

OWL WEEKLY EMAIL
NOVEMBER 28, 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.

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

NEW! **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 & Advisory Board: Go to the Theatre

High School Yearbook: Go to Rebecca P's Room

Environmental Club: Go to Joanna's room

THIS WEEK! **Student-Led Conferences:** Wednesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 1. You will make a 20 minute appointment with your student's Crew leader. Please look at the email you received and **sign up for your conference time ASAP.** Questions about conferences can be sent to your Crew leader.

NEW! After School Activities: Math Team & Lego League will be canceled on Wednesday due to conferences. Theater is still meeting as are classes held at Humboldt.

NEW! 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! Fall Play is December 7, 8 and 9 at 7 PM: Come see three one act plays put on by the OWL Theater Department!

NEW! 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!

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

NEW! 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.

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

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.

If you have a student who is questioning their gender identity or sexual orientation, and need assistance connecting to resources at school or outside of school, please contact the School Social Workers:

Paige: paige.geck@spps.org (651)-744-2349

Michelle: michelle.romano@spps.org (651)-744-3398

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:

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

DONATE: OWL believes that access to feminine products is a right. If you are able to donate products to help us provide free feminine products so that they are always available, please consider donating some by dropping them off with Tammy in the front office. From there we will make sure they get to where they are needed.

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.