Possibility of SPPS teachers strike looms
Just two years after the last strike, SPFE union members have voted to return to the picket line

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On Tuesday, February 8th, students across the Twin Cities walked out of class. Meeting at Central High School for a brief rally, they walked down Lexington Avenue until reaching the Governor’s Residence on Summit.

The walkout was planned after the murder of Amir Locke by Minneapolis Police officer Mark Hanneman on Wednesday, February 2nd. The officers rushed into the apartment shouting “search warrant,” and shot Locke within 9 seconds of entering. He had been asleep on a couch, but reached for a gun as soon as he awoke. Locke was not the subject of the warrant.

Around 20 OWL students joined hundreds more from other Twin Cities schools. Students, including Maggie Morris and 11th grade Maeha Young, facilitated the planning of OWL's part of the walkout. "Most of the planning was done by Minnesota Teen Activists beforehand."

As for the OWL part, Maeha reached out to me. She had talked to Dave already and she just wanted me to help get the word out,” said Maggie. Since Locke’s murder, the issue of no-knock warrants has been at the forefront of the news. Though Frey’s campaign claimed that he had banned no-knock warrants, the current policy in Minneapolis is that officers must identify themselves as “police” and that they must state that they have a search warrant. In case not all occupants heard it initially. It states that no-knock warrants can only be used in high risk situations and some say that in this case, the warrant was not properly executed.

The teachers at a rally during the strike in 2020.

Mock trial team finds success

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Hazel Carroll prepares to take a stand in court; she was a victim in a swindling case and is a witness in the trial. Of course, this isn’t a real trial, but a part of OWL’s mock trial competition.

Mock trial is where a group of students meet to act out a trial. At OWL there were around 17 students this year. The students can choose their role from witnesses, lawyers, a bailiff, and a timekeeper.

If you are a witness, you will receive information before the trial, so you have time to read it over, find out who you are, and prepare to answer questions from your fellow students. If you are a lawyer, you will work with your witnesses to create questions, and prepare cross-examinations.

Alice in Wonderland to be OWL’s spring 2022 play
The play is an adaptation of the Lewis Carroll books, will feature actors in grades 6-12

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OWL’s theater department is back this spring with an adapted version of Alice in Wonderland.

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Safety vs. tradition

How OWL is balancing COVID-19 safety and fun traditions

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About a month ago, my friend and I were searching for new spots in the cafeteria. Our eyes landed on several of our other friends but there weren’t enough COVID-19 safe spots. My friend and I shuffled among empty chairs, isolated in their own row, and looked at me with a question mark. I smiled and shrugged my shoulders, did we really have a choice? Every day, whether it’s conscious or subconscious, many ask ourselves the question, “How do I find a balance between what we want to do and what is considered safe?”

The past two years have held a lot of changes, conflict, emotions, and difficult decisions due to restrictions related to the global pandemic. The way we structure a typical school day has changed in numerous ways and many of our special school traditions and activities have been altered. When met with the challenge of making difficult decisions regarding our education, it is normal to feel ambivalence in your responsibilities and personal beliefs. 

The beginning of online school, teachers and students alike were told to follow directions and “finish up” the school year. But now, almost two years later, we have a greater understanding of the impact of COVID and the decisions we make. According to the Saint Paul Public Schools Safe Learning Plan, some of the best and most efficient ways to prevent the spread of COVID are, “consistent and correct mask use, physical distancing and cohorts, and staying home when sick.”

Talking with principal Dave Gundalow as well as some teachers and students, I have received further insight into some specific changes and beliefs surrounding our past, current, and future situation. The central topic is how challenging it is to find a middle ground between safety, fun, and cultural happiness. According to Dave, “From the very beginning, that, at the core, has been the hardest thing to navigate: How do you keep doing the special things, the very things that our school values while responding to CDC recommendations.”

While most can agree that these are easy and effective ways to help keep us all safe, they also hold undeniable social and emotional implications. Some of the biggest changes are, “consistent and correct mask use, physical distancing and cohorts, and staying home when sick.”

Linux: a fast, uncommon operating system Where and what Linux is used

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It runs the world from the shadows, almost every server which you connect to runs Linux. The makers of the Windows operating system, uses it to run their servers. It’s the Linux operating system.

Unlike you like me and run desktop Linux, you (probably) will never interact with it. Most devices that run Linux are servers, with some major exceptions, such as Android phones which run a version of Linux.

What even is an operating system, or OS, and why does it matter which one you use? Ever wondered what displays your desktop, manages your windows and runs your apps? That’s the job of the OS. Why does what OS you use even matter? Two major reasons: one is efficient usage of resources, meaning that it doesn’t waste processing power doing unnecessary tasks. The other reason is customization ability, being able to mix and match software components of an operating system is an important factor for enthusiasts. For both of these, Linux is the best choice.

Linux kernel (the kernel is the interface between the software and hardware) was created in 1991 by Linus Torvalds. Linux remained closed source (which means that limited people have access to the source code until it was picked up by the GNU Project, a project to make a completely open source operating system, based on AT&T’s Unix operating system. GNU Project originally released as 2 floppy disks, one titled “root” which was where the file system was stored, and the other titled “boot”, where the disk image was stored.

The first well known Linux “distribution” was Slackware Linux, or SLS for short. This inspired a trend of “forking” the GNU/Linux source code to make custom distributions. Linux was still mostly a desktop operating system, and wasn’t thought of as a server. One of the first and most popular “backend” Linux distros was the Red Hat (now known as Red Hat Enterprise Linux or RHEL), one of the first of many open source distributions where you had to pay for the license, while still being open source. Today 70% of Linux is used in many things, including Android, almost all servers, and even software for the Mars rovers.

Why is Linux used everywhere? One of the major reasons is is modifiability. Linux can be packaged, compressed, and compiled into tiny files that can be literally run on any computer. Another reason is its security and stability, due to its open source nature, bugs and security vulnerabilities that can be patched quickly by the millions of people maintaining the kernel. Another reason people use Linux is because Gnu/Linux itself is just a kernel and various GNU libraries are used. So many minimal distributions are easy to customize, you don’t even have to use the Linux kernel! Although Linux is objectively the fastest operating system, it is still not wide spread by desktop computers. Because Linux isn’t as user-friendly and has a somewhat steep learning curve compared to Windows and MacOS, you may think it’s too much hassle to switch. Although Linux’s desktop market share isn’t increasing as much as some other friendly distributions such as Pop!_OS and Linux Mint are being further developed, it is the platform of choice for many people, such as Valve’s Steam Deck.

Sian getting tagged by his partner in the relay at the state meet.

Sian earns spot at state

OWL’s senior nordic skier qualified in a partner relay

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On February 17th, senior Sian Aker raced at the Minnesota Nordic Ski Meet, placing 18th in a 17:01 relay with her partner Henry He, a student at Central High School.

Sian qualified on February 4th at the section meet, skiing a 12:22 relay and placing 3rd. This race involves alternating between two skiers twice, each skiing 2.5 kilometer loops. This year, the race was done in the skate skiing technique, where skiers move side-to-side, similar to ice skating. The relay will alternate between skate and classic; another technique similar to running, each year. This was a new event added to Minnesota high school skiing. It made things a lot more complicated so (qualifying) was a lot more of a guessing game. I was surprised to qualify but I guess it was static. It was a really fun experience.,” said Sian.

This was Sian’s first experience at the state cross country ski meet. Last year, Central won the section, qualifying as a team. This year, however, they placed third, so only 7 individuals and Sian and his partner were sent up to the meet. “We just missed the team qualification by only 5 points out of almost 400. The 3 pursuit skiers—not on the relay team— did really well. Unfortunately, the two Nordic skiers got 12th, Elshuh got 71st, and Micah got 85th.” said Sian.

My favorite part is that it was a really cool communi-

Banned books

Censorship wave targets books with POC, LGBTQ+ characters

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Texas Republican State Rep. Jaffe Krause sent a letter on October 25, 2021 to the Texas Education Agency to investigate if any schools in the state have any of the books on a 16 page spreadsheet containing 850 books and wanted to know how much schools were spending on them. This is just one of many attempts to ban books throughout the country in recent months. As I looked through the list, I found many books that I have read before and loved on this list, such as New Kid and Class by Jerry Craft, Spade by Olivia desaulniers, and The Sandcastle by Baptiste Guérin, particularly concerning — as the number of books being banned that is increasing every year. "My child, and has raced for Central for the past five years. "My favorite part is that it was a really cool community..."
Senior Spotlight
Skylar Bandelin

What pronouns do you use?
She/her

How tall are you?
I think I’m like 5’3”

What’s your favorite class so far and why?
Probably English because it’s really fun.

Who’s your favorite senior?
Auria.

Where do you think you’re going to go for college?
Maybe some sort of like, writing school.

What extracurriculars do you plan on getting involved in at OWL?
Theater and D&D.

That One Little Kid
Beatrice Cosgrove

August Cheney
Staff Writer

What’s your favorite class in high school?
English.

What are your plans for next year?
Going to college in Ontario.

What’s been your favorite class so far in high school?
Choir.

What extracurriculars are you involved in?
Archery.

Favorite field work experience or school trip and why?
2019 choir tour.

If you had a walk up song, what would it be?
I don’t know.

Wordle finds fans at OWL
The word game has several niche offshoots in the Harry Potter and Star Wars worlds

Wordle, a new hit game where the key is to find the five-letter word by using up to six words, the different colors that will show up correspond with the five letter word of choice; those colors are red, yellow, and green. Wordle was created by Josh Wardle and is currently housed at the New York Times website. Every 24 hours there’s a new word of the day.

To play, Wordle gives players six chances to guess a randomly selected five-letter word. A correct letter in the correct spot will show up green. A correct letter in the wrong spot shows up yellow. A letter that isn’t in the word in any spot shows up gray. You can enter a total of six words, meaning you can enter five burner words from which you can learn hints about the letters and their placements across the board.

Why do people like Wordle? They are aware of concepts like letter frequency and letter position that allow them to strategize about the best opening words and faster solutions. It gives a sense of accomplishment getting the daily Wordle, especially with the use of streaks (getting the wordle correct day by day). Eighth grader Arlo Northrop-Kiel, for example, currently has a three-day streak going. English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt said, “I think it’s the right level of challenge I can usually get it with a bit of effort.” Wordle can be frustrating, which is why

Wordle, 6

Stian, 2

Ty of people that I live close to and have the same interests as, but I don’t go to school with. It’s cool to get to know all those people and make connections,” said Stian. Aside from the community he’s found, Stian has also made huge progress as a skier and puts in the work to see the results after five years of being on the team. “It’s been great to learn so much from the amazing coaches we have.”

While Stian’s high school ski career is over, he plans on continuing the sport for years to come: “I don’t know if I’ll be able to ski competitively in college since I don’t know where I’m going, but my goal is to eventually do the Birkebeiner.” The Birkebeiner—or Birkie—is a 50 kilometer race in Hayward, Wisconsin, held each year. It’s the largest cross country ski marathon in North America, a must-do for many skiers.

Stian skiing at the state meet on February 17th.
reviews ‘n’ stuff

The Mandalorian, but even better
Star Wars knocks it out of the park with new Boba Fett mini series

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It there’s one Star Wars character that was so unbelievably overrated to the point where it is not an exaggeration to say that the sole reason for the fame of his cool-looking costume, it’s without a doubt Boba Fett.

For over forty years, this iconic bounty hunter has been endlessly revered by fans, with the Star Wars fanbase even going as far as trying to enforce a rule that he not be used in a movie unless every other character is.drive. As the solely original narrative that Boba Fett was referred to as cold and mysterious by everyone because nobody knew anything about him, except as an actual person, aside from the fact that he’s supposedly a legendary hunter who worked for the bad guys. And when Mandalorian Season 2 brought him back, he read out stuff up to the fans happily, but still remained a static character. So I was hoping this show would change that. Its premise seemed to have...some storytelling potential, but I was pretty sure it wouldn’t be anywhere near as good as The Mandalorian. If anything, it seemed like it would be The Mandalorian but worse. Why do we need another Star Wars story about a guy with cool armor? But as you can probably tell from the title of this article, I was dead wrong and am here to say that The Book of Boba Fett is an amazing show that not only turned an overrated icon into one of the most compelling Star Wars characters I’ve seen in a long time, but also surpassed The Mandalorian in the process by doing everything that The Mandalorian wouldn’t.

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The short answer is because they have a reputation for being reliable and good in the snow. The reason most people think Subaru are so great in snow is because of their all-wheel drive, but just having AWD doesn’t make it magically good in the snow, it really just lets people get away with having bad tires. That’s not to say that Subaru’s AWD isn’t good, because it is. It’s set up to be a constant 50/50 split, meaning that 50% of the power goes to the front and 50% goes to the back. On nice, mellow days you get X-drive, which is Subaru’s advanced traction control, which means it sends power to the wheels that need it and cuts power to the wheels that don’t.

Onto reliability: out of all of the major Japanese brands like Honda and Toyota, Subaru come in last for reliability. If you ever talk about Subaru to a car guy they’ll always make a joke about Subaru blowing headgaskets. That’s because the EJ25 and other engines of that era would blow headgaskets at 60,000-100,000 miles, which is pretty bad. Most car guys would try to mod their EJ25 and end up blowing a head gasket and needing to pull the engine. Speaking of needing to pull the engine, changing the spark plug on any car is a very simple job that takes 10 minutes max, but because Subaru are built the engine is flat, making it hard to reach the spark plugs which you are supposed to change every 60,000 miles. However, other than those issues they are pretty reliable cars. But out of Honda and Toyota, Subaru

2022 Read Brave book is highly rated for good reason
The Magic Fish graphic novel is a story of acceptance

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The 2022 Read Brave book is a tale of mermaids, evil stepmothers, magic gowns, hand-some princes, and the coming out story of Tiön Phong, a second generation American Vietnamese teenager, who has a crush on a boy at school.

Read Brave is Saint Paul Public Library’s citywide, intergenerational reading pro- gram set around a theme relevant to the city. It’s goal is “to ignite empathy and help us think of big ideas to build a better Saint Paul.” According to the Saint Paul Public Li-brary (SPPL) website, “2022 theme is community care.”

This year’s book—which happens to be the first ever Read Brave nominated graphic novel—is called The Mag- ic Fish, by Trung Le Nguyen.

It follows the main character Tiön, through his struggles with coming out to his parents. Since his parents are still learning English from immigrating from Vietnam, he doesn’t know the Vietnamese words to tell them. His best friend, Claire, has known about Tiön’s crush on their third friend, Julian, and tries to help him through his feelings by asking both of them up to an upcoming school dance.

Meanwhile, when Tiön comes home from school, after homework and dinner, he and his parents read fairy tales from library books. It helps them learn English so he and his parents can read the same language. I personally think this is a very sweet tradition for them, and it becomes a very important feature in the book later on. The first tale we see them read is a tale about the along the lines of Cinderella, where we follow a girl named Alera, who is the daughter of a princess from the sea, and the daughter of a merchant. But one day, “his wife looked out to the sea...stepped into the water...and never returned.”

Her aunt Vhet takes care of her after her mother leaves. But one evening, the Old Man of the Sea comes to either take her father’s soul, or take Alera as a bride. But Alera makes a deal with the Old Man of the Sea to make her “three mag-nificent dresses,” from one down, one made from moonlight, and one from starlight. Will he agree to her terms? What will happen?

Back in reality, long story short, one of the teachers at Tiön’s school finds out about Tiön’s homosexuality when they see him dancing with Ju-lian at the dance. They want to help him. He tells them he can’t tell his parents because he doesn’t know the right words. So they talk to his mother, Hřen, and find a way to inform her. Tiön feels uncomfortable, and doesn’t believe his parents will accept him. Now, the rest of the book is about how not only did I say too much, but this is, in my opinion, the best part of the book, and you all should read it yourself.

“...this book is beautifully written and illustrated, and I love the way Tiön and his family use fairy tales to help learn and about each other. I also am a big fan of the way Trung Le Nguyen uses colors to decipher the story’s many perspectives. He uses red colors when we are reading about their reality, such as Tiön at school with his friends, and Hřen’s perspective on Tiön’s life. He uses blue colors while we are reading about the fairy tales that they are reading, like Alera and her story. And fi-nally, he uses yellow to tell us about Hřen’s past, about her travels to America from Viet-nam. Another thing I thought was very interesting about this book was that it is semi-auto-biographical from Trung Le Nguyen’s experience growing up American-Vietnamese. Not only did I like the colors, but I like its art style in general. Es- pecially the hair on the characters. It’s the perfect amount of detail.”

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Last year, in my final article for the Purple Press about the Minnesota Timberwolves, I stated that Jared Vanderbilt would turn out to be a “de-fensive stopper,” and ended it saying “we next year when we’re good (I hope!).” I was not even aware how right I would be, or how good we would be. Watching the Timberwolves this season has been full of ex- citing highs, often due to Van- derbilt’s unrelenting energy.

Point guard D’Angelo Rus- sell has spearheaded our actu- ally good defense (DLGs being a good defender is insane!) to point where we have been within the top 10 defensive teams for much of this season, a metoric improvement from years before, when we were close to last. Our new defen- sive identity can also probably be attributed to veteran Pat- rick Beverly, who was traded to Minnesota at the beginning of the season.OWL teacher Thomas Totushk describes him as “a solid player with a mean streak”, saying “we needed that,” which I whole-heartedly agree with. Beverly has been involved in court altercations before, but that energy and passion has been instilled in a positive way for our Timberwolves.

Unfortunately, as Tom said, “our defense is getting weaker as our offense has improved”, saying it’s worrying if we just try to out-score better teams. If Minnesota learns how to balance their lights out shoot- ing with lockdown defense, we could make some noise this playoffs.

Sophomore Anthony Ed- wards has continued to evolve as an all-around player. He does have a shot selection is- sue, as his extreme self-confi-dence – in a post-game inter- view after scoring 40 points, -t-wolves, 6

T-wolves find a new groove

Read Brave, 4

Read Brave, 5

Subaru, 5

Why Subaru?
The reason for the popularity of Subaru cars in Minnesota

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If you go to any skiing hill, any snowboarding area, or any other winter activity you will notice an overwhel-ming amount of Subarus in the parking lot. Why is that?

The short answer is because they have a reputation for being reliable and good in the snow. The reason most people think Subaru are so great in snow is because of their all-wheel drive, but just having AWD doesn’t make it magically good in the snow, it really just lets people get away with having bad tires. That’s not to say that Subaru’s AWD isn’t good, because it is. It’s set up to be a constant 50/50 split, meaning that 50% of the pow-
What's happening with Ukraine and Russia?

Russia launches attacks on its neighboring country

Claire Hulson

It has started.

Russia has gone to war with Ukraine, and United States President Joe Biden has decided against sending U.S. troops in an attempt to avoid World War Three: “That’s a world war when Americans and Russia start shooting at one another.”

And if you are still in the dark about why all of this is happening, it condenses to one small point: Russia’s president Vladimir Putin is angry and scared, and has too much power. He stated it’s because he wants to “dominate” and “delimit” territories, because of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). NATO is an intergovernmental military alliance between 27 European countries, two North American countries, and one Eurasian country, created to protect each other and keep peace and peace after Russia gained power after World War Two.

Swords sound nice right? Well, Ukraine is trying to join NATO, but it’s completely out of the picture because NATO would be setting up in Russia’s backyard. Russia responded by trying to start a war against Ukraine. Trying to join NATO is invading and bombing eleven highly populated Ukrainian cities, killing roughly 100 civilians in the first 24 hours.

Here in America we don’t have to worry about physical fighting or attacks, because the U.S. will not send troops, opting instead to wage political and financial war against Russia. The U.S. and their allies are attempting to cut off all ties with Russia, hoping to put them into a downward economic spiral because they will only have world trade with smaller authoritarian countries plus China and North Korea.

Ukraine won’t be totally alone though, because other than the political support they have among the Americans, they also have Germany; the U.S. and France, and the U.K. and EU sending weapons and money.

Unfortunately enough for Russia, there are consequences for your actions. Just days after the attacks, the U.N. as well as Germany and the U.S. are putting sanctions on Russia through many things, but the main sanction is the SWIFT banning of Russia. SWIFT is an International banking system that is the backbone of Russia and will dig them deep into an economic hole. Other small repercussions have been happening like boycotting Russian products. For instance, Poland refused to pay for the upcoming World Cup qualifying against Russia, but the main takeaway is that Russia is not coming back from this unharmed.

English, so that she and Tiﬁn can be closer and speak the same language, instead of the kind of mixed Vietnamese/English they speak in the book. Through all of this time, she takes time to patch her son’s jacket and make Claire a dress. She doesn’t see Tiﬁn’s father too much in the book, most likely because he’s always working, but what we do see he seems very caring of his family and really nice and sweet to Tiﬁn.

Overall, I’d say this is one of the best graphic novels I’ve read in a while. It definitely deserves all the awards it got. If you like fairy tales, cultural exchange, characters, and beautiful art, then this is the book for you.

Subaru, 2 is the least reliable, but that is because it gets burning a hole in the Olympic.

The second reason that Subaru is so popular among outdoor enthusiasts is just how they advertise the cars. If you ever watch a Subaru commercial you might notice people hiking, skiing, kayaking, and doing all those sorts of things on those commercial.

Overall I have grown up with both my parents driving Subarus and I think they are some of the best brand no matter what, and many of the OWL staff agree.

Walkout, 1 is a no-knock warrant was not justifiable.

Hundreds of students from schools across the Twin Cities gathered in front of the Governor’s Residence on Friday to demand a full investigation into the police’s deadly shooting of 16-year-old Ma’Khia Bryant.

Subaru is a very popular American brand, with some of the best vehicles on the market. They are known for their reliability and durability, and they have a strong following among outdoor enthusiasts. They are also known for their commitment to social responsibility, with initiatives such as the Subaru Love Your Melon Fund.

The story of “the next James Dean”

The life, career of film and movie actor Robert Phoenix

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One of my favorite River Phoenix movies was To Live as a Man. It was the first time I saw Phoenix as an actor, and I was instantly drawn to his talent. Phoenix was a true actor, he could play any role with ease.

Phoenix was born River John Boulton, August 23, 1970, in Madras, OR, to parents Arlyn “Teutul” Phoenix and John Lee Boulton. He is the older brother to actress Rain Phoenix, Joain Phoenix, Liberty Phoenix, and Summer Phoenix.

In 1973 Phoenix and his family joined the religious organization The Children of God, known now as The Family International. The Family International professed the faith in 1977 and boarded a freighter to Florida. While on their trip to Florida, Phoenix and his siblings saw fishermen catching fish and killing them in a violent way. Before they knew it, they didn’t want to be part of this.

So I met River and I thought he was great, and I cast him! In 1994 Phoenix got the role of Mike Waters in My Own Private Idaho (1991) starring Keanu Reeves as Scott Forces. He was the best actor to play this role, he brought such depth to the character that it made him memorable.

Most of his roles in his movie career were very intense and dramatic. Phoenix was a true actor, he could play any role with ease.

Robert Phoenix was an American actor, musician and activist. He is best known for his roles as Mike Waters in My Own Private Idaho (1991), Chris Chambers in Stand By Me (1986), and as young Indiana Jones in Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989).

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T-wolves, 4

Edwards said "I feel like Black Jesus" - can influence him to take it seriously. As always, Karl-Anthony Towns has been steady as a rock. I would argue he is the third best center in the league, behind MVP candidates Nikola Jokic, Joel Embiid, but he's the only one who can present a challenge at center. My point here is that recharging, rekindling his passion for the game, and changing his lifestyle, training, and habits could bring Towns back to his top form.

The Timberwolves have been consistent this season, as predicted by Mintesinot.

Alaska, 1

"I love to work in a bit, and be in a show again," she said. Eleven graders Nick Streng, who will play Hammy Dumpy (he described his character as "a pretty dramatic guy"), shared a show again, "she said. Elev to work with in a bit, and be in/f_t

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changes in schemes, removing

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rock. I would argue he is the

next step for Ant.

take shots he shouldn't. Being

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as part of the playoff.

T-wolves, 4

fall.

basically Wordle, but it pro

your Wordle for the day? Don't

so doing Wordle in crew can

Wordle, 3

year they were 3-1 and almost

years ago they were 0-4, last

said Hazel.

As always, Karl-Anthony

and Paul George. While Jaden's

&2

while Towns is second. Any

seventh in the NBA in fouls,

while he has been dubbed.

the dirty work, which we

without someone who does

of screens. In the past, Towns

would sit down close to the

basket and swipe at the ball

instead of performing a sol-

ated. Again, I was right to

praise Finch. I am bottom-feeders if Ryan Saun-

ed. Not only did Finch score the
data on the big screen, but he

was also the shooter who hit

the first three-pointer of the

night for the Timberwolves.

The Timberwolves’ Karl-Anthony Towns has been consistent this season, as predicted by Mintesinot.

Mock trial, 1

Hazel

OWL has competed in mock

trial for three years; two years

ago they were 0-4, last year

they were 3-1 and almost

made it to regionals. "Win-

ning our two defense cases

was our goal. Winning a third

just how much I loved to do

it in middle school. Just get-

ting to act alongside people

on stage is fun." This produc-

tion will include OWL theater

actors like Hazel as well as newcom-

ers like Nick. "I used to be in

a lot of plays and musicals in

middle school before I came to

OWL, and I always had a lot

of fun doing that. After ninth

grade when I was in the Add-

ams Family, I didn’t do theater,

at all for a long time till now

when I was put in an advanced

teacher class, so I thought I

would try and audition," she

said. With actors in grades 6

to 12, the spring produc-

tion will show the versatility of

the OWL theater department.

Many students showed up to

the play’s auditions, which

were held in February, or ap-

proved to be a part of the design
crew. Rebekah hopes to con-

tinue to see this enthusiasm

for the theater department.

When asked why she would

recommend students to join,

she said, "It’s the best. I would

recommend it because being

on forever. Not just because of

his movies but because of who

he was as a person. He really

seemed to put his heart into

everything he did and I think

that’s special."

A student playing Wordle in class.

Wordle

science teacher Megan Hall

says, "I really feel like doing

Wordle is annoying, so doing

Wordle in crew can make you feel better." You have done your Wordle for the day? Don’t worry, there are many other versions of Wordle to try out, including but not limited to Wordle unlimited, which is basically Wordle, but it pro-
vides endless word puzzles, swaddle, where you try and guess a 4 letter swear word in a 4x4 box, 3Wordle, which is

delicate balance: "One of the

biggest things I wanted to do

while online was maintain a

connection with the kids, be-

cause part of school is about

math, science, social studies

but another part is about con-

necting and finding what that

means to us. Eliminating or

drawing back on those are the

hardest things.” Towns gave

an opinion, “I think my feel-

ings about the measures being

taken and how transitioned up

with my personal values have

shifted greatly during the var-

ious phases of the pandemic.”

The unpredictability of

COVID and school can also

create a lot of stress and anx-

iety, and has implications for

mental health. "With COVID

cases happening like that [in-

sert snap of a finger here],

we could be staying home for

a week or two of nowhere. That

uncertainty can be overwhelm-

ning, but it try to focus on the

other things that are going

well. For example, theater!”

said 10th grader Mintesinot

Starr. "Dramatically different,

gave me a private approach, "I

have no personal feelings

within this situation, I live

a life where I have to give up

personal rights for the benefit

of all others. And this [point-

ing to his mask] is just a sym-

bol of that.” Reflecting on all we

have worked through, it remains
difficult to answer the best

way to balance safety with

tradition. One of the most im-

portant skills we’ve learned,

intentionally or not, is how to

adapt. “In essence, “ Dave con-

cluded. "As for what the play will

look like, students will have to

come see for themselves.” Per-

formances will be held after

school on the 27th, 28th, 29th

of April. Everybody come see

the show! It’s going to be at

the end of April, and honestly

the most exciting thing is seeing

the whole community,” Rebekah

said.

Strike, 1

Teachers voted using this ballot to strike on February 17th.

COVID-19, 2

goal is to protect the future of

public education in St. Paul

for our students, families, and

community.” While striking,

teachers will not receive their

wages, be able to do any work,

check their district emails, or enter

into any district buildings. If

the strike continues into April,

they will not receive insurance.

School activities will be halted,

and the school district will decid-

ed on a case by case ba-

sis. Transportation to child-

care, as well as free breakfasts

and lunches will be offered at

various locations. If the strike

lasts long enough, the district

has reserved the right to ex-

tend the school year, possibly

keeping teachers on the picket

line—nationally, just before the

COVID-19 pandemic began to

hit the United States. It is possi-
ble that Saint Paul and Minneapolis Public Schools teachers could be on strike at the same time. But the unions share similar demands.