

**OWL WEEKLY EMAIL**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2023**

*In an effort to increase communication with our students and families, we send a weekly email on Sunday evenings or Monday mornings highlighting upcoming school events. This information will also be shared with students in Schoology and in Crew on Mondays. Events are listed in chronological order.*

Monday, December 18 is a **B DAY!**

Friday, December 22 is Long Crew Day—a full day of service and fun with your Crew.

Winter Break begins Friday 12/22 at 3PM. School resumes on Monday, January 8.

**Monday is survey day in Crew.** On December 18, students can suggest new items for the CRISP ticket OWL school store through [this survey](#).

Do you have a survey for all OWL students?

Email [megan.hall@spps.org](mailto:megan.hall@spps.org) to get on the survey calendar.

**Wednesday is [Clubs](#) Day in Crew.**

This Wednesday during Crew, students can go to:

Black Student Union (Mr. Williams room)

Middle school GSA (Preston's room)

High school SLAC (library)

Yearbook (Rebecca Palmer's room)

Step Dancing Club (with Bridget in Pa-Loo's room)

Outward Bound (Auditorium) MANDATORY MEETING!

Girl Scouts (kitchen classroom)

Environmental Club (Alysha's room)

Feminism Club (Katie's room)

~~Model UN (Luke's room)~~ NOT THIS WEEK - Meet 1/10

~~Better Crew Bureau (Megan & Akira's room)~~ NOT THIS WEEK -  
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*\*Students need to go to Crew for attendance and get **smart passes** from Crew leaders to go to clubs. Students who do not go to clubs should be doing a Crew lesson with their Crew leader or a buddy Crew leader*

**Due Thursday: AVID tutors needed!** Do you enjoy helping students succeed? You could earn school service hours by working as a TA in an AVID class second semester. [Apply here](#). 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will get preference, but 10<sup>th</sup> graders can also apply. AVID tutors will have a required training during one 3A period in January (lunch provided). Applications are due Thursday, 12/21/23.

**Do you have another student who is interested in OWL?**

Prosecutive Family Showcase is Thursday, January 18 from 6:30 – 8PM. No RSVP needed.

If you would like to sign up to tour OWL during the school day or shadow a current OWL student, you can sign up [HERE](#) on our website.

**The Purple Press:** Read this year's first edition of the OWL student newspaper [HERE](#)

**Attention all 10th, 11th, and 12th graders! We need more tutors!!** Need more service hours? Need to boost that resume? Looking for something high quality to add to the common app? Sign up to tutor every Thursday during crew! Each tutoring period counts as one service hour! If you have not yet filled out the form but think that you are tutoring, please confirm your involvement and fill out the form! It is required.

Sign up here - <https://forms.gle/4wLHD52Hah2pRtAx8>

Thank you so much!

Raina and Hazel,

Tutoring Coordinators 2023-2024

**OWL Tutor Referral.** Would you like to refer a student to be tutored? Parents, guardians, and teachers can request an OWL tutor using [THIS LINK](#).

**Planners!** Did you get a Quarter 2 OWL planner? Planners are the ticket to organization and success. Thursdays during academic advising time, Crew leaders will be giving CRISP tickets to students who maintain a detailed planner.

**Are you ready to be a part of the OWL Archery Team as it prepares to defend its 2023 State Championship?** Learn more by [visiting our website](#) or commit to the season by signing up [here](#).

**Safety Information:** Each year, all schools in MN have to conduct 5 safety drills, 5 fire drills, and 1 severe weather drill. Drills are, of course, conducted so that staff and students know the procedures in case an actual safety concern arises. Being a part of a larger school complex with two separate schools means that we coordinate our safety procedures depending on the situation. Please take a moment to look at the SPPS district safety protocols at the following link:

<https://www.spps.org/Domain/14306>. Please don't hesitate to reach out to David or Ma'lene with any questions you might have. You can reach us at [dave.gundale@spps.org](mailto:dave.gundale@spps.org), [malene.walker@spps.org](mailto:malene.walker@spps.org)

**Community Information:**

**\*\*FREE COVID tests\*\*** are available through the mail from the MN Department of Health if you request them. LINK:  
<http://sayyeshometest.org>

**Food Resources**: We wanted to share with our community that Ramsey County has compiled many resources to support food access for Ramsey County residents.

[Food Resources Map](#): an interactive map of food access locations across the county

[Food Resources Website](#): includes a food resource guide for the upcoming holiday, resource guides by neighborhoods, materials in multiple languages, and food resources for specific groups of people

**OWL Schoolwide Norms**: Created by representatives of each Crew this fall with input from all students

- Respect people, their boundaries and identities, materials, and spaces
- Be kind, caring and friendly, especially when it's difficult
- Keep an open mind: engage in opportunities and courageous conversation
- Help create safe and brave spaces so that everyone can be their authentic selves and speak their truths
- Actively listen and participate (one mic, one voice), staying engaged and following through on commitments and expectations. *We are Crew, not passengers.*

**One proven way to live a happy life is to express gratitude. Is there a staff member at OWL that has done something you are grateful for?** Shoot them an email! An alternative and way has been made available by filling out [this link](#). (This form requires an email but is sent anonymously.)

**Important Reminder about Attendance:**

If your child is going to miss school, please call, email [owlattendance@spps.org](mailto:owlattendance@spps.org) or write a note to explain the reason for the absence. If we do not hear from you, the absence is documented as unexcused. After 3 days of unexcused absences, you will receive a letter from the school reminding you to please communicate with us so the absence(s) may be documented accurately. If your child continues to miss school, unexcused, he/she will be referred to the SAM (School Attendance Matters) Program for intervention.

The following reasons for absence qualify as an excused absence; illness, doctor, dental or therapy appointment (please be sure to obtain a note to give to the school), extreme family emergency or religious holiday not already recognized by our school district. When a student misses 3 or more class periods in one day, this is considered to be a full day of absence. Please call us if you have any questions/concerns.