



**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



Science Technology Engineering Mathematics

**Grant Opportunity**

Applications for the **McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation's Academic Enrichment Grants** are now being accepted. The foundation provides grants of \$10,000 per year for up to three years (\$30,000 total) for educators who have workable ideas for improving student learning. [Click here for more info.](#)

**Headmaster/Administration**

**Message of the Week**

Thank you to all of our students, families, teachers, and faculty members who ensured that our ELA MCAS testing days went as smoothly as possible! We are very proud of all of the hard work that our students put forth, as well as the integrity with which our entire community showed for the significance of the exam. As we enter spring, we will continue to prepare our students for the end of Term 3, AP exams in early May, and the Math MCAS in mid May.

**College Promotion Day**

Every Wednesday is College Promotion Day! It is our hope that everyone wears college gear so that we engage in conversations about college and the rigors of post-secondary studies.

**O'Bryant PRIDE Day**

Every Friday is O'Bryant PRIDE Day. Wear your spirit gear!

**Term 3 Dates**

1.30.17 - 4.13.17



## Teaching and Learning

- Our attendance goal for the year is to exceed a 97% attendance rate. Our attendance rate for the past three weeks are as follows:
  - 3/20 - 3/24: 95.11%
  - 3/13 - 3/17: 94.37%
  - 3/06 - 3/10: 95.29%
- **10th & 11th grade students** participated in **AP Awareness Info Sessions** this week, and will complete AP Course Preference Surveys next week. Parents and students, please review the [AP Course Descriptions](#) and [AP Awareness Presentation](#), and decide which classes to apply for. Class lists will be released in early May. We encourage all 10th & 11th grade students to apply for AP classes. Contact Ms. Kontras with questions via email: [akontras@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:akontras@bostonpublicschools.org)
- Spring testing season is upon us. The March & April **MCAS & SAT** Testing schedule is as follows:
  - Grade 11 SAT School Day: April 5
  - Grade 7-8 ELA MCAS: April 26-27
 Please [click here](#) to view the entire line-up of upcoming assessments. Contact Ms. Kontras with any questions: [akontras@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:akontras@bostonpublicschools.org)

## 50/50 Raffle



Support our **Student Excellent Attendance Campaign** by entering our 50/50 raffle! All proceeds go to purchasing the prizes for the student winners of the Excellent Attendance campaign. Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for 6 tickets, or \$10 for 15 tickets. Tickets can be purchased from Mr. Pires or Ms. Arbit on Monday. The winning tickets will be announced on April 10th.



## Family and Community Engagement

- The **Mbadika Youth Workshop at Roxbury Innovation Center** is Tuesday, April 18th to Friday, April 21st from 9:00AM-4:00PM at 2300 Washington St. in Roxbury. Students ages 10-14 can register for a week-long workshop at Fab Lab Roxbury during April Vacation Week. It's also not too late to register for the free 4-week Computer Aided Design (CAD) workshop! [Register for both workshops here.](#)
  - **GrubStreet** offers high school students a paid **creative writing fellowship** to train with professional writers. From July 10th to July 27<sup>th</sup>, students will focus on craft, uncover inspiration on field trips, & meet established authors/agents. At the end of it all, they'll earn \$500! See Ms. Arbit or Ms. Tsoutsis for an application.
- Summer Journalism Institute:** Students will learn the essentials of news reporting, participate in weekly field trips, while getting paid. July 10-August 18th. Please contact [Carla.Gualdron@boston.gov](mailto:Carla.Gualdron@boston.gov) to learn more or see Ms. Tsoutsis with questions.
- [Click here](#) to read the **Boston Globe** article on the MA Life Sciences Center Grant that O'Bryant was awarded last week!
  - 11th grade students should sign up for an appointment with our College Advisor **Ms. Rainey** to start the college application process. She is located in the College & Career Center, room 3-235.

Watch the **Alumni Association's** 1st episode of their talk show, [Tiger Talk, on Youtube!](#)



### Shout-outs

- Thank you to **Madame Brun** for organizing a global exchange program for 28 high school students from France. They all had a wonderful time experiencing the O’Bryant school and the city of Boston! We also want to thank our incredibly welcoming O’Bryant families who hosted the students.
- Thank you **Mr.Cyrille and Mr. Rosario** for your help setting up for the AP Awareness after-school sessions.
- Thank you to **Mr. Joseph, Mr. Kazlauskas and Ms. Skone** for presenting to AP students on behalf of their departments.
- Thank you to **Ms. Kontras, the Guidance Team and Faculty** for their efforts on this past week’s ELA MCAS.
- Thank you to the **Guidance Team** for getting all of our 10th graders registered on Naviance after the MCAS exam.

Thank you to **Ms. Greene and Ms. Tamerat** for helping the 826 Boston Writers’ Room to complete the last set of surveys for the Northeastern longitudinal study on the impact of the Writers’ Room.

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Due to the weather, there have been significant challenges scheduling tryouts and practices for spring teams. Please contact coaches directly for information.

### Spring Teams, Coaches and Contact Information

#### Boys Varsity Baseball

Coach Curley

[teurley@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:teurley@bostonpublicschools.org)

#### Boys Junior Varsity Baseball

Coach Griffiths

[kgriffiths12@aol.com](mailto:kgriffiths12@aol.com)

#### Girls Varsity Softball

Coach Ryan

[bryan3@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:bryan3@bostonpublicschools.org)

#### Girls Junior Varsity Softball

Coach Tompkins

[ctompkins@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:ctompkins@bostonpublicschools.org)

**Boys and Girls Outdoor Track and Field**

Coach Rowe  
[rowekamilah@gmail.com](mailto:rowekamilah@gmail.com)

**Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity Volleyball**

Coach Pitts-Dilley  
[ppittsdilley@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:ppittsdilley@bostonpublicschools.org)

**Girls Varsity Tennis**

Coach Reny  
[greny@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:greny@bostonpublicschools.org)

**Boys Varsity Tennis (Co-op based at BLA)**

Coach Crane  
[andrew.crane@comcast.net](mailto:andrew.crane@comcast.net)

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