OWL students strike for climate
Millions around the world joined in walk-outs

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It was unusually warm morning on September 20th when hundreds of middle and high school students from across the Twin Cities gathered, signs in hand, at the Capitol Building as part of a worldwide Climate Strike to protest government and capitalist inaction in the face of global climate disaster. But how did they end up there?

Many credit activist Greta Thunberg with the start of the “school strike for the climate.” Thunberg, 16, is a Swedish student who has created a foundation for global climate justice activism. Starting in August of 2018, she created Fridays For The Future where students would walk out of school to protest the climate crisis. She would stand outside of the Swedish parliament protesting lack of action that was facing climate change. On September 20th—the day of the international climate strike—Greta had arrived in New York City by boat. Not just any boat, a solar-powered boat.

However, the climate justice movement is not led by Greta alone. There are many groups who are terrified for their futures and are incredibly upset that adults in governments have done not a lot to help this crisis. On the day of the strike, over 4 million students across 125 different countries walked out of school in support of climate justice. Ninth grader Hazel Carroll remarked: “It’s just one person, it isn’t a big thing. When more people join, it proves a point.”

Students from OWL met in the cafeteria at 10 AM. They proceeded to walk through downtown into Western Sculpture Park, where they rallied with other school groups from across the Metro Area. Then as a group, the students shut down traffic as they marched through the streets, chanting and waving signs, finally gathering in front of the Capitol Climate, J

Good-bye AirDrop
School iPads will not have access starting in 2019-2020
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Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, student iPads will no longer have access to AirDrop.

Saint Paul Public Schools made the decision to ban AirDrop quietly, without sending out information to families. IT Tech Rhonda Mcelrath said that she learned about the elimination at a fall meeting. She added that at other schools she has worked, administrators had previously asked for AirDrop to be turned off. “They [SPPS] just decided to do it district-wide,” said Rhonda of the lack of AirDrop.

SPPS ultimately decided that the drawbacks of AirDrop outweighed its benefits. Much of the problem that AirDrop posed was distraction. While it wasn’t a major problem at OWL, “It was a problem in some buildings,” said Rhonda. “If it was being used, it wasn’t being used for positive intentions.”

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Next play: Addams Family

OWL musical gearing up for December opening

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42 high schoolers sit in rows in the middle of the choir room. Their heads are bowed over sheets of paper as choir teacher Alex Ferderer and theatre teacher Rebekah Rentzel talk through music and staging for this year’s musical: The Addams Family. Later, the students will move to the audiorium to begin bringing the script to life.

The rumors are true, Open World Learning will be putting on a musical in place of the usual Fall Play. “One thing I love about musicals is that they really take a whole community to create,” said Rebekah, who is directing the musical, “So to create, “ said Rebekah, who is directing the musical, “So to create, “ said Rebekah, who is directing the musical, “So to create, “ said Rebekah, who is directing the musical, “So to create, “ said Rebekah, “the design happens after-school still, and then the cast also meets after-school a few days a week.”

The musical that students will be rehearsing is the Addams Family. The Addams Family story is about number 1: a family just trying to deal with what’s normal and what’s not,” said Rebekah about why she chose this specific show, “they’re also a family that’s very comfortable with who they are even if that’s not the status quo. And I think that’s a very important story for high schoolers and middle schoolers to see, is just that your family is your family and be proud of who you are.

The Addams Family started as a comic written by Charles Addams back in 1938. The family was then adapted to television with a sitcom that run from 1964-1966 and several animated series. The most famous adaption, however, is probably the 1991 movie. Morticia and Gomez are the heads of the estate, they run the family. They love with their two children, Wednesday and Pugsly, their grandson, Gomez’s brother Fester, and their zombie-like servant, Lurch.

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8th grade seeing double

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As a new student at OWL, you may be confused when you seem to start seeing double. But you’re not going crazy; there are not one, not two, but three pairs of identical twins in OWL’s 8th grade. According to OWL’s three sets of experts, being an identical twin comes with its own challenges, advantages, and disadvantages.

Having three sets of identical twins in one grade is very rare. About 1% of the world’s population are twins. Even though identical twins do not run genetically through families, fraternal twins sometimes can. An identical twin is when an embryo splits into two, and a fraternal twin is when two eggs are fertilized.

Many people think of the cliches when they think about a twin. In the movie Parent Trap, for example, identical twins switch places to get what they want. OWL’s 8th grade twins can present a more realistic standpoint.

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Setting a new standard

Volleyball shows marked improvement, picks up its first varsity conference win in four years

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The score is 24-23 Humboldt in the fourth set. Humboldt is up 2 sets to 1 against Washington. Tenth grade right-side hitter Lili Hobday goes back to serve. Washington doesn’t return the ball. Humboldt has won their first conference match in four years! The bench runs on the court and the whole team cheers.

“It felt great and it was a much needed reminder that both the team and the coaches were improving,” said math teacher and volleyball head coach Damon Liberator.

Since then, the Hawks have picked up another conference win against Washington and a nonconference one against Minneapolis North. They have also done well in tournament play, getting several wins over two tournaments.

A big part of Humboldt’s success this season has been because of 11th grade setter, Aiko Mattie. “Her sets are really good, and because of how precise they are, they have made me a better player,” said Lili. She was outside hitter until this season. “It was really difficult at first because I was super clueless about the position before, but it became easier as I kept at it,” said Aiko. Because of the hard work of the entire team, the Hawks had more set attempts (any touch from the setter, usually the second ball to set up an offensive play) in their win against Washington than in several of last year’s games combined.

“So many players made sacrifices, switched positions and changed roles and that philosophy of team first has clearly paid off for all teams,” said Damon.

Seniors Kate Syers and Abby Davis, 11th grade Aiko Mattie, 10th graders Lili Hobday, Chyanne Braun and Fri- ca Polta and 9th grade Dani Butler all played varsity at some point this season. They all played a part in the teams’ solid defense, which was a highlight of their year. “They were the best of the best of the defensive teams in the conference. Usually the best defensive teams win conference because they can add some solid ball control (which they have) and if they do not serve well, the offense will take it team far both in seasons and next year,” said Damon.

The Hawks ended the regular season with 2 conference wins and 10 losses. They went into sections with a 10th over all, and so far in section play, they have not left unattended and we as a society need to hear the voices of the youth. Eighth grader Addison Quiroz, students performed a “die in” in the entryway of the Capitol, lying silently on the floor. The students (including Isra Hirsi and Paloma Leone-Getten) are disobeying the law and are the people who have the right to be involved in something that other Humboldt players. Alan Davis won the section 5-0, and scored of their goal pieces.

Humboldt went into the section 3rd at their conference meet. They have done the strike. It is an opportunity for the girls to shower and get ready for school. Mae Wrigley. This season, the swim team that does have the people on the team are dope. ”

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Hurricane Season

How do hurricanes affect Minnesota's weather?

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Minnesota, a landlocked state far away from any oceans, is safe from the powerful weather phenomenon known as a hurricane. Hurricanes can’t hit Minnesota in a different way, and that way is increasing dramatically. So recently in the news there has been a huge amount of attention on Hurricanes. Back in 2015, there was Hurricane Dorian and Hurricane Lorenzo, which became the centers of attention for weather and climate change news. Now, the relation between climate change and hurricanes seems quite easy to comprehend, right? The warmer the oceans are, the more moisture is picked up by areas of Low Pressure, creating more frequent and intense Tropical Systems. While this is true, why should you, as a Minnesotan, care about a hurrican, and why did Hurricane Lorenzo shock weather fanatics around the globe with its awkward track and intensity?

Global climate change is a real and a serious threat that is causing hurricanes to form later in the year, and to form much more powerful than ever before. Hurricane Dorian, mentioned earlier, made landfall not only from President Trump’s illegal sharpie fix, but also the fact that Dorian was the fourth storm this year, which is rare seeing as how the Atlantic was expected to heat up in July. While there are many reasons for the delay in Tropical Storms this year, the rapid intensification of Dorian due to large pressure drops and the perfect water temperatures allowed for a wave of tropical activity in September, a late hurricane season.

Hurricane Lorenzo, for those who don’t know, was the strongest Hurricane to ever exist in the eastern Atlantic Ocean, beating the previous record set in 1988 by Hurricane Helene. While it was not a major threat to land, it still showed just how little of a temperature difference it needs to create intense storms in an area not geographically known to produce and sustain tropical storms. "Hurricane Season" is shifting, and sea levels rising, but that only affects the coast right? Afterall, why should you care about it? It’s not like a hurricane is going to hit Minnesota anytime soon … right?

While, no, Minnesota is not like to be hit by a hurricane, the repercussions of those tropical systems still have an effect on both daily weather, as well as on the long term climate of Minnesota. Over the past two months, Minnesota has experienced a "double coldfront" which is really just two coldfronts extremely close to each other. This is because of the jetstream being pulled more southward due to the increased low pressure buildup in the polar arctic area around North Canada. This can cause massive temperature drops throughout the upper-Midwest, causing lots of crop damage and uncomfortable people expecting a warm early-October. Yes, it is meant to get cold around this time of year, but the "double coldfront" phenomena causes temperature swings as much as 25°C (45°F) in the span of 36 hours or less, which is very uncommon in Minnesota, where on average temperatures for the Twin Cities in October hover around 11°C (52°F) instead of the dips below freezing that we have experienced this month.

So how does this tie into hurricanes again? Well, pow-
Senior Spotlight
MERCUTIO TAKLE

How many years have you been at OWL?
This is my seventh and final year.

What are your plans for next year?
Um, probably attending university and becoming a meteorologist.

What’s been your favorite class in high school?
Chemistry because of my friend group in the class.

What extracurriculars are you involved in?
None.

Favorite field work trip and why?
10th grade college tours, because I got to eat good food at Manito.

Far hook, movie or TV show?
Star Wars Clone Wars. (not the movie, the tv show.)

If you had a walk up song, what would it be?
Oasis’ Bridge.

That One Little Kid
Alice Weiland

What’s your favorite type of bridge?
Suspension bridge

What’s your favorite school lunch?
I usually spend much time at lunches.

What’s your favorite type of bridge?
Twin telepathy.

According to OWL’s 8th grade identical twins, none of them possess twin telepathy.

Twins, the 1
alistic version of what it’s like to have a sibling who looks just like you.

There are some common stereotypes about twins, like being friends for life, behaving exactly the same, or having twin telepathy. However, reality presents a different picture. When asked whether they like being a twin, all of the 8th graders said “Yes,” without hesitating. 8th grade student Tess Campion said, “I don’t know, I feel like you always have someone to rely on.” “You usually have someone to relate to,” 8th grader Henry Planman added. You can always have someone who will push and challenge you, but

As a twin, a lot of people ask you what it’s like, but, as 8th grader Violet Wright said, “I like being a twin, but I don’t know how to be anything other than a twin.” Being a twin has its advantages, but it’s not the same as just having a best friend. You have to live with the disadvantages. For example, as Violet said, “Because you’re together for your entire life, your twin knows exactly how to annoy you.” However there can also be more challenging aspects to being a twin. Sometimes reality is not built for twins, it’s built for one person on their own. When twins both apply for an opportunity, only one will get it, and this can be hard.

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This comes up a lot further on in life too, however for many people this problem first when applying to college. For twins this selected process is showing who is good enough to get in, even though the variables are the same. This can be a challenge because for many twins you feel like you need to be equally as good as your twin. Many twins feel that because you are so similar, you need to do both just as well as each other in school or sports. Sometimes you don’t get as far as your twin, though. When that happens, there can be a few reactions. “If she gets farther in a competition, then I might either be jealous and not want to hear about it,” said 8th grade Hazel Wright, Viole-

twin’s twin. “Oh! I’ll be cheering her on and hoping she’ll beat everyone, or a combination of the two.”

Another challenge to being a twin is that people mixing up your twin is extremely common. While it can sometimes be funny to be mishandled, at least on the twins’ part, it’s a different story on the other side of the mix ups. “I struggled,” said ashamed English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt, referring to his inability to tell the twins apart. OWL graduates Thom and Patrick, apart “I mean, I knew them as individuals really well, but I still struggled to distinguish them physically.”

As for switching places, that’s mostly a myth, we usually want to avoid confusion people even more. “When people say, ‘Oh, you should switch classes for a day,’ or something like that, I’m usually like, ‘No, we’re not gonna do that; because, for one thing, we have no idea what the other twin is doing in their classes, and for another, we don’t want to confuse people more,” says Violet. One notable exception are OWL graduates Thom- as and Patrick, who switched their pictures in Campo for ¾ of their high school years. “Thomas and I were still friends, but when that happens, there can be a few reactions. “If she gets farther in a competition, then I might either be jealous and not want to hear about it,” said 8th grade Hazel Wright, Vio-
The chocolate chip muffin (left) is Lil's must-try breakfast item, while the fruit punch (right) is definitely worth avoiding.

I hate Spider Man. JJ is the only redeeming factor there. Eventually, I decided that I’d play Super Smash Brothers: Ultimate. Right off the bat, I’m very concerned about what these brothers are doing with my grandchild. We’re fighting on! As my electricity rat spirals into the abyss, we’re fighting on! As my electricity rat so hard it flies off the island, I won a narrow victory over this player, due to my grandchild. I played with him on Level 1 and after 10 games, I finally managed to beat him. I had nothing better to do with my time playing the game off by playing against this delightful fellow “CPU”. If I had to, I’d be lying if I said I wasn’t interested in playing this device, so I decided to throw it out the window, which seemed to do the trick just fine.

Overall, I actually enjoyed this game quite a bit, more than I expected to. I’d give it a B+, but my chatting Grandchild significantly damaged my enjoyment of the game by making it a 7/10 now. Very fun, I’d love to play it again sometime, if any of you whippersnappers would like to come challenge me, come to Leo’s room on the 2nd floor if you want to get absolutely light, but it seems to already be complete. I guess I’m just that good, huh? The story is good, but the gameplay is a bit... well, the Holy Spirit, I want nothing to do with it! So I decided to instead finish my time playing the game off by playing against this delightful fellow “CPU”. I played with him on Level 1 and after 10 games, I finally managed to beat him. I had nothing better to do with my time playing the game off by playing against this delightful fellow “CPU”. If I had to, I’d be lying if I said I wasn’t interested in playing this device, so I decided to throw it out the window, which seemed to do the trick just fine.

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Wreak some havoc in Untitled Goose

Good animation, writing, music, and characters make this show quality and binge-worthy

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If a show with an awesome 3-D aesthetic, a futurefantasy setting, references galore to fairy tales and classic literature, great writing, badass action, four strong female leads and a killer multigenre soundtrack sounds like the kind of thing you would enjoy, then there is no limit to how much I recommend Rooster Teeth’s RWBY. Since 2013, the webseries created by the late Monty Oum has entertained an international audience of millions with its fascinating world of Remnant, endearing and complex cast of characters, and brilliant fight sequences, and RWBY has done it all again with the latest volume (or season, if you’re a plebe)

And they’re not afraid to take it out. Right off the bat, the viewer is thrown into one of its aforementioned signature setpieces – the numbers of bad guys RWBY and INJPV, plus Qrow and Oscar, defending a passing car from a swarm of monsters, before going back into the events leading up to it. Already, this is something new, as for the most part the story is told chronologically, with the pretty much sole exception of Volume 3’s seventh chapter, “Beginning of the End.” From now on, there are new characters like the eccentric Maria Calavera and wonderfully dersaged Caroline Cordo- vin, returning faces like the fan-favorite Neo, new horrific monsters like the legitimately terrifying Apathy, and continu- ed revelations in the plot that you have them. There are many ways to sow chaos in the un- named town where their worst enemy is Goose, the Eldritch Truth. Make sure you complete every objective sent to you by Mephiskalnosh himself, except that one goddamn area of the game that you can’t fig- ure out how to do, so you just punk to the nearest sandbox and hope it wasn’t important.

This Goose game is created by House House, a game company based out of Mel- bourne, Australia. Their first game, called Push Me Pull You, is out on PS4 and PC. House House is comprised of only four people; Jacob Straus- sis, Stuart Gillippe-Cook, Michael McMaster (who has the coolest name), and Nico Daeugel. The Goose game is priced at $20, a reasonable price for the amount of primal, honest-to-goodness humor, andRube- sires. Allow me to elaborate.

Untitled Goose Game gives the player such an uninhibited desire for chaos that even the objectives, which are written to play towards this need, are not enough. Once I spent half an hour honking through a Wallace Talkie and dropping all of shopkeeper’s fruits and vegetables on the ground. There are a few humans who have you shoe you unite, one of which is a child you have to lock in a phone booth and steal his glasses. Just do this for a while. It’s fun. I also swapped out the child’s glass- es with cool shades. Is he still covering the corner? You. But he looks really cool. Some- times tormenting the people for no reason is fun too.

The game just evokes such primal rage towards the hu- mans of this town that it could cause moral questions. Hon- estly, you could make a social experiment about this game. If you have played Untitled Goose Game, you know what I mean. A Let’s Play doesn’t give me that high at all. The Goose game you can watch someone else be as sadistic as possible towards the poor citizens of GooseTown, England, but you won’t know why this game is so popular until you play it yourself. Play this game.

11 out of 5. Join us. Join the goose.

Central and OWL players huddle up in a Spirit Circle after the game that OWL won 13-3.

OWL celebrates Homecoming

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Staff Writer

OWL’s first homecoming took place this year on the weekend of October 5th. The dance was on Friday night and had a staggering atten- dance of almost 130 people. The game was against Central High School and despite the terrible weather conditions ended with OWL winning eas- ily 13-3.

Katie Syers reaches for the kite, withering the game against Central (left). Almost 130 high schoolers attended the Homecoming Dance the Friday before the game (bottom).

Lili Hobday

Huh. Now that's over, I wonder who made this game? Probably a proud American citizen…wait a…a. JAPANESE PERSON MADE IT? Wait a second. Japanese Company, Italian Main Char- acter, with a German Transla- tion…JAPAN IS TRYING TO REVIVE THE AXIS POW- ERS! It all makes sense now. I only thought this game was so good because of fascist brainwashing. Obviously, this all leads me to the conclusion that the United States should declare war on Japan once again. 1/10 FOR FASCIST PROPAGANDA.

Lili Hobday

Super Smash Bros.
DESTROYED! Unless you’re a Cheater like my grandson, or a dirty Commie. I don’t play with Cheaters or Commies. (You should probably have your own switch and control- ler though, I’ve discovered that my grandchild’s are kin- da…broken)

Advice, 5 years ago worrying about what other people thought about me. What I looked, and assuming I was — it feels great to let that go. Use that sparkly eyeshadow. Grow out your armpit hair. Wear that crop top. Share your head. Throw away all your makeup. Do whatever makes you happy — just make sure you know you’re doing it for your- self.

You don’t have to be nice. Girls are raised to be people pleasers – to constantly make sure that the people around us are happy. Oftentimes, we put other people’s feelings in front of our own needs, wants, and safety, in order to be nice, to be polite, to make sure that people like us. But this can be dangerous.

The tendency to put oth- ers’ needs before our own can affect many different aspects of our lives. For example, not speaking up during a class dis- cussion when you disagree, or taking on extra work during a group project, or (getting seri- ously here for a second) staying silent during sexual assault.

Author Chimamanda Ngo- zi Adichie summarizes this sentiment perfectly in her book. Dear Ijeawele, or a Fem- inist Manifesto in Fifteen Sug- gestions. I’d like to close with a quote from this book. Here, she argues that, instead of raising girls to be likeable and need, we should teach them to be kind and honest.

“Tell her that she, too, de- serves the kindness of others. Teach her to stand up for what’s hers. Tell her that if anything ever makes her uncomfortable, to speak up, to say it, to shout.”