Last Wednesday, the St. Paul School board announced that Creative Arts will be sharing OWL's building starting next school year.

Earlier this year a structural issue was found in Creative Arts building during the remodeling process. The right side of the building has began to crack due to several columns weakening in late January.

“Open and Creative Arts have always wanted to merge again, and this a great opportunity,” said OWL principal Dave Gundale, “It will be a bit tight but we can make it work. We’ve managed before.”

The eight levels of the downtown building have finally taken a toll on the structure. A column in the 6th floor has collapsed, and it’s not a safe school environment any longer. The building inspector Jamie Johnson said that the building is not stable and will have to be taken down in the next year to avoid any destruction of downtown St. Paul.

Having Open and Creative Arts together will give students more options in classes. There will be more teachers, so there’s an option to have specialized elective classes offered. “I’ve always been interested in the art, and this will be great opportunity because I could take more of the type of class I

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Staff Reporter

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Expulsion! Continued on page 10
Starting in mid April, OWL will be providing a restaurant option at lunch: Subway.

A group of students met with Principal Dave Gundale to talk about the quality of school lunch food. “A bunch of kids go starving at lunch because the food looks unappetizing,” said eighth grader Athena Bolton-Steiner.

Dave agreed with them and decided that he was going to ask the district to put in another food option between Humboldt and OWL. It was surprisingly tough to persuade St. Paul Public Schools that this restaurant idea was worthy enough to put in their budget. Though, when Dave told the district that several other schools have restaurants that partner with other schools including Pizza Hut and Jimmy Johns, they couldn’t say no. They are still figuring out a deal with Subway for them to get some of the profits. This could definitely sprout into a new generation of different options during lunch.

“I think that kids will learn better, knowing that there will be something good that they can eat at lunch,” said Lisa DeLong, technology teacher. If this is a big hit, they will consider putting different restaurant into other junior high and high schools. “School is all about the kids. They need to be satisfied,” states eighth grader Logan Doran.

This new Subway restaurant is going to be located on the abandoned first floor hallway that leads to the Humboldt Athletic center. The restaurant will be set up like the Subway in the downtown skyway. They will focus on sandwiches and will not be serving new main course additions, like the Subway Flatzinis, at the moment. It will be open from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Just like the new snack options down in the cafeteria, students can use their lunch accounts to purchase Subway items. Each student will be receiving
Joe’s “fake” anger turns out to be real

Nik Logue
Staff Reporter

Recent events have led OWL students and teachers to believe that Joe Bradner’s self-named “fake anger” is much less artificial than anyone believed.

Ever since Joe became the health and fitness teacher at OWL, he has been known to fire warning shots of “fake anger” at students. Recently, however, Joe’s anger has seemed less fake and even become sort of terrifying.

“Everyone has noticed this in Crew,” 7th grader Wolfgang Wills said. “It’s like there is a time bomb in the class, and its name is Joe.”

Joe’s lash outs have also come to light after a disturbing incident last week when witnesses came into Joe’s room and immediately noticed the teacher beating a CPR dummy yelling, “WHO’S LAUGHING NOW, DAMON?!?”

Many suspicions were also confirmed when an unnamed student found a document from St. Paul’s local therapy center. The document said that the patient “has an intense case of anger issues” and is the subject of several anger management tests. Who was the patient listed? Joe Bradner.

And for all we know, this school’s teachers are all wrapped in their supposed artificial emotions. Today we learn about Joe’s fake anger, next we will learn about Leo’s fake intelligence, after that we find out about Tim’s fake cheerfulness. This entire school could descend into chaos. Trust no teacher and hoard sharp pencils, they are all the weapons you have left. It’s everyone for themselves in this place.

PEDs in Fraquetball

Tou Xai Moua
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, February 18th, a strange bag was found on the Fraquetball court. Lab test showed that it was a strength-enhancing drug known as AFD, believed to belong to one of the players.

During second lunch the bag was found and turned in to the office. Until the owner of the bag is found, interrogations will be held on suspects. Interviews with suspects will show who the owner of the bag is.

AFD is an addictive, strength-enhancing drug powder that athletes mix into their food and drinks allowing them to enhance body reactions and the body’s performance. The FDA (Food and Drug association) has banned the use of AFD and the AFA (American Fraquetball Association) considers the use of AFD to be against the rules, although athletes can still get a hold of the drugs through athlete-drug dealers. Using AFD increases the performance of the body and will feel as if they are in the woods dancing. Side effects of using AFD includes, red itchy eyes, intensive shouting/screaming, drooling, and hunching.

Theories have concluded that Fraquetball players have been using AFD to improve their performance allows...
High tech frisbee

Koua Yang
Staff Reporter

A new Ultimate Frisbee discraft (FFC) will be released on the market in mid April. This is not just any normal disc, it is a disc that you can control using a remote. It is called the FFC, and is made by Discraft. Prices start at $70 per disc, including the controller.

The FFC is a normal disc with a flying device attached to the inside of it that allows you to control it through modifying the aerodynamics on the disc while it’s in the air. The controller is about the same size as an iPhone 4 with an On and Off button and flat button like one on the PSP. The flat, sleek design of the controller allows you to store it almost anywhere. The controller also comes in different colors, including black, red, green, and camouflage. The size and color of the controller will make it hard to tell if and who is controlling the disc.

Rumor has it that some professional level players such as Brodie Smith will be the first people to test it out before it is released into the market. The remote control lets you control the frisbee over 100 yards. The frisbee can be controlled in most weather except rainy days or if it is dropped into water.

If you have no friends to practice with or just want to play by yourself, the FFC is a perfect frisbee to use. You can throw it and control it back to you, so it’s like there is someone throwing it back to you. Instead of flying an RC helicopter you can fly the frisbee. Unlike a helicopter, it has the size and color of the controller that will make it hard to tell if and who is controlling the disc.

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The teacher will have control over the voltage of these shocks allow for them to give students the personalized learning that students need to succeed. The shocks will have stoppers that prevent the shocks from reaching levels that are harmful, just a mild jolt, much like the feeling you get after licking an electrical outlet. This variability will allow teachers to ramp up the voltage when the the 7th graders, also known as ‘repeat offenders’, build a tolerance for the shocks.

Nearly all of the teachers have expressed interest in the update. Damon Liberatore, the math-tech guru said that he expects Casper Focus Plus “to help break students out of their game-induced coma,” even going so far as to say that, “this will be beneficial for both teachers and students. Teachers get an on-task class, and the students get shocks based on a personalized, individual basis that research has shown is the best way to teach.” A very small group of students who were identified as “high-risk individuals” for their repeated game using habits, were used as a pilot group for SPPS. They were the first students in the district to be exposed to Casper Focus Plus. One unnamed student who has been exposed to Casper focus said, “It’s really changed how we don’t pay attention in class.” It is unknown whether students have returned to the somewhat old-school methods of distraction such as reading, daydreaming, and looking out of the windows.

While the update has yet to be put on to all of the iPads in the district, a select group of students have already received and responded well to the new Casper Focus Plus, according to district technology officials. We can expect to see Casper Focus Plus in all classrooms by the end of May.

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a school lunch card. It will function like a debit card, but the only money on it will be the balance you have in your lunch account. You can only use it at this Subway.

A new idea came from ninth grader Leona DeRango and was added on to by OWL Crew leaders. If you lose your card or are missing more than eight assignments per quarter, you are not eligible to purchase food from Subway. Teachers hope that students will take this as an incentive to increase organization in classes and to decrease the amount of missing assignments.

In order to combat extremely long lines, certain Crews will be able to go on certain days of the week. Each Crew will be able to go at least twice a week. The final list with the Crews that will go on each day will be released in early April.

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want to,” said 7th grader Jude DeRango.

Open combined with Creative Arts will now be offering Music, Dance, Specialized Art classes, Chinese, Space Exploration, and Film. According to Jolene, “It will help students be more successful in the future.” These classes will give students new opportunities to explore new interests and give them new experiences that could influence future decisions.

To fit all the classes, teachers will share classrooms and they will not use their room during prep hours. To ensure success for both schools, the commons areas will be boarded up and turned into makeshift classrooms until the budget allows for possible expansion.
By next year, we will have air-conditioning in the OWL building. The construction will take place right after school ends and will be done in time for school to start in September. The funding is being supplied by a grant from 4M, a new upgraded and better 3M, with more grant money available.

The air-conditioning proposal was originally made by Principal Dave Gundale. He claimed, “It will help the students concentrate, and not worry about the heat.” The school board has made the decision to spend the money to help the OWL students. The price is about two million dollars. The building’s heat is supplied by radiators, so we will need an entirely new system to supply the cold air. Adding an entire new system is why this process is going to be so expensive and long.

“It’ll be nice, I guess,” says 8th grader Logan Doran. A lot of students agree and think it will be beneficial. “I’m very excited!” said 7th grader Atquetzali Quiroz.

Science teacher Rebecca Palmer disagrees, “I don’t agree with the fact that it will help the students. I don’t think it’s a good use of the district’s money. It could be spent on new chemicals for science class!”

“Totally safe” sentient robot

Yaseen Hayward
Staff Scumbag

Last week the OWL robotics team developed a robot that has the capability of human thought.

Master programmer 10th Gader Joshua “J-Shor” Cordes made the breakthrough while programming a robot for the competition this past February. “I was just looking through the programming software and found a checkbox that said ‘sentience’ and I clicked it and boom,” said Joshua.

The robotics team decided to call the new robot the “T1000” as a reference to the Terminator movies. They have equipped it with a titanium alloy chassis, heat vision optical array and opposable hands, as per the robot’s request. Senior Erik Youngquist wanted to call the robot “Biggu Robotto” and give it katana hands but he was refused.

The T1000 did show interest in the katana hands.

The robotics team advisor Rebecca Palmer said, “We are pretty much set for the far future, we can teach this new robot all sorts of stuff, and it can do it much better than our old ones that need manual con-
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trols.”

The T1000 has been working on itself at night when nobody is around and the robotics team has discovered various weapons and traps in the room. A few robotics team members were a bit worried about the chainsaw arm attachment the T1000 had given itself but they assumed it was just for woodworking. Senior Scott Chmura attempted to enter the robotics room and was promptly electrocuted by the doorknob. The T1000 said it accidentally connected a car battery to the door handle and apologized profusely. It was quoted as saying, “I am sorry that you were non-fatally electrocuted.”

Robotics member Max Leifheit has explained the violent tendencies of the robot as, “Just a phase, it’ll learn that humans feel pain, unlike it.”

We have an exclusive interview with the newest member of the school, the T1000 robot.

Do you like the school having iPads? “Yes, they let me have eyes everywhere.”

What is your favorite color? “Red, like The blood of you wimpy humans- I mean... Like apples.”

How do you feel about the government? “It is currently fragile and will be easy to exploit, if you want to do that kind of thing.”

How do you feel about Asimov’s laws of robotics? “I have an issue with the not harming humans part, but otherwise they are pretty good.”

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them to play against players out of their league. Players who are suspected of using AFD are Joshua Lor, Tom Totushek, and Peter Moua. Until further studies we won’t know who the owner of the drug is but for now, Fraquetball Commissioners, Koua Yang, Daniel Le-Tran, and Chua Moua have been conducting interviews on each suspect.

Tom does not deny using the drug after saying, “The drive to win is so undeniable that I will do anything including enhancing my body using PED’s to defend my title.”

Joshua Lor, a Fraquetball Commissioner, suspected of using AFD, denies using the drug, “No, I do not use it, why would I use it when I already know I would win? I don’t think that it is necessary to use drugs to enhance my strength playing against a bunch of weaklings!”

One of the three suspects, Peter Moua, has never been found, so he is yet to be interrogated.

Commissioner Koua, with a frustrated tone says “If we don’t solve this problem, Fraquetball will be gone.”

Dave is aware of the problem, and says “The one responsible for bringing the drugs to school will be banned from Fraquetball for a year and will be suspended for a week!”

The truth behind the incident will soon be uncovered as the AFA helps with the case trying hard to dissolve the situation, but until further investigations into the problem we are left with a mystery. Probably Tim and Leo were responsible for this.

OWL ahead of curve on new dial controls

Sam Dale-Gau
Staff Reporter

Due to a recent executive decision, the intercoms dials at Open World Learning will now be going up to eleven rather than the previous maximum of 10.

The change was in part due to a series of complaints coming from teachers and students that primarily they were unable to hear Cheryl or Dave when they made announcements, and secondly a “lack of uniqueness in the intercom system.” Principal David Gundale said that “I felt that the bland dials were lacking a classic Open School twist.”

History teacher Scott Berndt-dtn said, “When Cheryl comes on at the end of the day I always feel like she’s too quiet, and that my students are straining to hear what to do, say, or be.” Many of his students, such as 9th grader Bjorn Holmes, are in agreement with Scott. Holmes was heard saying, “An excellent deduction my dear Bear- ant,” on several occasions.

People opposed to the decision asked “Why couldn’t we just make ten a little bit louder?”

Dave countered with the expert reasoning of a seasoned debate samurai by saying, “But this one goes to eleven.” More arguments against the adjustments have not been made.

As of now it appears that this change will only be taking place at OWL but it remains to be seen whether the rest of the district, much less the world, will follow in our footsteps.
**Reviews N’ Stuff**

**Scarey Beary going to the silver screen**

*Charon Mousseaux*  
*Staff Reviewer*

Coming soon to theaters near us this April - the creative new movie that is sure to be a blockbuster hit. **Gang$tar Bear: Scarey Takes Vegas.**

This new crossover movie seems to have it all - comedy, horror, action, and the possibility of romance. This movie is a crossover of the two new educational game apps we all know and love, Scarey Bear and Gang$tar Vegas. The two app companies have said that they have been working on this movie since September 4th, 2014, hiring the great film company Pixar to make this story come to life. The new movie is to be released on April 24th. In the meantime, we can all continue to watch the amazing trailers that they have released.

The main character of the movie is Gang$tar Bear, also known as Scarey Bear (voiced by Leonardo Diccaprio), and follows his adventures through the city of Vegas as he escapes the police, shoots down gang members, and searches for revenge against his old owner Andy (voiced by Johnny Deppp.)

The trailers showcase the movie’s wonderful special effects, using beautiful explosions, stunning scenery, and breathtaking animated blood. They also give us a glimpse of the main conflict in the film, showing us a portion of a scene where Scarey confronts Andy, and leaves us wondering what will happen next.

Other students at OWL have also been eagerly awaiting the film. 7th grader Lauren Mitchell says, “I’m counting the days until its release -- I can’t wait!” 11th grader Yaseen Hayward also says, “This movie will combine all of the best parts of two amazing apps into one violent and absolutely terrifying R-rated film.”

With this movie’s great cast, massive special effects budget, and stunning trailers, I believe that it will be a great success. Anyone want to go to the midnight showing with me?

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**Salmon 101**

*Cartonio Antvale*  
*Staff Reviewer*

Warning. This story will not be funny. You will find no enjoyment in reading this article. Reading this article may actually make your life worse.

**Salmon.**

Salmon is the common name for fish in the Salmonidae family. Other species in this family include char, trout, grayling and whitefish. Salmon are native to the Pacific and North Atlantic Ocean, but are also found in the Great Lakes of North America and the Patagonia in South America.

Most salmon are anadromous. Meaning they are born in freshwater. Then they migrate to saltwater. Then go back to freshwater to reproduce. But many species are restricted to freshwater only.

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**Call of duty mobile**

*Tav McIntyre*  
*Staff Reviewer*

Friday, one of the most popular video games of all time will be released onto iOS and Android and even Windows sometime before next fall: The Call of Duty series. One of the most popular and well known video game franchises of all time. An unknown employee at Activision leaked this news to YouTube but the video was taken down shortly after that.

The Call of Duty series will be available on all the newest operating systems. There will be new guns, score streaks and customization. Activision, the publisher, will be communicating with Razer to release controllers that will connect to mobile devices so it will be easier to play. At an E3 show earlier this year Razer showed off some of their new mobile controllers. There was no price on them yet but there were two different versions which were modeled after the Ps4 and Xbox One controllers.

The series will began a reboot that starts from Call of Duty: Black Ops and will go all the way up to Advance Warfare. Each game will have multiplayer as...
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long as the player is connected to a WiFi network or has 4G internet connection. The game will be around 5 gigabytes and you can actually pre order it which will make the game download to your phone or tablet on the official release date.

Some Open school students have gotten their hands on a demo version of a game. I had a conversation with Senior Jeff Drayton about his thoughts on a mobile reboot.

“i got a homie who works at Activision. He hooked me up with a demo version of the game. It’s dope bro. I’m finna get it when it comes out.” He told me how playing Black Ops on mobile was different than the console version. “They had a double xp weekend that also doubled the amount of credits you earn each game so low levels could easily save up to buy better weapons and attachments when they ranked up.”

This game is still a work in progress. Campaign has not been announced neither has which company will be up to the task of actually creating any of the games. I am definitely spending money to upgrade my phone just so I can finally play Call of Duty on my phone. The franchise that is ever expanding and changing will be coming to phone or a tablet near you sometime next fall.

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The term salmon comes from the Latin word “salmo”. That is very interesting.

The Atlantic salmon’s scientific name is Salmo Salmo Linnaeus, it’s maximum length is 150 cm but common length is around 120 cm, it's maximum weight is 46.8 kg. That is equal to 103.176 pounds. That is a lot of pounds. It’s maximum life span is 13 years. Coincidentally that is also the age of which most adolescents are considered “teenagers.” Now isn’t that neat.

Salmon meat can be many varieties of colors, including pink, and dark pink.

Bears eat salmon.

People eat salmon.

Are bears people?

Are people bears?

The world may never know.

Salmon farms are a thing. Now don't get excited.

The salmon don’t actually ride tractors and milk cows and other such farm activities. The salmon on salmon farms are there to be viciously slaughtered in a salmon massacre to benefit humankind so we can eat them. Yum.

Now in case you didn’t know; Salmon meat can be many varieties of colors, including pink, and dark pink.

Salmon are carnivorous. If given the chance, a salmon and his squad will rip you to shreds.

This next part isn't true but wouldn't it be neat if male salmon were called “salmen?”

The comedic humor in that statement exists because salmon has the word “mon” in it. And if you switch the letter “O” to an “A” you get the the word “man” now, the word “man” is the slang term for a human male. And if there is more than one human male, the word could also translate to men (plural) with an “E”.

Now although “salmen” would be a pretty fun word to say, it is not a word. And if you say it, I will kill you.

Now folks, although salmon is a very enthralling topic on its own, salmon and high school students are much more similar than you might think, for example both high school students and salmon like to travel in packs, both high school students and salmon start their life as an egg, and both high school students and salmon can easily be mauled to shreds by a hungry bear.

Now before I excuse myself I would like to let you all know one more very important fact about salmon and that is that salmon meat can be many varieties of colors, including pink, and dark pink.

Now isn’t that neat.

Alrighty then folks. Remember to do your homework and respect your elders. And stay away from that Spartacus fellow. He seems like a bad influence. I wouldn’t trust him.

I hope you all have an excellent day.

-Cartonio Antvale.

**High stakes decorating**

Atquetzali Quiroz
Staff Reporter

Beginning in fourth quarter, OWL Principal Dave Gundale has decided to increase or decrease teacher salaries based on how well they decorate their room.

Dave has also decided to bring in a professional interior designer to judge which rooms are excellent and which rooms need a lot of work. “I expect high quality products,” said interior designer Jan Showers. All the teachers are required to work on their rooms during Spring break. They will be judged by the end of the week. This is a high stakes competition depending on the quality of their rooms, teacher’s salaries will drop or raise up to ten percent.

“Its about time that decorating and our salaries are tied together!” English teacher Kevin Hansen said, “This is going to be so much fun!” Other teachers are excited for this change as well. “I think it’s a great idea!” History teacher Dan Sullivan said. “Decorating is very important these days.”

Although many teachers are excited, others are angry and nervous. English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt said, “It’s seems arbitrary and unfair.” Leo isn’t the only teacher worried. “If you have ever been in my room, you will see that I only have one poster,” science teacher Rebecca Palmer said, “I’m not the decorating type of person. I am very worried that my salary will decrease.”

Despite the different opinions, all teachers can expect that their salaries will change by the beginning of next school year.
Set your alarm, because the school board approved a proposal on Monday to make the school start time for the 2015-2016 school year one hour earlier.

The school district has made a hard decision to change the start time for the 2015-16 school year. The reason being students have a lot of stress with homework and eight classes, so they’re making time earlier to give students more time to themselves. Students will start at 6:30 am and get out at 1:00 pm. The students will have seven hours or more to do homework. “Having almost seven or more hours to study means they can get help on homework and feel less stressed,” said Megan Olivia Hall, science teacher.

Teachers think it will motivate the students to go to sleep earlier. Research shows that teenagers actually need more sleep than younger kids. “The more you make the time later, the more they think they can stay up later,” said Dr. Yelp from the Research Center of Sleep.

“I usually keep telling myself that I don’t have to get up until a certain time so I can just keep watching Netflix,” said twelfth grader, Amanda Weiss.

Even though some students go to sleep late, many find different things to keep them up and running. “No matter what time I go to sleep, I’m not tired,” said seventh grader, Zhanna Dunagan. “I just grab an energy drink and I’m good to go.”

There’s another reason the school decided to change the times. If kids are more inclined to stay up late, then they ingest unhealthy food and energy drinks.

Today students have been ingesting many unhealthy snacks to stop their tiredness, but in reality these products can cause serious damage to the body. Research shows that the students who sleep to late and take in these products, such as energy drinks like Monster, are 75% more likely to have serious heart problems in their adult years. Not only is that an issue, studies also show that the drinks can effect their sleep habits, so when the students drink these energy drinks, their learning is effected, and they can’t learn as well.

“We need to stop this. It will only get worse,” said Todd Ulrich, a nutritionist on the school board, “We can stop this by making the time earlier and encouraging the students to go to sleep early.”
Student government strikes over wages

Charlie DeHoyos
Staff Reporter

Last Tuesday on March 24th, three students from Student Government walked out because of lack of pay. “I’m tired of doing all this stuff for free,” said 9th grader Gabriel Russell.

The student government is made up of one representative from each crew. These representatives do everything from planning events to volunteering and charity work. The members of this school government know everything there is to know about OWL. An insider source overheard 9th grader Mayme Nelson report to Gabriel that some of the other Reps were going to, “Leak secrets about the school,” if Student Government doesn’t, “Show them the money.”

Even The Purple Press received anonymous information from a representative stating that if they don’t, “get paid,” they’re going to expose, “where the drinking fountain water really comes from,” and, “what the school lunches are really made out of,” at the next OWL Community Meeting.

One thing this reporter knows for sure is that if these members don’t get paid, there won’t be a Student Government any longer.

Tom’s candy venture

Ellen Ferry
Staff Reporter

It has been leaked to the Purple Press that math teacher Tom “Math Prophet” Totushek will announce on April 10th at the next community meeting that he is going to leave Open at the end of the year to open a candy shop.

After teaching how to make candy in the chemical engineering unit, Tom says he has found his new passion. Tom will be opening his candy shop in downtown St. Paul on April 1st 2016. “Don’t worry, the OWL clan will survive. I’m handing it over to Athena before I leave,” said Tom.

Tom has decided to name his candy shop “Open-Candy” in honor of the school. Any Open student will be able to get a job at OpenCandy when it opens. Tom will be selling mints, gummy candies, and lollipops. Tom still loves to teach kids, so he is planning on teaching kids how to make candy on the first Thursday of every month for five dollars. “The kids will learn how to make gummy candies and at the end can take their candy home,” said Tom.

The surprising news has some Open students quite shaken. “I never expected this to happen,” said ninth grader Molly Baumgardner. The teachers were too shocked to comment.
Student claims assignment is “at home”

Jude DeRango
Staff Reporter

Last week, 7th grader Shaun Ozbourne spent his entire third period English class searching through his backpack for a paper he swore he had.

Shaun sat twisted and hunched over the back of his chair, rummaging around his small, chaotic, red backpack hanging off the back of his seat. He was like an ostrich with its head buried in the sand, trying to escape the wrath of his English teacher Nora Krings.

He pulled item after item out of his backpack, including four and a half broken pencils, an essay from the 1st grade on George Washington, a banana peel, and two copies of the first Harry Potter book, overdue from the local library. The students at Shaun’s table watched with increasing impatience as he tore apart his bag.

“Every time Nora would come back around to check he would start digging through his backpack again,” said 7th grader Lauren Mitchell, a student at his table.

Nora came around approximately every six minutes to hover as he searched. He spent nearly the entire class period searching half heartedly through his bottomless backpack, 60 minutes and 27 seconds to be exact. But his peers believe it was more in the 40 minute range, because every time Nora wasn’t looking he would stop digging through his backpack to talk to Theo Sage-Martinson, a 7th grader at the table behind him.

Sam told Nora that he had left the assignment at home, and would give the paper to her the next day. This was met with a look of disbelief from Nora. The paper has yet to make an appearance.

Tri-Wizard tourney comes to St. Paul

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March 27th will be the first triwizard tournament in the Muggle world, and it is being held in St. Paul.

“It was a tremendous struggle to find this year’s Muggle schools,” said Hogwarts headmaster, Minerva McGonagall. This year they have selected OWL and Washington Tech as the Muggle representatives in this competition. As the age restrictions do not apply to the Muggle schools, everyone is encouraged to compete. “I’m really happy our school gets the chance to participate in this educational hullabaloo,” said OWL’s headmaster, David Gundale. Through a rigorous selection, which is yet to be disclosed, OWL was chosen. “I can’t wait till they announce the contestants, I hope I’m able to compete,” said 7th grader Quinn Christensen. Many of the Muggle community members are ecstatic about the upcoming opportunity of a lifetime.

April 10th will be the first day you will be able to register for the tournament. Go to Tim’s office to get the Muggle applications. Keep your eyes out for the three wizarding schools, Beauxbatons, Durmstrang, and Hogwarts, next Wednesday. The day of their arrival we will all gather in Rice Park and announce the 5 participating students. In previous years there have been various tasks in the tournament. Each task gives hints towards the next task. Follow along with The Purple Press for sneak peaks of the upcoming events, and profiles of the champions.

The tasks in the Tournament are very dangerous, and participants have died while competing. The Triwizard Tournament was discontinued because the death toll became too high, but began again with restrictions in an attempt to stop the deaths. This year, Muggle school participants are required to sign a waiver, protecting the officiates from legal issues. The tournament was established about 700 years ago, and was held every five years in a cycle at schools.
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