

OWL WEEKLY EMAIL
DECEMBER 5, 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.

OWL Community Meeting Group PTO meeting is Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 PM: All are invited to come find out what is happening at OWL and to offer their thoughts and energies on improving our school.

NEW! Clubs this week on Wednesday during Crew:

Middle School GSA: Go to Preston's room

High School SLAC members: Go to the library

Theatre Advisory Board: Go to the Theatre

NEW! OWL Theater presents... the Fall One Act Play Festival:

OWL Theater's student directed One Act Play Festival is this week! Performances will be this week **Wednesday the 7th, Thursday the 8th, and Friday the 9th. Performances at 7pm in the OWL Auditorium, doors open at 6:30pm.**

Ragnasplosion! The Norse mythology mashup!

The Magic Flute A dream-like battle of good vs. evil, light vs. dark, a one-act version of Mozart's opera.

The Vampire Cat of Nebeshima When the ghost of a cat seeks revenge on Prince Hizen, will anyone be able to break its spell?

Tickets are available online [HERE](#) and at the door. **\$5 for students, \$8 for adults.** Pay-What-You-Can option at the door. We'll see you at the show!

Asian Family Culture Night is Tuesday, December 13 at 6 PM: All OWL Families are welcome to come celebrate a night of student presentations, good food and fun!

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! 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.

Sign up to be tutored--6th-10th graders: If you're looking for some help with your classes, sign up to work with an older student tutor during **Thursday crew academic days!** There are also tutors available to work with **after school** and **busing available on Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Many of our tutors have taken the same classes you're taking, and they can help you with your work as well as your school organization. [SIGN UP HERE!](#)
Questions: Dave dave.gundale@spps.org

Great school service opportunity: Sign up to tutor a younger student during crew academic days and/or after school! Earn up to 80+ school service hours helping a younger student with their work. Also looks great on college applications! Sign up using [this form](#).

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!

NEW! DONATE! Project Reach is a program in SPPS who works with homeless youth and their families. They are creating a toy store for families for the holidays. If you'd like to donate a gift, there are two links which will ship the gifts directly to this program. You can also drop off gifts at the address on the flyer. All

donations are requested before December 9. Thank you for helping out!

[Link to Flyer with more information](#)

Links with gifts are below:

[Amazon wish list for Project REACH toy drive](#)

[Target Wish list Project REACH toy drive](#)

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.