

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 back to school in 2026: We hope you had an enjoyable and restful winter break!

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

Monday is survey day in Crew: There's no survey this week, but if you have some down time, why not fill out the Gratitude Form that's at the end of every OWL Weekly Email? Your kind words will go directly to the person you'd like to appreciate. Do you have a survey to give? Email megan.hall@spps.org.

This month in Crew: OWL Crews are embarking on a two-month lesson series on civic engagement, designed in collaboration with Simmons University, Boston University, and Boston College. Crews are also getting ready to explore the connections between civic engagement and literacy in a school-wide February Read-a-Thon.

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

Service Spotlight: Thank you to all the OWL Crew students who worked hard to de-clutter and clean our learning spaces on Long Crew Day!

OWL Community Group/PTO will meet on Tuesday, January 13 from 6:30-8PM: Everyone is welcome to learn about what is happening at school and offer ideas and feedback. Hope to see

you there!

Do you have another student who is interested in OWL? Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 PM is a Prospective Family Showcase at OWL. This event is a great overview of our program for prospective students. Tell friends, family and neighbors to join us. No RSVP needed.

If you would like to sign up to tour OWL during the school day or shadow a current OWL student, you can sign up for a date HERE on our website.

No School on Monday, January 19: MLK Day

Last day of Quarter 2: Thursday, January 29

No School on Friday, January 30: Staff Grading Day

First day of Quarter 3: Monday, February 2

Winter Spirit Week is February 2-6: The themes for each day will be released later in the month.

OWL History Day is Wednesday, February 4 from 5:30-8PM: Come see all the amazing projects prepared by our scholars!

Winter Dance is Friday, February 6 in the OWL Danceteria (cafeteria): Middle School Dance is 5:30-7 PM. High School Dance is 7:30-9:30 PM. Tickets for sale in lunch the week of February 9-13.

OWL Community Group/PTO will meet on Tuesday, February 10 from 6:30-8PM: Everyone is welcome to learn about what is happening at school and offer ideas and feedback. Hope to see you there!

OWL Art Night is Wednesday, February 11 from 6-8 PM: Come celebrate Art at OWL at this new event planned by senior Maddie Linstad.

NAAPID Celebration is Thursday, February 12 from 6-8PM: All are welcome to celebrate African-American Culture at OWL with presentations, activities and a great meal. Hope to see everyone there!

No School on Monday, February 16: Presidents' Day

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.

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!

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

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**

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



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