

# OWL Weekly Email

March 24, 2025



*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 9:** Monday, March 24 is an **A** day.

**Monday is survey day in Crew,** but we are taking this week off from surveys. Enjoy more time with your Crew!

**NEW! Read Brave: Tuesday, March 25th 1-2pm, author Nnedi Okorafor will be visiting OWL** as part of Saint Paul Public Library's Read Brave event! **Students that are interested in attending should fill out this [google form](#).**

Saint Paul Public Library is also hosting a community event where everyone is welcome to attend! Here are the details:

Read Brave Talk Brave with Mayor Carter, Nnedi Okorafor and Youth Panelists on Wednesday, March 26 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Rondo Community Library

Join us for Read Brave Talk Brave, an evening of conversation with Akata Witch author Nnedi Okorafor, youth panelists, and Mayor Melvin Carter, plus a musical performance by Kashimana and artwork inspired by the book.

### **Important Grading Dates for Quarter 3:**

Progress 2 grades available NOW on Campus

Last day of Quarter 3: March 28

**Join OWL Choir!** 🎵 Love to sing? Choir is a fun, welcoming community where you can express yourself and grow as a musician. If you are interested in joining OWL's **Intermediate, Advanced, or Honors-level** high school choirs next year, [sign up here](#) for an audition with Greta!

**Auditions (held the week after Spring Break) include:**

🎵 Singing a song of your choice with a karaoke track

🎵 A simple exercise from written notation (*reading music is not required but considered for upper-level placement*).

Questions? Email [greta.cina@spps.org](mailto:greta.cina@spps.org)

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

**Last Day of Quarter 3** is this Friday, March 28.

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

**OWL Hosts Oral Argument on Wednesday, April 9th:** OWL will be hosting its first ever Minnesota Court of Appeals oral argument led by the OWL mock trial team. They have partnered with the state judicial branch to bring a real case with real judges and real attorneys into the school to show students what an appeals court oral argument looks like. Students will be able to see a small process in the bigger world of law and will have an opportunity to ask questions to the judges and attorneys afterward during a Q&A.

Students will be briefed about the case prior to the date as well as behavior expectations. It would be great if families could talk to students at home about the gravity of these kinds of cases and the importance of our appeals system.

More info: <https://www.mncourts.gov/CourtOfAppeals.aspx>

**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:

- 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!

**\*Seeking meal donations for the teacher potluck buffet during Student-Led Conferences:** OWL families will be providing a potluck buffet for the teachers in the afternoon and evening of **Wednesday, April 16th**, 2025 during Student-Led Conferences. Please show your support by signing up to bring a food item or two to donate to the meal. Food can be dropped off during the day before 3PM. Here is the Sign Up Genius link-  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0444A4AC29A2F49-55642323-studentled>

**NEW! AVID applications are open for the 2025-2026 school year!** Interested in learning more about AVID, a program designed to prepare all students for college readiness and success in a global society through academic support and engaging enrichment activities?

- Virtual family information session is scheduled for April 29 at 6:00 PM at [this link](#).
- Students entering grades 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 this fall can apply to join OWL AVID Elective classes at [this link](#); please note that a parent or guardian needed to answer the last 6 questions.
- Students should also select the AVID Elective course during registration in social studies class the week of April 7-11.
- Students entering grades 11 and 12 in the fall can apply to work as OWL AVID tutors at [this link](#).
- All AVID applications are due Friday, May 23.

#### **NEW! Testing Update:**

**This week** students in grades 6-8, 10 will be taking the MCA reading test. This test will occur during first and second period on the following dates ; 10th grade - Monday 3/24, 6th grade - Tuesday 3/25, 7th grade - Wednesday 3/26 , 8th grade -Thursday 3/27.

**Last Week of April** students in grades 6-8 will be taking the MCA math test. This test will occur during first and second period on the following dates ; 6th grade - Monday 4/28, 8th grade - Tuesday 4/29, 7th grade - Wednesday 4/30.

**First week of May** students in grades 8-9 will take the MCA science test. This test will occur during first and second period on the following dates ; 9th Grade ( Biology classes) - Monday 5/5 , 8th grade - Wednesday 5/9.

If you would like your student to not take the MCA, please fill out [this form](#).

**Here is your 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](#).

**BADMINTON** picked up a 4-3 win over North St. Paul last week to move to 2-4 on the season. The Hawks travel to Community of Peace today for a 4:00pm match then will play at Harding on Wednesday at 4:00pm.

**BASEBALL** started last week with very strong numbers. The team is looking forward to building on what they accomplished last season.

**BOYS TENNIS** starts today! Any boys grades 7-12 interested in playing tennis should report to the Humboldt cafeteria after school

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL** will get their first game reps of the season this week when they head to Anoka on Saturday for a scrimmage.

**BOYS & GIRLS GOLF** are going strong and waiting for the weather to warm up. The teams will head to Topgolf this week to be able to see the ball fly.

**SOFTBALL** will start games after spring break.

**TRACK & FIELD** competed at the University of Minnesota Indoor meet last Saturday. This was a good event for athletes to learn their events and get some competition repetitions.

**GO HAWKS!**

**Read the Latest Edition of the Purple Press:** OWL's student newspaper [HERE!](#)

**Post-Secondary Enrollment Option Virtual Meeting Link:** Click [HERE](#) to see a recording of the PSEO meeting in case you missed it. Contact Jolene with questions regarding PSEO:  
[Jolene.yang@spps.org](mailto:Jolene.yang@spps.org)

**PSEO Application Due Dates:** For current students in grades 9-11 interested in applying for Post Secondary Enrollment Option classes in the fall—here are the due dates for applications. To see the video of the PSEO information night go [HERE](#). Students who are interested in PSEO should email Jolene for an appointment at [jolene.yang@spps.org](mailto:jolene.yang@spps.org).

**This month in Crew** we are focused on women's history and gender issues. Students are exploring a few moments in U.S. women's history, perspectives on gender identity, gender equity at work and gender equity in the home.

**Seed donations needed for crop art:** Do you have any of the following seeds in your cupboard? Tom and Megan are seeking donations for crop art activities during Interim. Please bring donations directly to Tom or Megan.

- Canola
- Mung bean
- Amaranth
- Quinoa, red and white
- Yellow split pea
- Millet
- Flax, brown
- Wild rice
- Red lentil
- Lima beans
- Black beans
- Corn, various varieties

**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](mailto:mmoe003@stpaul.k12.mn.us) with any questions. In Crew, OWL Environmental Club

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

**NEW! St. Paul Saints Miracle League:** It is open to any student living in St. Paul that has a disability up to age 22. Sessions are held Sundays at the Bridge View/Focus Beyond baseball field. Previous sessions have been very fun and inclusive for students and their families! Get more information [HERE](#).

**NEW! St. Paul College Summer Camps:** Trade and Tech Innovator Camp, Summer Beauty Camp, Scrubs Camp. More information [HERE](#)!

**NEW! Teen Counseling Group (STARTS MONDAY):** Your teen will learn about neuroscience and psychology, and will apply them to their lifestyles to thrive. The topics are as follows:

- Neuropsychology of Relationships
- Focus, Energy, and Motivation
- Innovative Thinking Strategies
- Brain-Body Connection
- Purpose and Drive
- Neurobiology of Addiction

**More information [HERE](#)**

**Children's Trauma Recovery Group:** Go [HERE](#) for more information about a therapy group for kids ages 5-12 who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse or sexual violence.

**Interested in a full scholarship for an Outward Bound course in the Boundry Waters this summer?**

Go [HERE](#) for more information about how to apply.

**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](http://www.seachangeexpeditions.org/teen-trips)

**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 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](mailto: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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