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:
  - 11/7 - 11/10: 96.2%
  - 10/31 - 11/04: 95.56%
  - 10/24 - 10/28: 95.69%
- The next professional development is on November 15th at 2:05pm. The session will focus on bullying.
- Report cards will be distributed on November 18th.
- The Mass Insight Saturday Study Session for AP Math will be held at O'Bryant on November 19th from 8am to 12:15pm. Students are expected to be at O'B no later than 7:55am. Attendance in these Saturday study sessions is mandatory and part of the AP agreement that students signed. These study sessions contribute immensely to student achievement and performance in AP mathematics courses.

## Experiential Learning

- Students will participate in the Harvard-MIT math competition led by Mr. Francois. Good luck and make the O'B family proud!
- Mr. Barros is leading the charge with completing community service hours with students. O'B community members will be heading to Rooms to Grow, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of babies.
- 12th grade students will have the opportunity to visit the Museum of Fine Arts and make connections to the pieces they have been reading in English classes.



## Family and Community Engagement

- The NJOTC bake sale is on November 16th at 2:00pm in the basement cafeteria. Come support our cadets!
- The next Student Council Meeting is on November 16th at 8:30am in the auditorium. If a student has an exam that they cannot miss, please have the alternate attend.
- On Wednesday, November 16th, there will be a Summer Search presentation during period 6. See Ms. Azar for more details.
- Coffee with Counselors for 7th grade families is on November 18th from 7:30am - 9:00am.
- The Senior Class bake sale is on Nov. 18th from 2pm - 3pm in the basement cafeteria.
- 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](#).

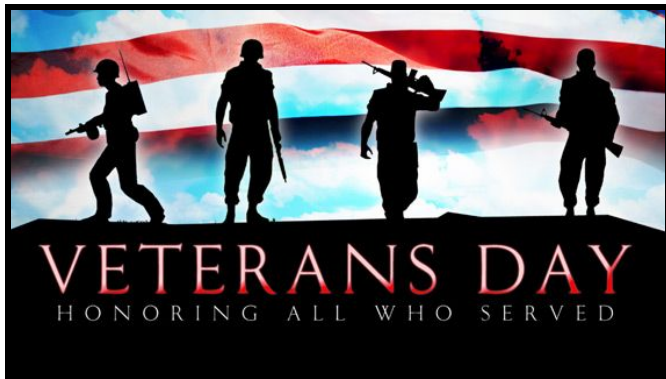
## Partnership Updates

- 10th - 12th grade students looking for a job can apply to the **Young Civic Leaders Program with MassVote**. See Ms. Arbit in room 3-227 for the application.
- The **Alumni Mentoring Program** is back! Interested 11th grade students can get an application from Ms. Arbit in rm 3-227.
- **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

- Thank you to all of the veterans that have served our great nation and protect us to live free.



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



## Extracurricular Activities



**Club Objective:** We are honored to commence our 5<sup>th</sup> season of the **Roxbury Youth Orchestra**. This fall we once again renew our commitment to serving our youth by providing them a safe and supportive community that also equips them with the tools for profound expression through their chosen instrument. For so many of our youth the arts are their entry point into the American dream and our commitment to artistic excellence comes alongside their need for a voice. Thank you for also supporting their journey and our mission.

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### **What's coming up?**

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| December 2016 | Fall Show & Tell Concert |
| March 2017    | 4th Birthday Concert     |
| Spring 2017   | Yellow Brick Road Tour   |



## Athletics



### Football (8 - 1)



The Tigers will face exam school rival, Boston Latin Academy, in the MIAA Division 4A South Finals on **Saturday, November 12th** at **1:00 pm** at White Stadium.

Link to Directions [From OB to White Stadium](#)

Because this is an MIAA Championship game, there is an admission fee (Adult - \$10.00; Students - \$7.00).

Cheer on O'B as they take one step closer to the MIAA Division 4A Super Bowl.

## *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](mailto:dmacleod@bostonpublicschools.org)



## Picture of the Week



MS students watching a performance by *Shakespeare to Hip Hop* at the Dudley Branch of the Boston Public Library