

OWL WEEKLY EMAIL

June 2, 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 is a **B DAY.** This is the final full week of school this year. The final day of school is Tuesday, June 10.

Monday is survey day in Crew: Do you know of a staff member who went above and beyond this year? Did they start a club or team, or did they lead a program for a certain number of years? Did they put on a concert, publish a newspaper, or create a gallery of student artwork? Staff and students can nominate staff for recognition awards here.

OWL Graduation is Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 PM: Everyone is invited to come celebrate the Class of 2025 at St. Kate's O'Shaughnessy Auditorium. If you have never been to an OWL graduation, it is like no other!

Celebration of Learning is Friday, June 6 from 4-6PM: ALL OWL FAMILIES are warmly welcomed to come see displays, presentations and performances from our students. We will have an ice cream truck out front at the end of the event.

All School Celebration on Tuesday, June 10 at Lake Elmo Park Reserve:
All students in grades 6-12 will spend the last day of school at Lake Elmo to celebrate a great school year. Crews will organize potluck lunches.

This month in Crew students and staff are reflecting on and celebrating the 2024-2025 school year. Congratulations to Rebecca's, Ms. Sorcha's, Alysha's, Greta's, and Megan's Crews for your winning

May Stewardship Projects. Keep an eye out in Crew for information about the June Crew Leader Desk Cleaning Competition.

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

YEARBOOK: Be a part of OWL history. Order your 2025 Yearbook here.

Summer Spiritwear in Stock, Including Manatee Items!
The PTO has spiritwear in stock for summer! Place an order and it will be delivered to your student in crew within a week. Inventory levels vary by product but most sizes are still in stock. Grab a t-shirt or long-sleeve for the warm months, or stock up on hoodies or knit caps ahead of the cold for next year.
Manatee merchandise also in stock including baseball hats with everyone's favorite logo. Get geared up to support your Manatee teams for tournament time!
https://owlschoolstore.com/
Any questions text or call Mitch: 612-618-8904.

Fall sports start on Monday, August 11, 2025. All athletes must have an up to date sports physical on file, pay their team fee, and submit the MSHSL Eligibility form **before** they may participate in athletics.
Below are the fall sports offered and the times/locations they will practice on Monday, August 11th

PI Adapted Soccer (will start when school starts)
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Cheerleading- Tuesday, August 12; 10:00am - 12:00pm at Humboldt, enter door #23
Boys Cross Country- 9:00am - 11:00am, meet at door #26 near the turf field at Humboldt
Girls Cross Country- 9:00am - 11:00am, meet at door #26 near the turf field at Humboldt
Girls Tennis- 1:00pm - 3:00pm at Humboldt Tennis Courts
Football (co-op with Harding)- 3:00pm - 6:00pm at Harding High School Turf Field
Girls Swimming - 2:30pm - 5:30pm at Washington Pool
Boys Soccer- 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Humboldt Turf Field
Girls Soccer- 7:00am - 9:00am at Humboldt Turf Field
Girls Volleyball- 10:00am - 2:00pm Humboldt Main Gym- Enter through door #23 off Humboldt Ave.

SIGN UP!!
We are proud to announce an updated way for families to sign up for and pay for SPPS athletics and activities.
On Monday, June 2, high school students can now register for athletics using Arbiter. All families will need to create a new account. The link for SPPS is:
https://students.arbitersports.com/organizations/st-paul-public-school-district

Summer Training
A lot of our athletic teams will have summer training in June and July, excluding Juneteenth and the week of July 4 (June 29 - July 6)
Girls Swimming- Monday - Friday; June 23 to June 27 & July 7 - July 11 1:30 to 3:30 at Washington
Boys Basketball - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays; 3:00pm - 4:30pm, Humboldt Main Gym
Boys Soccer - Mondays, Wednesdays; 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Humboldt Turf Field
Cross Country & Track - Tuesdays, Thursdays (starting June 24) 9:00am - 11:00am, Humboldt
Girls Soccer - Mondays, Wednesdays; 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Humboldt Turf Field

Volleyball - Thursdays; 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Humboldt Main Gym
Wrestling - 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Humboldt Wrestling Room Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays in June; Mondays, Wednesdays in July
Athletics Lifting (open to all athletes) - 3:30pm - 4:30pm OR 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays in June; Mondays, Wednesdays in July

Middle School Sports for next fall: We don't have the exact date when the Fall season starts, but it will probably be the second week of school in September. Fall sports offered are: Flag Football (Co-Ed), Girls Volleyball, Girls Soccer, and Boys Soccer.
We are always looking for officials for our Middle School games. If you are interested, please contact me at Barbara.Lawrence@spps.org.
For up-to-date information about middle school sports, please visit StPaulCity.org or go the Humboldt website and click Middle School Sports under the Athletics tab.

Donate your unwanted books to SLACs book drive! Bring titles of any genre or age range to the library. Please make sure they are in readable condition. All donations will go the free book fair at the Celebration of Learning on June 6th.

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!

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:

Free Meals during the Summer: More information HERE

NEW! Outward Bound Day Camp in August: Get more information HERE

NEW! Big Feelings Summer Camp: Get more information HERE
Emerging Leaders of Color (ELOC) is a free high school pathway program offered by our undergraduate office. High school students commit to coming to campus one Saturday a month from 9am to 2pm over 9 months (September- April). We are expecting up to 70 students this next year, which is an increase from the past. Each five hour Saturday session focuses on a different business topic and features a keynote speaker from that industry, a business activity related to that topic, a professional development session, a college prep session, and mentorship. It is led by

our undergraduate students enrolled at Carlson who provide mentorship and community. Applications deadline **is June 2nd, 2025** and notifications will be sent end of June.

Analytics U is a free week-long summer pathway program that centers the experience of people in analytics, and is open to high school students of all identities. The program introducing them to how data science can play a critical role in solving real world problems that impact our everyday lives. The program will also include:
- College access and professional development opportunities
- Connections and networking with industry professionals in the metropolitan area
- An immersive educational experience at the Mall of America
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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!

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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