



OWL Weekly Email

April 7, 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.

Read the Latest Edition of the Purple Press: OWL's student newspaper [HERE!](#) Note: This edition was published on April 1 (get it?)

Welcome to Week 1: Monday, April 7 is a **B day**. This is the first day of Quarter 4.

Monday is survey day in Crew: Please take this [fun springtime survey](#). Results will be shared in the April Community Meeting.

NEW! Manatee This Week: Come out and cheer on our Ultimate Frisbee teams. There are many opportunities this week due to Spring Break rescheduling.

Monday 4/7: The High School Boys Varsity plays away vs. Central at 6PM at the Murray Middle School Fields

Tuesday 4/8: The High School Girls host Apple Valley at 6PM on the Humboldt Turf

Thursday 4/10: The High School Boys Varsity hosts Mounds View at 6PM on the Humboldt Turf

Thursday 4/10: The High School Girls play away vs. Eagan at 6PM Location: Hidden Corner Park, Red Pine Elementary School, 525 White Pine Way, Eagan, MN 55123

Thursday 4/10: The High School Boys JV play away vs. Avalon at 6PM Location: West Minnehaha fields, 685 W Minnehaha Ave, St Paul, MN

Friday 4/11: The Middle School teams play Mounds View at 6PM and 7PM on the Humboldt Turf

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

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!

Student-Led Conferences are Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17 from 3:20 PM to 7:20

PM: If you do not yet have an appointment with your Crew leader, please contact them.

***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>

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:

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](#).

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.

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 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

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! Summer Women in Engineering Program Scholarships: 3M is providing 14 students from St. Paul, Minneapolis & North St. Paul/Maplewood Public Schools with full-ride scholarships, including transportation, to attend Michigan Tech's Women in Engineering program. Students will spend one week exploring nine different fields of engineering while meeting other students from around the world and experiencing life on a college campus. It's like summer camp, but smarter!

We are reviewing applications on a rolling basis (approx. every 2 weeks) as awards remain. To apply, all students need to do is complete our Women in Engineering (WIE) Pathway Program [application](#) and our system will automatically let us know they're eligible for the award based on the school zip code.

Please see the attached flyer for more info. [WIE-3M.pdf](#)

If you have any questions please contact Brad Wells, Assistant Director of SYP, at bawells@mtu.edu or 906-487-2027.

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](#).

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

Interested in a full scholarship for an Outward Bound course in the Boundary 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

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 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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