

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.

Welcome to Week 5: Monday, February 24 is a **B day**.

Monday is survey day in Crew: If you have not completed the essential Interim registration form, please do it today.

OWL Community Meeting: Students and Families are warmly invited to join the OWL Community Group—the organization that combines our PTO and Site Council functions. This is a great way to have your voice heard in the vision of our school community and to find out what is happening at OWL. Here are the dates of the meetings for this school year:
· **DATE CHANGE: Tuesday, February 25 - 6:30 - 8:00**
· Tuesday, March 18 - 6:30 - 8:00
· Tuesday, April 15 - 6:30 - 8:00
· Tuesday, May 20 - 6:30 - 8:00
All are welcome and encouraged to attend—hope to see you!

NEW! Our Middle School boys' basketball team
Due to recent schedule adjustments, we would like to share the updated Middle School Boys Basketball schedule:

- **Monday, February 24, 2025**: vs Capitol Hill at Capitol Hill, 4:30 PM
- **Wednesday, February 26, 2025**: vs Murray **at Humboldt**, 3:30 PM
- **Monday, March 3, 2025**: vs Murray at Murray, 3:30 PM
- **Thursday, March 6, 2025**: vs Washington Tech at Washington Tech, 3:30 PM

For the most up-to-date schedule, please visit StPaulCity.org. We hope you can join us—admission is free for all games.
Thank you for your continued support!

NEW! Weekly Athletic Update: As always, please refer to the Weekly Athletic Calendar for the weekly schedule, as well as the Humboldt Athletic One-Stop Document if you have any questions.

Spring sports registration is now open.

For registration process, sports offered and more information please visit Humboldt Spring Sports Registration.

ADAPTED FLOOR HOCKEY will play their last two regular season games this week. The Hawks will host back-to-back home games, starting with Rochester Tuesday at 4:30pm in the aux gym. Then on Wednesday they will take on South Suburban at 4:30pm in the aux gym.

BOYS BASKETBALL has two more regular season games remaining. They will travel to Eagle Ridge Academy Tuesday for 3 games at 3:30pm (B & JV) and 5:00pm (V). The Hawks will close the regular season with two games at Community of Peace Academy with JV playing at 5:00pm and varsity at 6:30pm.

BOYS SWIMMING will participate in their section tournament at John Glenn Middle School this week. Prelims will take place Wednesday, with finals on Friday. Diving will be on Thursday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL will start section play this Tuesday against

WRESTLING wrapped up their season with individual section play this past weekend. The Hawks finished 12-5 overall as a team.

GO HAWKS!

NEW! High School Spring sports meeting on Wednesday 2/26 at 1pm: We will make an announcement for students who are interested in joining a spring sport.

Sports offered for HS students at Humboldt/OWL in the Spring

- Softball
- Baseball
- Girls Badminton
- Golf
- Track and Field
- Boys Tennis
- Boys Volleyball
- Lacrosse

Contact Damon damon.liberatore@spps.org with questions

NEW! Important Grading Dates for Quarter 3:

Mid-quarter grades available on Campus 2/27

Progress 2 grades available on Campus 3/14

Last day of Quarter 3: 3/28

NEW! EL Site Seminar at OWL on March 5-6: We will be hosting a group of educators from across the country to learn more about our school program and the Expeditionary Learning model.

NEW! NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 7: District teacher Professional Development day.

NEW! Vision Screening at OWL on Wednesday, March 12: All 7th grade (and possibly some 6th and 8th) students

NEW! Regional History Day Competition: Saturday, March 15 at Johnson High School

NEW! Red Cross Blood Drive at OWL: Wednesday, March 19

NEW! STEM Day at OWL: Friday, March 21

NEW! OWL Abroad Trip to Spain, France and Italy leaves on Tuesday, March 25

NEW! Last Day of Quarter 3 is Friday, March 28.

NEW! Spring Break Dates: March 29- April 6: School resumes Monday, April 7.

NEW! Upcoming Fieldwork Dates:
Feb 26 History Day Research at U of M-- 9AM
Feb 26 AVID 8 – 9:15AM
Feb 28 Black Student Union to Landmark Center—12PM
Mar 5 Grade 11/12 English to Guthrie Theater—9AM
Mar 11 AVID 9 to Hamline – 9:30 AM
Mar 18 Brian's Classes to Belwin Nature Center
Mar 19 Hahn Leadership Trip

NEW! 11th Grade Testing Dates - On **March 3rd,** 11th graders will be taking the MCA Math test during 1st and 2nd hour. Students will need to have a charged, updated iPad (in at least version 17). On **March 11th**, 11th graders will be taking the ACT. This will be online this year, and students will not be allowed any access to any personal technology during this time. Lunch will be provided for students upon completion of the ACT.
Click here for test day information .
Information about the schedule and a survey was posted on schoology for students to complete.

Read the Latest Edition of the Purple Press: OWL's student newspaper HERE!

2024-2025 ACCESS Test for English Learners: State and federal laws require that all English Learner (EL) students are assessed yearly to measure their English reading, writing, listening and speaking progress. Minnesota uses the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs test as its annual assessment. EL students who receive special education services and who meet certain guidelines may take the WIDA Alternate ACCESS test instead. These tests are used to see if students meet the WIDA English Language Development Standards and if a student is ready to exit from SPPS's EL program. All SPPS EL students in grades K-12 will be given the ACCESS for ELLs or WIDA Alternate ACCESS tests between January 27 - March 21, 2025.

OWL ELL students, who work with Bridget throughout the school week, will be testing between February 12-28. If you have questions about your student's participation, please reach out to your child's principal: dave.gundale@spps.org
For more information on English language proficiency assessments and the MDE Parent/Guardian Participation Guide and Refusal form, please go to:

- ACCESS Family Test Information website: spps.org/about/departments/research-evaluation-assessment/test-coordination/access-family-information
- MDE Family Testing Information website: education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/tests/

Questions: marybridget.leba@spps.org

From our school nurse: As you are already aware, we have seen an increase in illnesses in our SPPS and broader MN community, including Influenza A/B, COVID-19, Pertussis, RSV, Norovirus, and other gastrointestinal illnesses.
Here are some steps you can take to stay healthy:

- Take time to get your FLU and COVID-19 shots. It is still appropriate to get both your FLU and your COVID-19 vaccinations if you haven't done that yet this 2024/2025 school year.
- School staff and students~Please stay home if you have a fever, respiratory symptoms like a cough, runny nose and/or sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, OR if you simply do not feel well enough to go to work or school.
- Consider wearing a face mask which are also available at school in the front office and the health office.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Get plenty of sleep and manage your stress levels.
- Stay hydrated and eat a balanced diet.
- Get enough sleep.
- Include physical activity in your daily lifestyle.
- Students-Please report any concerning symptoms promptly to your parents and/or guardians or if they occur while at school, please visit the health office

NEW! DONATIONS NEEDED: The OWL Theater department is looking for donations for the spring play UPSTREAM!
If you have any of THESE MATERIALS LINKED HERE, please drop them off in the front office soon!

DONATIONS NEEDED: The student leaders of OWL's environmental club are looking for 5 trash bin donations for their newest service project. These bins need to be at least 36in tall, and preferably 30in wide. Please drop off these donations at the front office with Tammy, or contact mmoe003@stpaul.k12.mn.us with any questions. In Crew, OWL Environmental Club

This month in Crew we are learning about neurodiversity. After exploring what neurodiversity is, what it feels like to be neurodivergent, and some of the good things about neurodiversity, OWL Crews will come up with ideas for how to make our school an even better place for neurodivergent students. The Better Crew Bureau will synthesize a proposal for the OWL Leadership Team based on these ideas.

Scholarship Opportunity: Are you a male high school senior planning to attend the University of Minnesota - Twin Cites? Apply for the Farmhouse Scholarship, available to students of all majors: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K7Ck3ippfbD-CCcDL_Tjug-W9K7FJmktfLFVQnN9LrE/edit?usp=sharing

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.)

OWL believes that access to menstrual/period products is a right. If you are able to donate to help us provide free menstrual/period 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.

Community Announcements:

Looking for a summer adventure?: Sea Change Expeditions leads **10-day sailing trips on Lake Superior** for teens this June. They have a steeply sliding scale for fees. Here is the link with more information: www.seachangeexpeditions.org/teen-trips

NEW! Family Coaching for Native American Families: Ramsey County is offering this program. For more information, go to this link: Family Coaching for American Indian Families

Summer Employment with Right Track is the City of Saint Paul and Mayor Carter's initiative to diversify the workforce and provide high quality internships to youth ages 14 to 21. We partner with employers across industries to provide internships in healthcare, education, youth development, STEM, finance, trades and more. More information and application link HERE

Summer Youth Employment Opportunity with Tree Trust: Click HERE for more information about a great job in the great outdoors.

Community Resources for Eye Care and Glasses HERE

Important Reminder about Attendance:
If your child is going to miss school, please call, email owlattendance@spps.org 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.

OWL Schoolwide Norms
· Respect people, their boundaries and identities, materials, and spaces
· Be kind, caring and friendly, especially when it's difficult
· Keep an open mind: engage in opportunities and courageous conversation
· Help create safe and brave spaces so that everyone can be their authentic selves and speak their truths
· Actively listen and participate (one mic, one voice), staying engaged and following through on commitments and expectations. *We are Crew, not passengers.*



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