



6th Grade Expert Panel on the River on Wednesday!



The Class of 2026 College March was on Friday!

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.

Monday is survey day in Crew: Please take a moment to reflect on last Friday's College March and complete this survey. Do you have a survey to give? Email megan.hall@spps.org.

Choir Concert is at 7pm on Tuesday, December 16 (5:45 call time for performers).

OWL Crew Parliament: meets in Megan & Akira's science classroom Wednesday during Crew.

Long Crew Day is Friday, December 19: The day before Winter Break is spent with our Crews. Each Crew plans their day of service, fun and food.

Service Spotlight: Thank you to the students, families, and staff who helped make the College March possible! We appreciate all you did to pull off this special event.

Purple Press Student Newspaper: CLICK HERE to read the latest issue of the newspaper.

It is not too late to join the High School Robotics Team: You can help us build a robot, program a robot, or drive a robot. Additionally, you don't even have to like robots to join! We have STEM outreach, and a whole business team that is in charge of finding donors and bringing in money. Oh, and 3D printers - we print all kinds of things (in fact, if you need something 3D printed for a class, we can do that too). While this is a 9-12 team, if you are an 8th grader on a Lego League Team and you are interested in joining the team after your season is over, you can do that too! Sign up here.

This month in Crew: we are preparing for the College March, a nation-wide celebration of seniors' college application process, and Long Crew Day, a full Crew day dedicated to service and fun. Ask your student about their December Crew stewardship project and what (if anything) they plan to bring to school on Long Crew Day, December 19.

Give to the Max Day – Goal ACHIEVED for the OWL PTO!
We officially surpassed our $30,000 fundraising goal for Give to the Max Day 2025! A few late breaking donations after the day put us over the top. We had 148 unique donors give $30,576, including 5 new recurring donors. The totals include $2,305 in employer matching funds, $2,000 in winning Golden Tickets, and 11 donors that each donated over $500.
Thank you to all of our donors, big or small, for your participation allowing OWL to continue its unique programs. The OWL community receives an A+ for your generosity (even though we don't actually give A+s)!

OWL PTO 2025 Give to the Max Day

Total Amount Raised	
$ 16,517	Online givemn.org donations (net)
$ 549	Venmo donations (net)
$ 1,400	Check donations
$ 5,000	Matching donation
$ 2,805	Rest of the year recurring donations ($205 * 11)
$ 2,000	Winning Golden Tickets
$ 2,305	Known employer matching en route
$ 30,576	Total Amount Received
$ 30,000	Goal
102%	Percent of goal achieved
Participation	
103	2021 Give to the Max Day
84	2022 Give to the Max Day
96	2023 Give to the Max Day
130	2024 Give to the Max Day
148	2025 Give to the Max Day
150	Goal
99%	Percent of goal achieved
34%	Percent of households participating
Recurring Donations	
5	New recurring donors
10	Goal
50%	Percent of goal achieved
$255	Updated monthly recurring donor amount
$3,060	Updated annual amount from recurring donors

Spiritwear Ready for Delivery before Winter Break

We have re-ordered sizes of popular items like flannel pants and Manatee gear, and also have the new water bottles! Go to https://owlschoolstore.com and browse the items including a few sale items. You can pay by credit card, Venmo or PayPal on the website. Deliveries will be to your child in crew the week before winter break. If you would like to pick up an item (ie. It is a gift for your child), please make note of it in your order and also an email to us. Any questions or comments, please email spiritwearOWL@gmail.com or post on the Facebook group or text Mitch 612-618-8904.



NEW! Beads Please: One of OWL's Lego League teams is looking for bead donations. For the past two years team members have made lego league-themed friendship bracelets to hand out to other teams at the competition in January, and they'd love to keep up the tradition! Wider, colored, pony bead-style in plastic, clay or glass and any letter beads would be much appreciated. They'll give your old beads a new STEM-filled life! Donations can be dropped off in the office or Sorcha's room (3202). Email coach Sorcha Nix with questions (sorcha.nix@spps.org). Thank you!

DONATIONS NEEDED: There is an upcoming project in the art classes that needs **thin cardboard**. Please send thin cardboard to school with your OWL student. (cracker boxes, cereal boxes, pasta boxes, etc...) The art room is just off the front door so students coming to school can drop it off as they come in the door in the morning and give it to Kent. Thanks for saving and sending your thin cardboard!

Food Drive Donations Needed: This is Rayne and Grant. We are doing a food drive for our senior project and we need donations! Your donations will be going to the local Neighborhood House, food shelter. We will be collecting certain food items, new or gently used winter gear and other basic needs items. We will be going crew to crew this week with more information for you on specific items and how to donate. This is a crew contest-- whichever crew collects the most will win a prize. This is an opportunity to help your community when a lot of people are struggling due to the pause in funding of snap benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Here's a link to the neighborhood house website if you want additional information
https://neighborhoodhousemn.org/donate/in-kind-giving/

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 to **REGISTER FOR WINTER SPORTS**, how the Hawks teams did this week, upcoming games, Athletes of the Month, Coach Highlights, and much more!

Middle School 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 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

Yearbook: Order your copy of this year's OWL yearbook here!!
If you have any photos that you think would make a great addition to the yearbook, please email the photos to Emily, our lead student editor, at **etotushek001@stpaul.k12.mn.us**

The Assistant Principal HOWL Award theme for December is Collaboration! Ms. Ma'lene will be awarding 1 student who has gone above and beyond showing the HOWL of the month.

Examples of Collaboration:

- Working with peers &/or community partners
- Cooperation
- Sharing ideas and listening to others
- Taking initiative
- Providing constructive feedback
- Positive interactions to enhance learning and problem solving

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. 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!**

All entries must be submitted by Dec. 18th to be considered for the Assistant Principal December HOWL Award. The winner will be announced at the December community meeting!!
I'm so excited to present this award and to celebrate your hard work!
Good Luck, Ms. Ma'lene

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

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.

Community Resources:

Food Resources Information from Ramsey County: Click HERE for more information

Christmas Toy Assistance: Click HERE for more information
Asistencia son Jueguetes de Navidad: Clic AQUI para más información en español

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