

OWL WEEKLY EMAIL
DECEMBER 12, 2022

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.

THIS WEEK! Asian Family Culture Night is THIS Tuesday, December 13 at 6 PM: All OWL Families are welcome to come celebrate a night of student presentations, good food and fun!
*The dinner is POTLUCK—please bring something to share.

NEW! Clubs this week on Wednesday during Crew:

High School GSA: Go to Preston's room
All SLAC members: Go to the library
Drama Club & Advisory Board: Week off!
High School Yearbook: Go to Rebecca P's Room
Environmental Club: Go to Joanna's room

Band Concert is Wednesday, December 14 at 6PM: Come see the first concert by the unified OWL and Humboldt band!

Long Crew Day is Friday, December 16: On the last day before Winter Break, students will spend the day with their Crews, doing

service, sharing food and having fun! Each Crew will plan their day together.

Winter Break is December 17 – January 2: School will resume on TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 at 8:30 AM.

NEW! Career Pathways Spring 2023 Registration: Current 11th and 12th grade SPPS students are invited to apply to take college courses through the Districtwide Career Pathways program. Students enrolled in this program get to explore high-demand, high-wage careers. Students will spend mornings at their home high school and afternoons at the new 3M Advanced Training Center located on the Saint Paul College campus. Transportation is provided.

- [Click here for more Information](#)
- [Apply here](#)
- [Click here for information in SPANISH, HMONG, SOMALI and KAREN](#)

Application Closes: **Friday, December 16, 2022**

NEW! THANK YOU DONORS! **Give to the Max Day** was a great success, raising over \$30,000 to support fall retreats, spring interim, and other programs that benefit all OWL students! Support came in a variety of forms...direct donations, employer

matches, contributions from extended family members, and matching grants. If your family hasn't donated but still wants to, feel free to send a check to school made out to "OWL PTO" (donations are tax deductible). Thanks again!

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 he or she:
 - Has a fever of 100 degrees or more during the previous evening or night or in the morning.
 - Has vomited or had diarrhea during the night or in the morning.
 - Has 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.

Influenza & COVID-19: Over the next two months, several SPPS schools will host clinics where students ages 5 and older and adults can receive flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines.

SPPS will also continue to host COVID-19 clinics on Thursdays at 360 Colborne St. Flu shots are currently available at these clinics as well.

Find all clinic dates and locations at spps.org/covidvaccine. Families and staff can use the vaccine clinic registration links to make appointments for a COVID-19 vaccine, flu shot or both.

School Newspaper: Click [HERE](#) to read this year's first edition of the Purple Press.

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

PTO News:

NEW! 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.