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OWL WEEKLY EMAIL

October 27, 2025







Friday Night was the Homecoming Dance

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.

Join OWL PTO on Facebook: Keep up with what is happening at OWL:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/878792348867374

Monday is survey day in Crew: Students, if you didn't complete the school climate survey the week before Fall Retreats, please do it now. Do you have a survey to give? Email megan.hall@spps.org.

OWL Crew Parliament: meets this Wednesday during Crew in Megan and Akira's room (3215). Parliament members should check in with their Crew leaders for attendance before coming up to the meeting.

Service Spotlight: Shout-out to Sorcha's Crew for running Student of the Month and taking the time to recognize student achievement throughout OWL.

Archery Open Shoots continue Tuesday, October 28 from 3-5 PM in the OWL Gym: Open Shoots are:

a. A “drop-in” style of archery practice for all levels (just show up!)
b. Run Tuesdays after school 3pm to 5pm (until 11/18, except for 11/4, see full calendar here)
c. Free, with all equipment provided
d. No commitment to the team is required
e. Busing is NOT available. All students need to make sure they have a ride home

Have questions? Please email all archery related inquires to openworldarchery@gmail.com

Dia de los Muertos Celebration at OWL is Thursday, October 30 at 6 PM: Come celebrate Latinx culture at OWL with this family friendly event with lots of fun and great food. Contact: Tim timothy.leone-getten@spps.org

NEW! Seeking meal donations for the teacher potluck buffet during Fall Student-Led Conferences: Owl families will be providing a potluck buffet for the teachers in the afternoon and evening of Wed. November 19, 2025 during Student-Led Conferences. Please show your support by signing up to bring a food item or two to donate to the meal. CLICK HERE for the SignUp Genius

NEW! The Closet - a service to provide free items to students in need! We're in need of donations: Hoodies (all sizes, especially L and XL, 2XL) Sweatpants (all sizes, especially smaller ones) gloves, belts, socks (crew all sizes, especially larger feet) shorts for swimming, and clothes in Youth sizes (10-16).

Please bring items to Rebekah's room - 2209

NEW! High School Sports Update: Click HERE to learn about how the Hawks teams did this week, upcoming games, Athletes of the Month,



Coach Highlights, and much more!

NEW! Middle School Sports Update – Fall Season:

All practices and games will now be played at Humboldt.

Here are the remaining schedules for the season:

Monday, October 27, 2025

Boys Soccer – home vs Global Arts 4:30

Everyone else, practice at Humboldt

Tuesday, October 28, 2025: Practice at Humboldt

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Flag Football – home vs ESTEM at Humboldt 4:00

Girls Soccer – away at Washington Tech 4:00

Volleyball – home vs ESTEM at Humboldt 4:00

Boys Soccer – practice at Humboldt

Thursday, October 30, 2025

All teams: End of the season celebration- Humboldt cafeteria after school

** This is our last day of Middle School Fall Sports. **

MS WINTER SPORTS – Registration is now open!!

Middle School Winter Sports Registration is open!

Use this link to register for all MS Winter Sports: https://students.arbitersports.com/programs/st-paul-humboldt-middle-school-winter-athletic-registration-25-26

Winter I season-

Girls MS Basketball - November 10, 2025 - January 17, 2026

Wrestling (co-ed) - November 10, 2025 - January 17, 2026

Winter II season-

Boys MS Basketball - January 19, 2026 - March 15, 2026

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For up-to-date schedules, please go to StPaulCity.org

Choose Humboldt High School

Under the calendar, click View Schedules

Choose the sport and click View

· Reminder: All students need to be picked up from practice before 5pm at door 23 located On Humboldt Avenue near the loading dock and football field.

· Flipside has begun. Some students will have a after school bus to ride. At games, ALL students Must be picked up as our games run later than 5:00pm

· We are asking that all MS Athletes fill out a Flipside form. For an online version, please use this link: https://humboldt.spps.org/activities/afterschool

Select: Athlete Success for the course

We also use this form to assign an after-school bus for student athletes.

If you are planning on picking up your student athlete at an away game, you must notify us no later than the morning of the event. You can email Barbara.Lawrence@spps.org

NEW! Join the Debate Team: Humboldt's Debate team partners with the Minnesota Urban Debate League (MNUDL) a program run through Augsburg University that empowers students to strengthen their voices, think critically, and engage with complex topics.

Debate is free for Humboldt Students to participate in. MNUDL provides transportation and meals for every tournament. No prior experience is required; new debaters receive full training and mentorship through weekly practices.

Why Join Debate?

Debate helps students:



- Build confidence in public speaking and persuasion
- Strengthen research, writing, and critical thinking skills
- Develop teamwork, leadership, and time management
- Engage with current events and social issues
- Stand out on college and scholarship applications

2025 - 2026 Season Timeline

Season: September - January

Practices: 3:10pm - 4:30pm Mondays and Tuesdays weekly

Location: Ms. Engelun's room (2202)

2025-26 Debate Topic

This year's topic, set by the National Federation of State High School Associations:

"Resolution: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic."

Tournament Schedule

- Nov. 7-8, 2025
- Nov. 21-22, 2025
- Dec. 12-13, 2025
- Sections: Jan 9-10, 2025—> (this one used to be Jan 16-17)
- *State Tournament (for qualifying students)* Jan. 23-24, 2025

Faculty Advisor: Mary Engelun mary.engelun@spps.org

Last day of Quarter 1 is Thursday, November 6: Be sure to get all your work completed and submitted!

No School on Friday, November 7: Staff Professional Development Day

S2 Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO): Current students in grades 10-12 who interested in applying for Post-Secondary Enrollment Option classes in the spring should email Jolene for an appointment at jolene.yang@spps.org to check for eligibility.

Application for Educational Benefits (Very Important to Complete!) While all in-person students will receive free breakfast and lunch under Minnesota's Free School Meals program, it remains **critical that all families complete an Application for Educational Benefits each school year.** Educational Benefit Form These applications determine how much funding your child's school receives for educational programs and supports. Additionally, eligible families can qualify for other benefits. The application can be completed online at schoolcafe.com/spps. Paper applications are available at school. **We need 100% of OWL families to complete this form, even if you do not believe you will receive benefits.** We have achieved 100% completion on this for the last five years at OWL.

HOWL AWARD!!! This year we have a new award that will be given out each month at our community meeting. **The Assistant Principal HOWL Award!!** Beginning in October, Ms. Ma'lene will be awarding 1 student who has gone above and beyond showing the HOWL of the month. **The October HOWL Award theme is STEWARDSHIP!**

Examples of Stewardship:

- Staying to clean up the cafeteria
- Including other students (at lunch, group projects, outside time, etc.)
- Cleaning up your classroom
- Cleaning up the garbage outside by the Four Square area
- Creating posters for anti-bullying

Students can enter by taking a picture of themselves doing the HOWL and using this LINK HERE or scan the QR code on the window outside my office and uploading it on the form. Assistant

Principal HOWL posters have also been given to all Crews. Some possible prizes are:

- **Ice Cream for you and your Crew!**
- **Tickets to special events!**
- **Lunch with 4 of your friends and Ms. Ma'lene!**
- **Sports equipment!**
- **Gift cards!**

I'm so excited to present this award and to celebrate your hard work!
Good Luck, Ms. Ma'lene

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.)

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.

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