



**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

**Headmaster/Administration**

**Message of the Week**

We have English Language Arts MCAS testing on March 22nd through the 24th. It is imperative that students receive a good night's rest, eat breakfast, and come ready to tackle the challenge head on! We are confident in our students' abilities. Students: try your best on every question and you will be great!

**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:
  - 3/13 - 3/17: 94.37%
  - 3/06 - 3/10: 95.29%
  - 2/27 - 3/03: 95.2%
- Spring testing season is upon us. The March & April MCAS & SAT Testing schedule is as follows:
  - Grade 10 ELA MCAS: March 22-24
  - 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.

## **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.](#)



## **Family and Community Engagement**

- **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!
- High School Girls are invited to the 6th annual **S.E.T. in the City** - A Day of Career Exploration in Science, Engineering & Technology through Wentworth Institute of Technology. [Click here](#) to register for the event on Saturday, March 25, 2017.
- **summerFAB** is a four-week "design and build" program at Wentworth Institute of Technology for students in grade 10 & above. Click [the link](#) for more info.
- 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

- A shout out to **Ms. Andrews, Ms. Evans, Ms. Greene, Ms. Lazo and Ms. Scott-Edwards**, recipients of a BPS ELA Team Transforming Learning with Technology Grant.
- A shout-out to **Mr. Barry** for inviting Dr. Bauer to present a guest lecture to OB students interested in Medicine.
- A big thanks to **Mr. Cyrille and Mr. Rosario** who ensured our network upgrade went smoothly.
- Congrats to the **O'B FIRST Robotics Team** for winning the the award for Highest Seed for a Rookie Team at a competition in Bridgewater. The students had 6 weeks to build a robot that can deliver gears, shoot balls into the air and climb a rope!

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



The O'Bryant's very successful winter athletic season recently came to a conclusion.

The **Co-Ed Swim Team** came in **2nd place** in the BPS City Championship Swim Meet.

The **Boys Hockey Team** finished the season strong with two convincing wins over New Bedford High School.

The **Girls Indoor Track and Field Team** came in a close **2nd place** in the BPS City Championship Track meet at which the **Boys Team** also had a strong showing.

The **Girls Basketball Team** (12 - 6 regular season) was one of just four teams that qualified for the BPS City Championship Tournament. The Lady Tigers also participated in the MIAA Division 2 South State Tournament as the #6 seed.

The **Boys Basketball Team** (15 - 6 regular season) was also one of just four teams that qualified for the BPS City Championship Tournament. The Tigers also participated in the MIAA Division 2 South Tournament as the #5 seed. The boys had our strongest showing in the MIAA State Tournament in over 10 years defeating the #1 seed (Falmouth), the #4 seed (Tech Boston) and the #12 seed (Hingham) before losing in the finals to the #3 seed (Whitman-Hanson).

Congratulations to all of our winter student-athletes and their coaches. League All-Stars will be announced in the next week or two.

We are very excited about next year because all of the O'Bryant winter athletic teams had very



strong showings by our underclassmen. The future is bright for O'B!

**Mark Your Calendar:** The Spring Athletic Season starts on **Monday, March 20th**. The recent weather has posed significant challenges for outdoor tryouts and practices. Updates will be on [obryant.us](http://obryant.us).

### Pictures of the Week





From top to bottom: O'B FIRST Robotics Team competed in competition in Bridgewater & they won the award for Highest Seed for a Rookie Team; City Councilor Tito Jackson introducing the Morehouse College Glee Club at the Roland Hayes Auditorium; the Morehouse College Glee Club

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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 - Ms. Tsoutsis; History - Mr. MacLeod; World Language, Special Education & Mathematics - Mr. Pires; Students - Mr. Pires;  
Parents/Community Members - Ms. Arbit