

OWL WEEKLY EMAIL
NOVEMBER 7, 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.

Virtual Learning Day: On Tuesday, November 8 (Election Day), OWL will have a virtual learning day. More information on our plan for this day is being sent to families.

No EDL/Flipside on Tuesday 11/8: There will be no afterschool activities on Tuesday, November 8th on the Digital Learning Day/Election Day. Questions? Please contact Preston.West@spps.org or Brient.Pokornowski@spps.org

Clubs this Wednesday, November 9 during Crew:

Middle School GSA: Go to Preston's room

High 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

Picture re-takes will be Thursday, November 9: If you did not get your picture taken yet, or if you do not like your first photo, be ready to smile on November 9.

Quarter 1 ends on Friday, November 11: Be sure to complete all work!

November OWL Community Group Meeting: Tuesday, November 15 from 6:30 – 8 PM.

NEW! SAVE THE DATE: Give to the Max Day fundraiser

November 17: Fall retreats and spring interim are fundamental experiences for students at OWL--but they require the community's support. Please consider making a donation on our GiveMN.org website (click [here](#)) on Thursday, November 17 when we will have a \$10,000 matching challenge! Checks can also be made out to "OWL PTO" and delivered to school by November 17 to be counted in the fundraising total. Your donation is tax-deductible. Please send questions to treasurer@owlpto.org. Thank you so much!

Prospective Family Showcase is Thursday, November 17 from 6:30 – 8PM: If you have family, friends or neighbors who are looking for a secondary school, invite them to this evening event. Tours and shadowing experiences during the school day will begin

to be held in the days following this showcase. More information at open.spps.org or contact Tim: timothy.leone-getten@spps.org

Staff Professional Development Day: No School on Friday, November 18

Thanksgiving Break: No School on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

Student-Led Conferences: Wednesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 1. You will make a 20 minute appointment with your student's Crew leader.

Winter Sports Registration: It is time to sign up for winter sports. Here are the winter sports:

Wrestling (co-ed)	MS and HS	Humboldt
Girls and Boys Basketball	MS and HS	Humboldt
Boys Swimming	Grades 7-12	Humboldt
Nordic (Cross Country Skiing)	Grades 7-12	Central
Alpine (Downhill) Skiing	Grades 7-12	All SPPS (see below)
Boys Hockey	Grades 9-12	Johnson
Girls Hockey	Grades 9-12	All SPPS

•You can find the Humboldt winter sports registration form on the [Humboldt one-stop form for athletic information!](#)

- For more information about Winter sports and how to sign up, contact OWL Athletic Director Damon damon.liberatore@spps.org

NEW! ACT Test Prep Registration: is now open and closes on November 23. This is a free opportunity for **11th graders** from all SPPS schools. There are 2 virtual options (Saturdays and Tuesdays) and 1 in person option (Tuesdays). Students and families can find the information [here](#).

NEW! 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.

NEW! Are you a budding musician looking to get a music credit to your name? A new opportunity has come your way! A new podcast is looking for a 5-10 second piece of music that is student created for use as intro and outro music. If you think you have the perfect piece of music fill out [this form](#) or

email OWLCelebratesLearning@gmail.com for more information. Deadline for this opportunity is November 18th at 8pm, after which the entries will be evaluated and a winner will be determined.

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

Finding my Voice: A Teen Empowerment Group

Ages: 14-18 years old (must be enrolled in high school, no post high school 18-year-olds)

Date and Time: **Tuesdays from 4:30pm-6pm Starting on November 15th**

Description: This support group is designed to help teens discover their true selves and build up confidence in their identity. Group members will support each other as they learn about topics they are interested in, such as self-esteem, healthy relationships, body image, and physical and emotional wellness. Teens will discover their strengths and learn to advocate for themselves through group activities, art projects, and discussion.

Contact Meg Sutter, MSW, LGSW for more information and registration. MHGroups@face2face.org 651-772-5593

Death and Grief Support Group:

Ages: 18-25 years old

Dates and Times: **Mondays from 4:30-6pm starting on November 14th**

Description: This support group is for folks who have experienced recent loss or bereavement. Sessions will focus on topics related to grief reactions and experiences after a death. Groups will consist of 10 members maximum

Contact Alex Giesen, MSW, LGSW for more information and registration MHGroups@face2face.org 651-772-5593

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 following two fundraisers:

1: **Spirit Wear**: Typically this event happens in the fall but can happen at any time during the year. I am happy to have an assistant this year and you can take over the following year but it is also great to make your own path and take over on your own (or with your own team).

2: **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.

iUpdate and Lunch Forms: If you have not yet completed the iUpdate or Free and Reduced Lunch forms, please take a moment to do so by clicking here: <https://www.spps.org/onestop> If you have forgotten your user name and/or password, please call Tammy in the OWL office at 651-293-8670 and she will be happy to assist you with your login information. It is extremely important that ALL students complete both of these forms. Please take care of this ASAP.

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.