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SPPS adds days to school year

Three dates tacked on in June to make up for snow/cold cancellations

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Due to the snow and cold days that SPPS students missed, SPPS announced Friday March 29 to make them up at the end of year on June 10th, 11th, and 12th.

A statement released by the district said that the importance of education mattered to the district and a quality education could not be cut short. While there was some

backlash against the decision from students on social media, many parents were in favor of the decision. "We value our students' educations, which ultimately led us to what we believe is the best decision," said superintendent Joe Gothard of the extension. OWL parent, Susan Johnson said at that "We're happy with this decision. You can only miss so much school when you have to learn everything you need to

learn."

Most students are against the lengthened school year. Many have said that it won't be helpful to have classes after AP tests, arguing that the point of an AP class is the AP test. "What's the point of learning AP stuff after the test? It's not like we can use it on the test," complained 11th grader Jacob Rohde. The other primary argument against the extra days is the potential for hot weather.

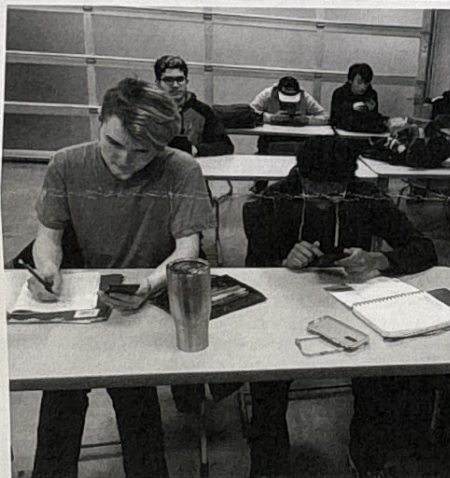
At the beginning of the school year, abnormally high temperatures that caused backlash against the district. Very few buildings have air conditioning, and many students, and some parents, are worried that another heat wave could impede learning or even harm students' health.

OWL teacher reactions are mixed. While many think that it's a good idea to make up lost time, they too want their

summer vacation. "Learning is good, but I am human, and need a break," said English teacher Nora Krings. Teachers that teach AP classes have some of the same concerns as students, too. "When you cram 500 years of history into three quarters, there's not a lot to do after," said social studies teacher Katie Craven of her AP US History class. Teachers are also concerned about students' ability to focus. Students no-

toriously have trouble getting work done the last week of school, and "I don't see how much learning will actually get done," said Nora.

Specifically at OWL, the extra days will push back the end of year picnic at Lake Elmo, so that it will happen on Wednesday June 12th, rather than Friday June 7th. Graduation will not be affected.



Left: Juniors test the iPhone prototypes that students will use beginning next year, replacing iPads. Right: A model of the SPPS iPhone XS. The phones could lead to increased productivity, according to principal Dave Gundale.



Purple Press staff photo / Jonas Kammeyer-Mueller

iPhones to replace iPads in 2019-2020 school year

Gen Z-ers to finally be in their element at school

Paloma Leone-Getten
Staff Writer

SPPS has officially announced that each student will be receiving an iPhone XS instead of their normal iPad effective September 2019.

This new development is a result of students always using their phones during class.

"They're Gen Z, they can't help it," said SPPS IT specialist John Goodson.

The OWL staff is hopeful that these iPhones will be used for schoolwork in new and creative ways such as class discussions on Snapchat and typing up papers with their thumbs.

"I mean they're already so

good at texting. Why should we fight them? These phones could lead to more productivity and really open doors for our students," said principal Dave Gundale.

Some taxpayers have complained about the cost of these phones, which is exponentially more expensive than the iPads.

The iPhone XS retails for just under \$1000, and people are wondering how much their taxes will increase.

However, students are excited at the prospect of these new phones. "I bet Fortnite is going to look great on that OLED display!" said 6th grader Jeremy Scott.

Feared CPD outbreak has arrived

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Staff Writer

Inattentive? Always checking your phone in class? Never do your homework? These are all symptoms of Chronic Procrastination Disease, which has affected at least 35% of the senior class.

Procrastination is something that has always affected

OWL's students, but in the 2018-2019 year, that number has jumped 25% in the senior class.

"I don't know. I just don't feel like it's worth it to do it today when I could do it tomorrow," said senior, Candace Alexander, who began exhibiting symptoms in early November.

A doctor was brought into

the school to run tests and blood work on the students. It was confirmed that CPD did infect multiple students.

"CPD is airborne, and can also spread through sharing food, drinks, and saliva," Doctor Meredith Grey reported.

"This is very concerning, as it might be contagious and spread to other grades," said

science teacher Megan Hall. To prevent further contamination, Principal Dave Gundale issued a quarantine for the infected students until the disease is controlled.

"I miss seeing my friends," said senior, Angelo Carvale, who has been sitting alone since his friends were infected.

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OWL to introduce fines for late, damaged, or lost books

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After discovering that a student put a library book into the school toilet, librarian Caryl Mousseaux says she's had enough of being nice. Beginning after spring break, the OWL library will institute charges for lost, damaged, or late books.

"This is outrageous. I was fine before with a little tear here and there, but throwing a book in the toilet? I've had enough!" said Caryl, waving around the wet book.

No matter how many emails Caryl has sent out reminding for late books in the past, people seemed to not care, she said. Hopefully that will change with the new charges; students won't have much of a choice to return their books.

"I don't understand. I get that people like to read and stuff, just don't be throwing it into the toilet when you're done," said senior Samantha Peden, Caryl's eighth hour TA. Samantha has expressed her frustration when her job is to shelve clean books, not ones from the toilet.

The new charges for late fees is the original price of the book. For any damaged pages, regardless if the book is on time, is estimated to be \$10

per page damaged. Books are expensive, so the overpriced fees are very much necessary to cover the damage, according to Caryl.

Regardless if you have a book for a school project, if you don't renew your book, you are out of luck. Caryl is cracking down on all of the late fees that are increasing with each passing day.

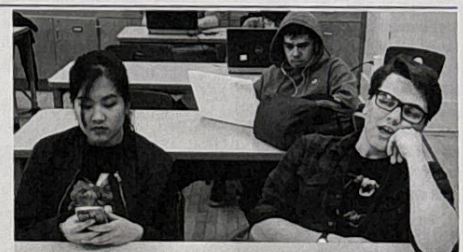
"I don't care if you checked out a book for Romeo and Juliet. When I say that your book is due, it is due," said a frowning Caryl.

The hope is to teach students to be more responsible. Caryl insures that if students bring back books on time next month, she may lower the fees for next year.



Emily Yang

Caryl found a book in the toilet, prompting drastic action.



Purple Press Staff Photo

Seniors Emily and Angelo displaying symptoms of CPD. Juniors and other lowerclassmen are also at risk.



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New Dress code bans cargo shorts

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Trying to keep in check certain students' automatic attraction to a ridiculous yet practical article of clothing, the school board passed a new dress code last Friday banning cargo shorts. Beginning on the 15th of April, students can and will be sent home to get new clothes if they wear any form of cargo shorts.

Principal Dave Gundale said, "We are trying to foster an environment of professionalism here at OWL. We shouldn't be here to hang out and eat the massive amounts of twizzlers we can stuff into our enormous pockets. We are here to work and to learn."

Teachers all over the school seem to support the new code. Music teacher Alex Ferderer, said, "they're just kind of ugly. They should be banned everywhere, nobody needs that many pockets."

Even students appear to be in favor of this new restriction that is being placed on their fashion freedom. Tenth grader Bobby Morrison described cargo shorts as "an evil scourge." He said the shorts were "just sucky," and "never look good on anyone."

An internet poll found that 96.74% of the student body feels strongly that the usefulness of cargo shorts does not outweigh their ugliness.

Expeditionary wars inspires real life change

Students who refuse to call teachers by their expeditionary names to face disciplinary action

Helena Squires Mosher
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Starting April 8th, all students will be required to call teachers by their Expeditionary Learning names.

After watching the success of the "Solitude and Reflection" series at community meetings, Principal Dave Gundale decided that the EL design principles sound better than real names. "OWL is used to unconventional naming," Dave says. "I expect this to be an easy transition for the students and teachers."

Dave first announced this

policy at a staff meeting. The majority of teachers were pleased with this change. "I think it'll be fun," says social studies teacher Luke Turvold, soon to be called Reflection. "I just hope I don't have to wear the costume." On the flipside, English teacher Nora Krings isn't too happy. "Why would I want kids to call me Failure? This rule's just asking for trouble," she says.

The reaction from the students has been mixed. 6th grader Bobby Stevenson says that he's excited for the change.

"It will make asking my teach-

ers questions way less scary," he says. Others, many being upperclassmen, are opposed to it. "I've had 6 years of calling Dan 'Dan', and now I have to call him Diversity and Inclusion? That's such a mouthful," says senior Jackie Jills.

After being questioned by multiple students, Dave explained that they will be sent to the restore room if they continue to use teachers' first names. Since that statement, there hasn't been much backlash.

Student and parent prom to join forces this spring

Parents excited about PTA's money-saving decision

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In an effort to save money, the PTA has recently announced their decision to combine the parent prom and the student proms. The com-

bined prom will be held on April 12th, with an expected attendance of 1,000 people. "I'm just so excited to see all those kiddos dancing and having fun," says 7th grade parent Alisha Smith. It was also an-

nounced that since the parents are the oldest, they will get to choose all the music that will be played. A parent committee for music choice has been formed, and spokesman Eric Washburn, a 9th grade parent, says, "We're definitely going to include some unique hits from our generation, and really show our kids what Gen X is all about!" The playlist includes an abundance of songs by Wilco, Led Zeppelin, and Radiohead. Some parents are very excited about the idea of a combined prom, with many planning to buy matching outfits for them and their student, and some even planning to force their children into coordinated father-son and mother-daughter dance numbers. The attendance numbers are looking very high, and if the combined prom is a success, it will likely become a yearly occurrence.



Jonas Kammeyer-Mueller

Math teacher Tom Totushek rocks out next to the obviously uncomfortable 7th grader Joey Livingston.

Exclusive report: Megan burns down greenhouse

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In an attempt to gain insurance money for field trips, science teacher Megan Hall set fire to the OWL greenhouse.

After her last student led conference in February, Megan snuck into the greenhouse and reportedly set all the basil plants on fire using gasoline and a pack of matches. According to custodian Mark Johnston, the fire quickly spread and the greenhouse was up in flames within minutes. Flames shot out the window and the fire department had to be called.

According to security footage obtained by the Purple Press, Megan escaped through her crew room, grabbed her laptop, and slid down the railings all the way to the first floor.

A few days afterwards, Megan finally admitted why she committed arson -- after being

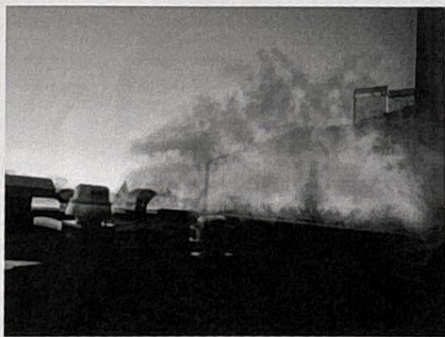
bribed with Girl Scout cookies.

"I feel like APES students don't go on enough field trips, and the insurance money on the greenhouse is just enough for us to attend the Minnesota zoo four more times this year."

All the plants previously growing in the greenhouse are now dead. This hasn't really affected the student body, and it

turns out a lot of people didn't even know the greenhouse existed in the first place. "What's a greenhouse?" Asked Megan's student teacher Heather.

Freshman Mae Wrigley commented, "Well we were going to have a unit on plants, but now that all of them are gone, Megan's gonna start teaching algebra instead."



Jonas Kammeyer-Mueller

Security camera footage reveals the extent of the fire.



Purple Press Staff

An upset Leo tries to convince the staff to continue working. The staff hope to see wages increase to \$12 per hour.

Purple Press

staff on strike

Newspaper workers demand higher wages, better treatment

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Due to non-existent wages and mistreatment in the newsroom, a student representative announced on Thursday that Open World Learning Purple Press staff will be going on strike after spring break.

In the announcement, Purple Press reporters said they would no longer stand for working without pay. "We work just as hard as any other reporter who works for like, CNN, but they get paid and we don't! It's just unfair," said junior Michael Smyth, who made the announcement. Staff are hoping to be paid \$12 dollars an hour, which is slightly under the national average hourly wage of journalists.

The statement was given to Principal Dave Gundale and English teacher and Purple Press editor Leo Bickelhaupt with hopes that the school and Leo would be able to have the money to pay the staff. At the moment there seems to be little plans about where the wages will come from though. When planning the strike, the students hadn't gotten as far as to figure out an idea about where they would obtain the money. Michael said, "We haven't gone as far into the details about how they will pay us yet. Maybe from a PTO grant?"

Stepping into the classroom, everyone seems to be busy writing, but there is a feeling of tension in the air. There is little communication between the students and English teacher and Purple Press editor Leo Bickelhaupt. "Leo seems pretty

upset we're striking. I mean it's not like we don't like journalism, we just deserve the basic rights that should come with the job," said 10th grader Ella Pratt.

Some conflict has arisen among the strikers though. Although most people are just happy with wages, others want more amenities included with the job. In a petition draft found on a table in Leo's classroom, there were requests for free trips around the world for international news articles and for an ice cream bar to be installed in Leo's classroom for the Purple Press staff. The writer of the petition, who wishes to remain anonymous, said, "I think we should get some luxuries with the job too. Like wages are great, but we should be allowed these extra things because it would definitely add more interesting stories to the paper." These additions might seem tempting, but for the moment, the strike remains strictly about the lack of wages.

There is one common theme throughout all the strikers though: the strike shouldn't be the end of the Purple Press. "All of us are hoping we will get what we want as quickly as possible so we can do at least another issue this year," said Michael when he gave the announcement. "The Purple Press is an important part of OWL and hopefully this won't be the end."

Both Dave and Leo were not available to comment on the strike.

Tien to become hall monitor

Lachlan Cotner
Staff Writer

In an effort to pursue a lifelong passion and get away from whiny sixth-graders, physics teacher Tien Dang will be installed as OWL's official hall monitor starting September 2019. Tien will be pacing the halls next fall, checking all for passes and persecuting wrongdoers in the court that is the principal's office. He was appointed by Dave last Tuesday following a string of students apprehended for entering his class without a pass.

"Passes are an important

tool that need to be used in order to insure the integrity of the school," Tien said after accepting the job offer from Dave. Tien plans to set up shop in the room where he formerly taught physics, installing a high-tech camera system around the school which he can view from the comfort of his rolly chair. He will also be cruising the halls in search of wandering students. He says, "I'll approach kids with an open mindset, check for a pass, and if they don't have it, we get down to business."

Streaming the drama

OWL Choir tour to be broadcast on Twitch

Kate Moe
Staff Writer

Concert choir is going to New York for interim, and viewers will be able to watch the tour on the streaming platform Twitch from May 18th to May 25th.

Music Director Alex Ferderer and people from Twitch are excited to be working with each other and are making predictions that the stream will be a successful fundraiser. Officials from Twitch see potential for drama between certain members of the choir.

"We are so excited to be working with Mr. Ferderer for the tour. We will provide chaperones, meals, and transportation when in New York," said Twitch director of programming Steve Evans. "We are excited to showcase these teens, in their raw emotions, while they are miles from home," added Evans. To access the stream, viewers will need to visit the Twitch website and

search in the top bar for "Alex Ferderer Tour."

Alex is excited for the tour, however an inside source indicated that not everyone will get along well. Juniors Henry

Bowring-McDonough and Noah Morris could potentially get into arguments that might end their friendship by the last day of the tour, according to the source. "I mean, they are

so nice to each other, but it isn't gonna be that way forever. I don't want to jinx it, but it would be good for viewers if they get into arguments."



A Genius Squad member films Concert Choir as they perform a test-run of the live concert.

"Watch Me OWL" goes mainstream



"Watch Me OWL/Watch Me Hoot Hoot" nominated for iHeartRadio best dance song

Greta Kvale
Staff Writer

Who knew the OWL faculty would make it big in the music biz! "Watch me owl/ Watch me hoot hoot" had been nominated up against a number of school-dance worthy songs in the 'Best dance song' category at the popular iHeartRadio music awards. "I can't believe we made it this far," said English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt after the nominations, with tears in his eyes. "It's like a dream come true." As the March 14th ceremony approached, teachers had been rumored to be practicing waving to imaginary cameras instead of entering mid-quarter grades during their prep hours. The curators of the event flew the entire OWL staff to the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, California; where the event took place. Sadly, that annoyingly catchy song on every

radio station upwards of ten times per day, "The Middle" by Zedd, Maren Morris, and Grey took home the award instead of OWL. "Honestly, I'm not surprised we didn't win," said history teacher Luke Turvold, in an interview after the event. "I heard they put some of that subconscious mind-control stuff in the song that won." Purple Press staff reporting from the event say that Principal David Gundale 'refused to congratulate the winning artists during the after-party' and 'spent most of the party pouting by the refreshments table.' When asked about his behavior upon his return, Dave immediately started to tear up and stomped off into his office, slamming the door. That fateful Thursday night, the results of the polls may not have favored the OWL faculty, but most of the school still boasts with pride for making it so far in such a competitive industry.

Teachers earn tainted win

Several staff admit to using performance enhancing drugs to earn victory in the high stakes volleyball game last month

Dulce Chautla
Staff Writer

Expressing shame and guilt, several staff members confessed to using performance enhancing drugs to win the student versus staff volleyball game.

After much speculation teachers Tim Leone-Getten, Joe Bradner, and Tien Dang admitted to using steroids

during the game held in February. They were caught after students observed some unusual changes in the staff. Yomaris Flores, sophomore said, "In class, Joe usually just sat there and watched health movies on his computer. Ever since the volleyball game he randomly gets up to do jump jacks." Other students also noticed that Tim Leone-Getten,

Spanish teacher seemed to put on muscle in the weeks prior to the game. The concerned students quickly informed principal Dave about the issue, who ordered a mandatory drug test for the staff who participated.

The steroid found in their system is called Tetrahydrogestrinone, known for helping generate energy and build muscle. The anabolic drug

also causes severe acne, male baldness, and mood changes. "I have noticed that Tien got some acne, but I didn't want to be the one to say anything," said Thomas Davis, sixth grader. During the morning announcements Dave talked about the incident. "I am extremely embarrassed, our school does not encourage cheating. It goes against all our design principles." Some staff members also decided to speak out. Tim Leone-Getten said, "Every year students get better and better at sports. How were we supposed to win without cheating?" When the results came in about the matter, those staff members were immediately stripped of their title. Currently another volleyball game is to be scheduled. The punishment for those staff members will be decided by the students during the next community meeting.



Science teacher Tien Dang discretely pulls out a syringe on the court.

Varsity Fortnite to come to OWL

Popular videogame to become one more of OWL's unique sports

Micah Gebben-Green
Staff Writer

After deciding that OWL doesn't have enough sports teams, last Friday senior, Oliver Juvland has proposed bringing a competitive Fortnite league to OWL for his senior project.

Principal Dave Gundale accepted the proposal, and helped launch the NFL (National Fortnite League). "I'm not an expert in this particular game, but given how much the students enjoy it, I think it is a great idea," said Dave.

The OWL team will be called "The Stream Snipers" or the SS. The SS meets will be held in Kevin's room on Mon-

days and Wednesdays after school.

"Finally, I have a use for the 26 1/2 Playstation 4S I keep in my living room, they were starting to take up too much space," Scott Sullivan said. "I'm very excited for this club and I think I have a chance to get in." After the interview, Dan proceeded to default dance for four minutes. Another student, Ryan Allen-Goeder, was critical of the new team: "When will these dang whippersnappers learn about good games? Like checkers."

"I'm really looking forward to the upcoming season," said science teacher Rebecca Palmer. "I know a lot of other

schools don't have very good Fortnite varsity teams so we can easily beat them."

Tryouts for varsity Fortnite will begin the week after spring break. The team will carry five players and one al-

ternate. To try out for the SS, Kevin will test how many 90's a player can do in 30 seconds. In the event of a tie, the spot will be decided by a rock-paper-scissors elimination battle.



Senior opts for unconventional strategy, turns in work on time

"I just wanted to have more time to sleep," she mutters

Shayla Brooks
Staff Writer

Leading to an astonishing GPA turnaround, 12th grader Maya Atkinson-Loyd has reportedly become so apathetic she can't even find the energy to procrastinate, and has started turning in assignments on time because it's less effort than waiting.

"I even grade her work on time," said English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt. "It's often the only work turned in in my upper classes." But Maya is much less enthused by the change. When reporters were able to rouse her from her nap in the South commons, she admitted, "I'm not all that excited about it. I just wanted to have more time to sleep." She fell back asleep

before reporters were able to press her further.

Sources say Dave is hopeful about the possibilities of this attitude spreading throughout other upperclassmen, and plans to discuss it at this month's Dave Time. However, it seems the trend is poised to end with Maya. One student who wished to remain anonymous commented, "I think she's crazy. How could doing work now possibly make her life easier later on? I prefer to do it all at once." 12th grader Elijah Green remarked, "I think I'd know by now if procrastinating was harder than turning work in. I've been doing it for years and never had an issue."

School start times to get later each year

"We're aiming for consistency"

New SPPS High School Start Time

Year	New Start Time
2019-20	8:30am
2020-21	9:00am
2021-22	9:30am
2022-23	10:00am
2023-24	10:30am
2024-25	11:00am
2025-26	11:30am
2026-27	12:00pm

Isabella Graziani
Staff Writer

Looking for a way to put the issue to rest once and for all, SPPS officials have just announced their plans to gradually change school start times each year until the 2026-27 school year.

According to Superintendent Joe Gothard "We're aiming for consistency and which is why we've decided to push start times back gradually rather than all at once." As for why start times are being

pushed back in the first place, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools, Andrew Collins said the following "The school board has decided that parents don't struggle enough to find child care and, this way busses won't have to fight morning rush hour traffic."

Because of the earlier start times students will arrive home much later. By the 2026-27 school year school won't end until 6:30pm. Because of this SPPS officials plan to stop serving lunch and serve stu-

dents dinner instead. About this Collins said "This way students can eat lunch before school, we expect they'll be much more motivated just after eating a meal."

Despite pushback from parents, students and SPPS employees the school board has decided to go forward with the new schedule. Additionally, SPPS officials plan to decommission school busses and replace them with pneumatic mail style transportation systems by 2030.

Ultimate is over party 2019

Harsh winter leaves officials with no choice but to cancel this season

Ella Pratt
Staff Writer

Spring league high schools boys, girls and middle school frisbee has been cancelled because of snow and ice on the ground until further notice.

Saint Paul Public Schools has cancelled school 5 different days this winter because of the snowy and icy roads. OWL has also released the students and staff for early releases 4 separate times.

The girls frisbee team was supposed to start playing games outside in late March, but Liam Shranko, high school girls frisbee coach says, "The snow isn't predicted to melt until late June." The coaches and captains had a meeting the second week of March to come up with ideas on how to melt the snow faster.

The captains held a meeting, representing all teams, to decide what to do. "I suggested that the teams should buy hair

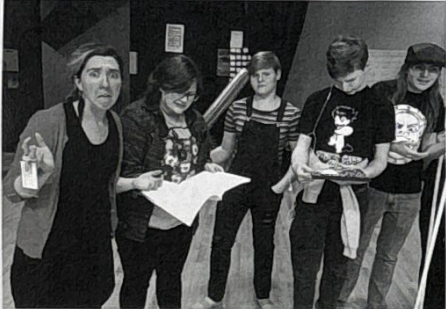
dryers, and blow them at the snow on the Humboldt turf field, where we practice," said high school boys captain Sawyer Neske.

The team decided that they don't have a budget big enough to buy that many extension cords and hair dryers.

The coaches ultimately have come to the conclusion to cancel frisbee this spring. "Everyone is encouraged to try out for the summer league," says girls frisbee captain Athena Bolton-Steiner. "Hope to see big numbers this summer."



Cast struggles to recall what play they're doing



Rebekah and the cast struggles over which play they should be rehearsing.

Snow day absences cause spring play actors to get rusty

Carter Peterson-Antin
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The OWL theater department is in a state of disarray as of late due to a multitude of missed rehearsals, cast absences, and unproductive rehearsals. But according to members of the cast, they've run into an entirely new problem: they've forgotten which play they're performing.

According to director Rebekah Rentzel, the confusion started once they went off-script. "I was expecting everyone to have their lines memorized, but without their scripts they started mixing up their lines," she explained. "These things happen but I never thought it would get this bad." Rebekah says that she's had difficulty helping out with lines because everyone keeps leaving their scripts at home,

including her, as she admitted. There are mounting concerns that the theater team won't be ready to perform by the week of the show (April 24, 25, 26). "I've stopped going to rehearsals altogether. It's just too confusing," says Jamie Upton, the show's lead performer. She's not alone, as nearly 6 other actors have left in the past two weeks alone. "The only actors left are a few of the background characters," says Rebekah. "It's been difficult recasting everyone when I can't even remember the roles they'll be playing."

As of press time, the cast had narrowed it down to either Grease or The Tempest. They're pretty sure there's a letter E in the title. It is unclear what will come of this situation, but Rebekah advises against buying tickets at this point in time.

Elders against busing

Older generation endorses a move to cancel busing, claiming that they had it much worse

Emilie McCormick
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After having nearly a whole week off of school due to the Polar Vortex, a group of St. Paul senior citizens is endorsing a proposal to cancel busing to and from school for all SPPS students.

A select group of St. Paul's elderly community, known as S.A.S.T., Seniors Against Safe Transportation, has expressed rage over the excessive canceling of school. Not only do they want fewer snow days, they want the younger generation to experience debilitating cold walking to and from school, saying everyday busing encourages laziness.

When Beatrice Mills of Cerenity Senior Care was asked how hours of walking will in-

terfere with schedules chock full of AP classes, she said, "they'll figure it out, the classes aren't called 'advanced' for nothing."

Beatrice's neighbor across the hallway, Bill Morris, said, "Well yes, but actually no," when asked if it was counterproductive to set this generation back when so many years were put into advancements that would improve their quality of life.

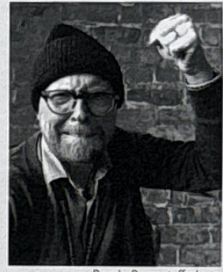
What do other seniors in our community think?

"The kids these days just keep getting softer and softer, if frostbite was good enough for me, it should be good enough for them!" -Daniel Silverman, 81, collects ceramic owls

"I walked two miles uphill to AND from school." -Marga-

ret-Lilith-James-Madison, 63, sells knitted hats on Facebook

"A two hour walk is nothing compared to Vietnam." -Richard Wilson, 72, who wasn't actually in Vietnam



Local senior citizen Daniel Silverman gets worked up just thinking about how easy kids have it nowadays.

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As another precaution, Dave also made a rule that all students must wear antiviral face masks, so non-infected students can still attend school.

"The masks are so ugly, they never go with my outfit," said sophomore Paloma Leone-Getten.

There are no explanations on what caused the sudden surge of Chronic Procrastination Disease in the seniors, there is unfortunately no known cure. Dave's final words on the issue were, "me and the staff are determined to keep the students safe."

Outward Bound 2019 puts luxury above serving others

"Service just isn't worth it anymore"

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Staff Writer

With Tim and Clara finding themselves bored with fundraising and service, Outward Bound is headed to either Honolulu or Cancun this spring. The one-week trip is being paid for not by fundraising throughout the year, but from a check signed by parents.

"Turns out, service just isn't worth it anymore. Nobody actually cares if someone else does work for them," said trip coordinator Tim Leone-Get-

ten. "Events like the Fall Family Gathering, school dances and the plant sale are too much work." Honolulu is the chosen destination because of the beautiful ocean, and the 'learning experiences' like how to surf, how to retrieve coconuts from trees, and how to escape from dangerous scenarios like shark attacks. When asked why service would not be a key component of the coming outward bound trip, math teacher Clara Olson responded, "Ain't nobody got time for that."

Since many students that participate in Outward Bound also take part in choir, this springs annual OB trip will consist of less people. "At least for now, the Honolulu trip seems like a one-year deal," said senior Athena Bolton-Steiner. Students normally get to choose which trip they get to go on based on fundraising points. Since there isn't any fundraising this year, students choose which trip they attend based on who pays the most. The majority of

students are aiming for Honolulu, "I really wouldn't be mad if I ended up in Cancun though," said Athena. "Most of this money is coming straight out of my pocket. I am going to Honolulu if it's the last thing I do," said sophomore Leo Dungan-Seaver.

The no-service oriented trip is expected to be the best Outward Bound trip of all time. Kids get to focus on fun and learning experiences, and they don't have to be stressed about service work such as what cab-in they have to fix next.



Reviews 'n' stuff



5mm cartridge among highlights of Apex

Our resident video game expert was impressed by this game and the special features it offers

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I finally got around to trying out the new Apex Legends game, and let me just say, it's awesome. When I first started playing Apex, I went for a classic 4,009 gauge blaster gun, but I quickly realized I could use a 5mm cartridge to shoot people right in the face. I'm so good at this game that I got to level

three in one sitting, unlock-

"I eventually mastered the reverse diagonal shoulder attack"

ing the super mega destroy-

er gun, a necessary staple if you're going to play this game on a competitive level. After a couple more hours of playing, I eventually mastered the reverse diagonal shoulder attack, which is when you bounce a ton of bullets off a nearby wall until they start hitting people. Although it's super fun to mess around with different gun funnels and trigger thicknesses, I do have a couple complaints about this game. First of all, why can't I shoot more than four guns at once? Also, I think the game would be way more sleek if you could make your avatar have a personality and style, or maybe even some social media pages. Overall though, the new Apex game is really awesome if you're looking for a good World War 2 simulator.



Plant the garden of your beautiful digital dreams

Gardenmaster rewards hard work with brilliant results

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I've never been much of a gamer, but I've been glued to my screen ever since I started playing Gardenmaster.

Gardenmaster is a garden-

ing simulator game, and boy is it fun. You start in an empty yard, with nothing but a shovel, and work your way to planting and growing the best garden in the neighborhood.

You run into some obsta-

cles along the way, like how your avatar gets heat stroke after being outside for too long, or how your watering can might run out. Speaking of the watering can, once you get to level three, you can customize your can. Mine's blue and has a wooden handle.

I'll give a fair warning: This game absolutely screwed up my sense of time. When you plant a seed, you watch a time lapse as it grows, but even though it's sped up, it takes around five hours to grow a full plant. Because you need to plant over 100 plants to become the Gardenmaster, I've found myself glued to my screen for days on end. However, it was bearable, because the graphics on this game are impeccable. The way the light hits my shovel while I'm digging is just gorgeous. The soundtrack during these cutscenes are also good, a mix of elevator music and some intense techno beats.

I haven't beat the game yet. You win when you've made a better garden than all of your neighbors, and that's hard because there's some really dedicated players out there. According to my Discord chat, it takes like a year to beat the game, but you can get some cheat codes to hack the system. I'm determined to become the Gardenmaster the natural way, though, and I think that anyone reading should join me. When I get to level 20, I can invite people to dig with me, so go to GameStop and get Gardenmaster!



Student anticipates a happy ending for Romeo and Juliet

Zoe is optimistic about the famous Shakespeare play about love overcoming all obstacles

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Star crossed lovers find their way together after surviving many trials from their parents. What could go wrong?

Romeo and Juliet, by William Shakespeare, is a very inspiring book. It tells the story of Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet laying aside their parent's long lasting feud by falling in love. Although I have not finished it yet, I am anticipat-

ing a happy ending due to the perseverance of Romeo and

"What could go wrong?"

Juliet to keep their relationship alive. They got married after one day to show their love for

each other even though it was behind their parents backs. Romeo also got banished and they have still been able to stay together. This shows true love and I don't think anything can get in the way of that.

I have started to hear some whispering that the ending isn't exactly all that happy, though. But I have serious doubts that these rumors are true. Romeo and Juliet have a deep bond that can't be separated by anyone, and I'm sure at the end of the story the Capulets and the Montagues will realize that their children are destined to be together and lay aside their feud to allow this relationship. The worst that could happen is Juliet will have to run away with Romeo and then they will live happily ever after.

Although there have been some negative twists in the story at times, I know Romeo and Juliet's love for each other will conquer all their obstacles. I am definitely anticipating a happy, fairy tale ending.



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Two students enjoying the classic happily-ever-after tale.

Horoscopes

Resident clairvoyant Nik Logue offers a look into your future

Nik Logue
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Aries | March 21 - April 19

Your late grandfather will leave you pondering with the last words of "destroy the evidence."

Taurus | April 20 - May 20

A jar of sour cream smiles upon you now that you have spread it on you bagel thinking it was cream cheese.

Gemini | May 21 - June 20

Your time with nature will give you the answers to the Universe's secrets, at least that is what you will tell the fireman while he tries getting you out of that tree.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22

You'll have no choice but to resort to cannibalism, but luckily the rescue team will find you about an hour after the crash.



Leo | July 23 - August 22

The stars watch you at all hours every day, mainly because they want to know how long it'll take before you notice the toilet paper stuck to your foot.

Virgo | August 23 - September 22

You're not one to stick your head in the sand, yet that may change after you come into contact with a VERY cross hermit crab.

Libra | September 23 - October 22

You will bring joy and laughter to all of those around you with the absolute hilarity of your untimate demise.

Scorpio | October 23 - November 21

You shall be intercepted by interplanetary beings, who will soon come to the conclusion that the planet Earth was generally a waste of time and energy in creation; and will decide just to blow it up for the hell of it.

Sagittarius | November 22 - December 21

Your shall soon see your life as two different eras: the time before you put bacon in your macaroni and cheese, and the Age of Enlightenment.



Capricorn | December 22 - January 19

The stars are unclear, yet they do see a sperm whale, three tandem bikes, fourteen jars of jelly, and a guy named Keith in the mix.

Aquarius | January 20 - February 18

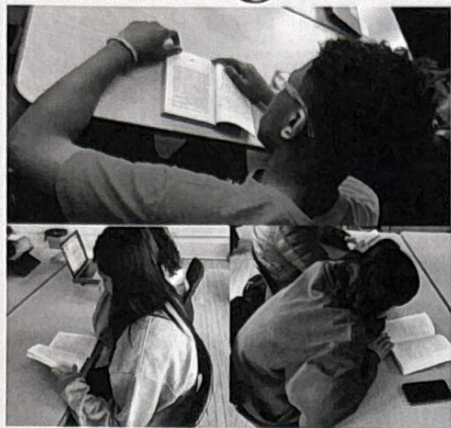
Your neighbor in the apartment over is an occult practitioner, if the early morning chanting, bleeding walls, and ceiling crawling didn't already point that out.

Pisces | February 19 - March 20

The stars see you having long life, good fortune, and comradeship in your future, if only they would get your name right.



Reading is stupid



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You all are just nerds

Jonas Kammeyer-Mueller
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Reading, it's the thing you do to get your independent reading learning targets done, and for nothing else. What if I told you that reading is incredibly stupid, and in fact, for nerds with no friends, I'm going to do the entire world a favor, and say that reading is stupid, here's why it's so stupid.

The first reason why reading is stupid and bad is that you have to look down at a book the whole time. "I just feel like my neck is gonna fall off of my body," says 9th grad-

er, Gus Holtan. According to a study conducted by Yalevard University, reading leads to your neck becoming so weak that you fall asleep from exhaustion.

The second reason why reading is stupid is that it's a waste of time. Reading is known to take quite a bit of time to do, time which could be spent doing meaningful things, like sleeping, watching TV, and playing video games. "I just don't understand why we make students do it when we could have students doing so much more," said English

teacher Nora Krings. "I've just been doing Buzzfeed quizzes while they read their books," Nora added.

My third reason for being against reading is that it's for nerds with no friends. Many of the more academically inclined students who have few to no friends enjoy reading. "Yeah, I don't have any friends. I just prefer to crack open a good book and read for a while," said 10th grader Maxwell Juvland, resident nerd with no friends.

My final reason that reading is stupid is that it kills trees. Everyone knows that books are made out of paper, which comes from trees. Unlike meats, you can't ask a tree if it'll allow for you to cut it down and give you the goods. "I just feel so bad for those poor things," said 8th grader Daniel Meekin, before sobbing uncontrollably.

In the end, reading is incredibly stupid because it wastes our class time. It's also dangerous to our necks, and it's for nerds with no friends. The final nail in the coffin for this absolute waste of space is the tree genocide occurring right now. We MUST end reading.

This PSA has been sponsored by the math department.

What's the big deal with superhero movies?

Old man Juvland has some legit complaints

Maxwell Juvland
Staff Writer

Maybe I'm just out of touch at the ripe old age of 15, but Superhero movies are the most shallow garbage I've ever had the displeasure of watching. Let's take a look at some of the biggest superhero movies from the year of 2018. Avengers Infinity War, Ant-Man and the Wasp, Black Panther, Into The Spider-Verse, and The Incredibles 2.

Starting with Infinity War, none of this makes any sense. How do you kill a god? Why does the main villain look like a California Raisin? Raccoons can't talk! None of this is realistic. Back in my day, movies had to be gritty and realistic. Just look at the 1966 Batman movie. Very real, very exciting, and very cool. These new movies should style themselves more like this film.

Now onto Ant-Man and the Wasp. People can't shrink! Who would wear clothing that looks so stupid? Why would they not just call the police to deal with the bad guys? Worst of all, this movie tries to have romance elements included throughout. Are you kidding me?! How does this awful

movie expect to stand up to the romantic genius of movies like Tommy Wiseau's The Room!

Black Panther is completely ridiculous. I looked on a map and that Wakanda place doesn't exist. Also, all the people talking about how emotionally deep Killmonger's death scene is clearly haven't seen Jack. The last time I cried that hard was when I lost my left leg in the Korean War.

Into The Spider-Verse is a genuinely awful movie, just like all Spider-Man movies are. Why would anyone let such a dangerous animal get loose?! This one is even less realistic than the others, as this Spider-Man can use electric power and turn invisible. What does that even have to do with spiders?! Not to mention how horrible all of the other Spider-Men are. (I do like the Noir one though.)

Incredibles 2 is the worst of the bunch. They don't even look human anymore! How much makeup did they have put on these actors? Also, babies can't have superpowers! The Fat Man's lack of self control is a serious hazard to the safety of him and his fam-



ily, and the Stretchy Woman's sense of independence scares me. Also, that young Invisible Lady is much too young to be engaging in relationships.

So with all these horrible movies from last year, were there any films worth watching? Well, there is still hope for modern cinema. "The Meg" hit theatres in 2018, and with its stunning realism and deep themes, it is truly the best movie of 2018. Everything makes total sense, and I am extremely disappointed in the Academy for not awarding it an Oscar. If Hollywood were to move in this movie's direction, there may still be hope for the future of the cinema industry.

This is Old Man Marsh, signing off.

Frisbee: it dumb

A controversial take on OWL's beloved sport

Angelo Carvale
Staff Writer

Disciples of the disc, hear my plea. You've heard me go on and on about what I feel needs more celebration, the things I feel deserve more attention. And it's been a lot of fun! Expressing my feelings of gratitude and putting the spotlight on the less loved is one of my favorite things about writing these articles. But this time, we're gonna do something a little different. Today, I'm not gonna be talking about no sunshines and cuddles, no superheroes or radioactive lizards. It's time to dig into one of the few things I'm not too keen on, something that's had it coming for a while. With no further introduction, this is why I hate Ultimate Frisbee.

Ultimate frisbee is a sport most of you may be familiar with, it's the one with the plastic thing you throw and whatever. From what I have learned from my experience on the

field, here's how every game plays out: Players on each team allegedly throw this alleged "disc" to other players, and then these so called "players" scream. But there is something I've always wondered about the celebration this strange game receives at Open World Learning. Why do people care so much about it? Is it really that cool of a sport to warrant all the praise? The short answer is no, no it is not. But allow me to explain my distaste in a few words.

Firstly, I'd like to bring up the sport's rules. As previously discussed, you throw a thing at people until you win all the points. However, here's what distances it from other sports. There is no physical contact with other players in any harming way. This is my first example of why it's one of the lesser games: There's no punching, kicking, shoving, or anything cool or painful. It makes me wonder how these

people are supposed to have fun with rules like that. What's stopping them from joining hockey, where people regularly get their teeth knocked out? Or football, where concussions and brain damage are a dime a dozen? Those games have actual stakes, you could be losing an eyeball for your fellow sportball man every Saturday. To sum up, frisbee just ain't as tough as the others, and doesn't give off the tough guy recognition our school deserves. Let us examine the next dumb thing.

Numero Duo: The weather conditions needed. As we all know, Minnesota is a winter wonderland for about eleven twelfths of the year, there's almost always snow and ice and frozen puddles that look like ice until you step into it and get your shoe all gooey wet. Frisbee, as some might know, can't have that. In fact, they're not into that cold kinda stuff at all, they need that sweet green grass and sunny skies for their Instagrams pics they can put quotes about teamwork under. And here is where an-

other big question arises: Why would your school choose a sport they can barely ever actually play outside, considering we live in Minnesota? You could argue that yes, they get some practice in the cafeteria after school, but it's just not practical. Now snow frisbee is something I could probably get behind, mainly because it sounds hilarious watching players trudging through four feet of snow across a huge field just to realize they're playing frisbee for fun. But alas, our school just provides the regular frisbee.

Lastly, the third point: Reputation. As subtly mentioned earlier, I feel the sport of frisbee "doesn't give off the tough guy recognition our school deserves." -Angelo (I'm only quoting because I recently found out about self plagiarism). That's because as we all know, our school is chock full of nothing but baddies and cool dudes, the best of the best in terms of pure gruff. And how are we showing our cool, toughness off to the rest of the world? We play frisbee. We

throw plastic discs. And we don't even kick people during. This is my best push as to why we should change our school sport, we have to pump up the adrenaline to show our true colors, the school that's basically the biker gang of schools. Does it have to be something as crazy as Bayou Pole Vaulting, the sport in which failure results in death by alligator pit? That's my target, but when we shoot for the moon, even if we miss, we still land among the stars.

In conclusion, my thesis is, I agree. Frisbee and I don't

have one big issue, it's just a bunch of little things that led to our falling out. It's not violent enough, you can't play it in the snow, and our school is just too cool for it. I'd like to thank all four of you for joining me on this tour, it's been another fun one for the books. As always, I'm probably wrong about everything I just discussed, so please don't take my words in any offensive way. But more importantly, I'm Angelo Carvale. And I will be suing that scoundrel on account of self plagiarism.



One of the not-so-tough members of the Manatees jumps for the disc. The ultimate team may be contributing to OWL's poor "tough guy" reputation.

OWL Fortnite players of the month

OWL recognizes the best of the best at the popular video game.



Leo Bickelhaupt

Leo got 108 points in the 8th sector in only two hours!

Best Score: 587 points

Favorite Weapon: 89 mm hydro-matic

Hot Tip: Play at night so you're tired at school.



Tim Leone-Getten

Tim passed Level Nine in just 21 minutes!

Best Score: 612

Favorite Weapon: 96 mm systematic 4.0

Hot Tip: Teachers like it when the volume is all the way up.