

OWL Weekly Email

February 21, 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.

NEW! School Newspaper: Click [HERE](#) to read the latest edition of the Purple Press.

Clubs this week on Wednesday during Crew:

High School GSA: Go to Preston's room

Middle School SLAC members: Go to the library

Drama Club is back! Go to the Theater--New members welcome.

High School Yearbook: Go to Rebecca P's Room

Environmental Club: Go to Joanna's room

Presidents' Day is Monday, February 20: No School

Attention all MLL students (Multi Language Learners): ACCESS testing starts on Tuesday, February 21. If you have any questions about the ACCESS test, email Bridget at marybridget.leba@spps.org.

OWL Community Group/PTO Virtual Meeting is Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 PM: All students and families are invited to this VIRTUAL MEETING learn about what is happening at OWL and offer their thoughts and insights. The GOOGLE MEET code for the meeting: <https://meet.google.com/wzk-rihd-yao>

OWL History Day is Wednesday, February 22 from 5:30 – 8 PM: Students doing a History Day Project will be presenting to judges and families. Projects will be selected to represent OWL at the Regional Competition in March.

NEW! PSEO Information Night Recording: Click [HERE](#) to see a recording of last week's PSEO Info Meeting. Questions: Contact Jolene Jolene.yang@spps.org

NEW! Spring Sports sign ups: We will be signing up for Spring Sports that begin in March.

[Much information can be found here including schedules](#)

High School sports offered (For students 7-12th grade)

Girls Softball

Girls Badminton

Boys Baseball
Golf
Track and Field
Boys tennis
Adapted Softball

Middle School sports offered (For Students 6-8th grade)

MS badminton (Girls)
MS Baseball (Boys)
MS Softball (Girls)
MS Track (Boys and Girls)

Other sports offered (Send Damon and email about questions)

Clay Target League (High School)—information below

Club sports offered

Ultimate frisbee (6th – 12th) – Send questions: TIMOTHY.LEONE-GETTEN@spps.org

Boys Volleyball (7th - 12th) questions and sign up through Damon

Students need the following to be able to participate for SPPS sports

State forms and registration - get from Damon if you're student doesn't have them

MSHSL sports physical - need one every 3 years - check with Damon if you're not sure on the status (Students won't be able to participate without a physical)

Sports fee- \$45 or \$20 for free and reduced lunch (High School) - \$10 for middle school - bring to Damon

(Middle schoolers need to fill out a separate registration form that they can pick up from Damon)

Direct any questions to Damon Liberatore - Owl Athletic
Director Damon.liberatore@spps.org

NEW! Clay Target League Team: OWL students and parents are invited to attend a virtual informational meeting to find out more about the Minnesota Clay Target League and our own team the SPPS Capital City Claybusters. This combined sport is open to any student in grades 7-12 from across SPPS. Coaches and current athletes will be on hand to provide information on the sport and help folks get registered. Go [HERE](#) for more information. Contact capitalcityclaybusters@gmail.com for more information and to register for the virtual meeting.

NEW! Read Brave Information: Read Brave is Saint Paul Public Library's annual reading initiative for all ages centered around one theme and five books. Read Brave's goal is to inspire conversations that move Saint Paul forward. Go [HERE](#) for more information about this year's Read Brave program. Contact OWL Librarian Caryl with questions: caryl.mousseaux@spps.org

NEW! Golf Team Information: OWL has a strong history of student participation in athletics in partnership with Humboldt High School. OWL student athletes have made significant contributions towards numerous athletic teams at Humboldt in the past.

My name is Ray Gonzalez, I am the Boys Golf Coach at Humboldt. I am inviting OWL students and parents to consider increasing the number of OWL students that participate on our Boys and Girls Golf Team. We have had a few OWL students participate in golf in the past but not close to the number that have participated in other Fall, Winter, or Spring sports.

I am asking all students interested in joining the Boys and Girls Golf teams at Humboldt High School to contact me for further information regarding the upcoming 2023 Spring Golf Season.
Ray Gonzalez ray.gonzalez@spps.org 651-744-5581

DONATION NEEDED: Hangers for the Lost and Found: If you have extra hangers at your home, please bring them into the main office. Thanks!

OWL Robotics Team WINTER HAT SALE: This week we will be officially selling winter hats during all lunches. Hats are \$15 each and the proceeds will go towards funding the Robotics Team to go to tournaments and get materials. Talk to Ani or Megan if you have any questions megan.hall@stpaul.k12.mn.us.

What is TutorMe? TutorMe is an online tutoring platform that allows students to connect with a live tutor 24 hours a day in over 300 subjects, right from their home. Their network of over 10,000 verified tutors are ready to help with any question, no matter how big or small. Additionally, students can submit a paper on TutorMe's Writing Lab and receive detailed feedback in less than 12 hours.

For more information, [check out this link](#).

E-Learning Day Plan: As we are entering the heart of winter, there may be occasions when SPPS informs families that there will be an e-learning day (criteria here: <https://www.spps.org/weather>).

[Here is a link to our e-learning plan](#) posted on our school website. We will also send this out by 7:30 a.m. the morning of an e-learning day along with whether the day is an A or B day. Staff will have their Google Meet codes available by 8:25 a.m. Attendance will be taken through synchronous attendance or completion of an assignment per class.

An important message from Nurse Colleen:

Each day, please continue to observe and monitor your child/children closely for any signs or symptoms that they are not feeling well and keep them home to watch closely to see if symptoms persist or worsen. Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases, including the virus that causes COVID-19, to other people. Students, staff and visitors must conduct their own symptom screening prior to coming to

school/work, and again when arriving at any SPPS facility, and throughout the day.

ILLNESS AND SENDING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- Keep your child home if they:
 - Have a fever of 100 degrees or more during the previous evening or night or in the morning.
 - Have vomited or had diarrhea during the night or in the morning.
 - Have a rash that may be caused by a disease or if the cause is unknown, check with your family physician **before** sending the student to school.

If a student is at home sick, please call the school attendance line daily to report the reason for absence.

COVID-19:

Find resources and locations at spps.org/covidvaccine.

Time to Order your OWL Yearbook 2022-2023: Use [THIS LINK](#) to order your very own yearbook.

PTO News:

Spirit Wear Update!

Attention OWL Community- Spirit Wear will be coming at you in late winter/early spring 2023! Get ready! (And thanks for your patience)

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:

We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in stepping up to chair the **Raffle-O-Rama**: This is an event that is held in conjunction with the Celebration of Learning, the first Friday in June. This event consists of a community dinner along with a raffle and sometimes a silent auction. Feel free to make this your own! I am here as a reference for you as you need.

***Please note:** if you have interest in volunteering to chair the spring fundraiser, consider reaching out soon- work typically begins in January for the fundraiser to take place the first week in June. Thank you so much for considering!

Please reach out to Jennifer Lodahl with interest or questions. lodahl.stp@gmail.com. Thanks for considering!

OWL Community Group Facebook Page: If you use Facebook and want to stay connected to other OWL families, [HERE IS THE LINK](#) to the OWL family page.

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 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.