OWL Weekly Email

April 21, 2025



Manatee boys' varsity score historic wins this week! (See below)



AP Environmental Science students enjoy a trip to the ZOO!



APES Students at the Zoo!



Scenes from the play UPSTREAM!



Come see it in its final performances!



Friday at 7PM, Saturday at 10AM and 12:30 PM

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 3: Monday, April 21 is an **A day**.

Monday is survey day in Crew: Once each year, students may request a Crew change by completing this form. The Crew change form is due Tuesday, May 13.

NEW! Spirit Week is this week: In the days before this Saturday's PROM, we have fun days to show your school spirit!
Monday: **Mustache Monday (see Clara if you need one!)**
Tuesday: Opposite Day: **Staff vs. Students**
Wednesday: **Team/Jersey day**
Thursday: **Florals vs Flannels**
Friday: **Sea of Blue - wear all shades of blue!**

NEW! Manatee This Week: Come out and cheer on our Ultimate Frisbee teams. All of our teams are off to a great start this spring, especially our Boys' Varsity Team. They had an historic 15-8 win over the Edina Hornets last Tuesday. The Hornets have not been beaten by a Minnesota team in the past two years and have won the state championship for the past 6 years. The Manatee have now beaten every team in the state at some point in their history. They followed this up on Saturday, going 4-0 and winning with Matoska Tournament in White Bear Lake with another victory over Edina. These victories should help the Manatee improve on their current #11 ranking in the nation.
Tuesday 4/22: The High School Girls play Cretin AWAY at 6PM
Thursday 4/24: The High School Boys Varsity hosts Andover at 6PM on the Humboldt Turf
Thursday 4/24: The High School Boys JV play AWAY in Red Wing at 6PM
Friday 4/25: The Middle School teams play Minneapolis Justice Page at 6PM and 7:15PM on the Humboldt Turf

Come see the spring play--UPSTREAM! This world-premiere, immersive play about climate resilience guides audiences on a search for the river's missing daughter, taking action towards climate justice while making a beautiful climate future. Created in collaboration with Mixed Blood Theater and over a dozen community partner organizations, this participatory event will be staged throughout the school campus.



PROM! PROM! PROM! Prom is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 26th** for a night that will be Under the Sea! Middle school is from 5PM - 7PM and High School is from 7:30PM - 10PM at the SOKOL HALL, 383 W. Michigan St (near W. 7th St and Western Ave) **Tickets cost $20** and are for sale starting April 14 in all lunches. You can also get a **ticket online** using this link:
https://spps.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/getclass/category_id/606/program_id/112
The following information is important for a fun evening.
Middle School

· Doors will open at 5:00.
· Tickets are for sale at lunch and online for $20 starting today.
· Tickets are also available for $25 at the door on April 26.
· Only OWL students are allowed at the MS dance.
· Students are expected to stay in the Sokol Hall facility until pick-up.
· Disorderly or disrespectful behavior to peers or staff will require a parent/guardian to pick up the student before the end of the event.
· All District and School policies apply to student conduct at the dance.
· Pick-up time must be right at 7:00PM.



High School
· Doors will open at 7:30PM.
· Tickets are for sale at lunch and online for $20 starting today.
· Tickets are also available for $25 at the door on April 26.
· All Guests must have pre-approval and an approval form submitted to the OWL office by Friday, May 19th. Guests will not be allowed in if not approved.
· Students may not leave and return to Sokol Hall during the times of 7:30 and 10:00. If a student leaves before 10:00, they will not be allowed back into the dance.
· All District and School policies apply to student conduct at the dance.
Again, we look forward to a fun and safe evening for our students.
*Though we want everyone to come to Prom, we want to stress the importance of attendance in the weeks prior to Prom. Therefore, students can have no more than 3 unexcused absences or tardies during the two weeks before Prom - April 14th to April 25th. If your student is ill or will be otherwise gone from school, please make sure to email the OWL attendance email at owlattendance@spps.org.

NEW! 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.
ADAPTED SOFTBALL played 2 hard fought home games last week. This week the Hawks host another home game, so if you haven't been to a game yet, come out! They will play South Suburban at 4:30pm on Wednesday 4/23 in the aux gym.
BADMINTON will host 3 home games this week. All matches are at 4:00pm in the main gym, so come support our athletes. Monday the Hawks host Eden Prairie, Tuesday vs Highland Park and then Thursday vs Tartan.
BASEBALL will play 3 games this week. They tracel to Johnson today for a 4:30pm game, then on Wednesday Johnson comes here for a 4:30pm game on the baseball field. The Hawks will end the week by traveling to play Washington on Friday at Arlington & Arkwright Field at 4:30pm.
BOYS TENNIS picked up a 6-1 win over Tartan last week. The team has two matches this week. On Wednesday varsity will travel to Harding, and JV will play here at Humboldt at 4:00pm. On Friday the Hawks host Brooklyn Center at 4:00pm.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL has a light week with only 1 match this week. The Hawks will travel to Highland Park on Tuesday for matches at 5:00pm (B & JV), and 6:30pm (V).
BOYS GOLF will participate in two matches this week. On Tuesday the Hawks will be playing at Phalen Golf Course at 3:30pm, and on Wednesday they will play at Highland Park Nine-Hole at 3:30pm.

GIRLS GOLF will compete two times this week. Today they will be at Cedarholm at 1:30pm, and on Wednesday they will be at Goodrich at 2:00pm.
SOFTBALL will play 3 games this week. They will travel to Brooklyn Center today for a 4:00pm game. On Thursday they Hawks will travel to take on St. Croix Prep at 4:30pm. The team ends the week with a home game on Friday vs Harding at 4:00pm on the turf.
TRACK & FIELD had a good showing at their meet last week. The following athletes won their individual events: Elijah Shaheer (400m), Za'im Dennis (110m & 300m hurdles), and Aria Kulseth (400m). The Hawks have a meet on Wednesday this week, starting at 4:00pm at Washington.
GO HAWKS!

OWL Staff Appreciation Week: is soon approaching (May 5-9), and the parent committee in charge of the week's events to honor the staff would love to have your expressions of gratitude be the grand finale of the week! Students and Families---please take a moment to fill out **this short survey,** and the committee will create posters with your thoughtful expressions, and will hang them throughout the hallways of the school so staff can be uplifted by our gratitude. Spring can be a hard time for school personnel! Let's show them our love!

Join us for a day rooted in Youth Activism on April 30! YIA day will be laid out similar to STEM day and our past author visits. We will be having guest speakers and presenters from the school, and from around the city! These guest speakers will be presenting during crew, this way if a student cannot miss their 4B class, they can still participate! During 4th hour, we will be going outside (if weather permits) and we will have tables with different stations as well as a reflective circle to talk about what we've learned. CLICK HERE to register to attend!

OWL's first PRIDE NIGHT is on Wednesday, April 30 at 7PM: Join us for a celebratory night!



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, May 20 - 6:30 - 8:00**
All are welcome and encouraged to attend—hope to see you!

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS | High School Students - Current 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Graders
SPPS Credit Recovery (summer school):
· High school students who owe core credits will be enrolled for summer school by high school counselor Jolene.
Summer school sites for in-person programming:
-Grade 9 seat-based…… Johnson High School, each course carries 1 credit, up to 8 credits
-Grade 10 seat-based…..Como High school, each course carries 1 credit, up to 8 credits
-Grade 11 seat-based……Como High school, each course carries 1 credit, up to 16 credits

-Grade 12 seat-based……Como High school, each course carries 1 credit, up to 24 credits
-Grade 10-12 Experiential Learning…Johnson High School, each course carries 1 credit (9th grade classes only)
-Instruction is on-site during scheduled class time
-Coursework is available on Schoology and allows students to have flexibility to work on materials outside of summer school hours.
-School hours: 8:45 2:45

Attendance:
-Daily in-person attendance ***is expected.***
-Students are marked ***present*** when they are at school and in class.
-Each program will "end date" any student who has not attended and has not completed any work on day 6.

Session 1 (June 24-July 25)
-All students will be referred for term 1 and for in-person learning.
Families who need online learning and/or TERM 2 must let Jolene know April 28th.
Summer school for online learning:
-Session 1 (June 24-July 25)
-School hours: 8:45 2:45
-Students work on course content material that is online and self-paced. Teachers are available online for instruction and help students during a scheduled time. Students must be motivated, independent learners.
· **Attendance:**
-Each program will "end date" any student who has not attended and has not completed any work on day 6.

Session 2 Information:
-Students who participate in any Credit Recovery program during Session One, who still need credits will be enrolled in the online Credit Recovery Network extended time program from **July 29-August 14 (13 days**). Information will be shared with students during Session 1.

OWL core credits that students can recover:
· English: English 9, 10, 11, 12
· Science: Integrated Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
· Social Studies: World History, Human Geography, US History, Government, Economics
· Math: Integrated Math I, Integrated Math II, Geometry, Algebra 2
· Health
· Critical Ethnic Studies

Grad Stats/Credit Information:
· Crew leaders will share graduation status at Student-Led Conferences
· Transcripts can be viewed on Campus portals
If you have any questions about summer school and/or your student's credits, feel free to email OWL High School Counselor: jolene.yang@spps.org.

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.

This month in Crew, we are preparing for student-led conferences (grades 6, 7, 9, and 11), passages (grades 8 and 10) and senior meetings (grade 12). Our Crew lessons are focused on perseverance.

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.

Donations Needed: Fidgets, Games and Toys for Mental Health My students struggle with mental health, and they are learning how to self-advocate and use coping strategies. Calming fidgets and games will help them when they need breaks during the day. They earn CRISP tickets when they show collaboration, responsibility, integrity, stewardship, and perseverance. Each toy is worth a different amount of CRISP tickets. Typically students use screens to take breaks from learning, but fidgets, games and toys offer an interactive alternative. GO HERE to DONATE! Thanks!

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

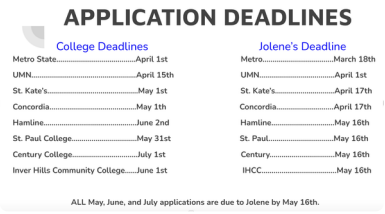
DONATIONS NEEDED: The student leaders of OWL's environmental club are looking for 5 trash bin donations for their newest service project. These bins need to be at least 36in tall, and preferably 30in wide. Please drop off these donations at the front office with Tammy, or contact mmoe003@stpaul.k12.mn.us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

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

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.

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.



FAREWELL TO JJ HILL MONTESSORI GARDEN PARTY!

Thursday, May 15th from 5:00-7:00pm in the JJ Hill Garden
(998 Selby Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104)

Join us for beef hot dogs, chips, and fruit!

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and join the fun!

All current and former staff, students, and families are welcome!



Get a summer's worth of rides on buses and light rail with a Summer Student Pass!

Any current 9th-12th grade student at participating schools can get unlimited rides on buses and trains up to a $3.25* fare. Passes are valid from June 1 through Sept. 2, 2025.

How do I get one?

Starting May 5, go to **metrotransit.org/summer-pass** to get more details about the pass and order one using a credit card. All you need is your school's name and your student ID number.

If you'd rather use cash, you can buy a Summer Student Pass at a Metro Transit Service Center. Call 612-373-3333 or visit metrotransit.org/service-centers for locations.

Have questions? A friendly transit expert can answer them. Give us a call at 612-373-3333.

* For fares higher than $3.25, like some Northstar trips, just add stored value to your pass.

The University of Minnesota- College of Science and Engineering (CSE) is now accepting applications to 2025 Discover STEM, a one-week summer program where students entering grades 11 and 12 learn about STEM academics and communities at UMN. The program, offered **free of charge**, is an on-campus experience to explore about current topics in research and learn about academic programs and career pathways through presentations, laboratory tours, science experiments, technology demonstrations, and Q&A sessions with current undergraduate students in the College of Science and Engineering. **The deadline to apply is April 25th. We are looking for students who:**

•High school students entering grades 11 or 12 in fall 2024
•Demonstrate both an interest and aptitude in science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics
•Share our commitment to supporting and building a inclusive and diverse community

If you are interested in knowing more - please find more information on our website or on the informational flyer attached below. If you have any questions or would like support please email cseoutreach@umn.edu.

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 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

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.*


Timothy Leone-Getten
Timothy is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

