

**OWL WEEKLY EMAIL**  
**DECEMBER 4, 2023**

*In an effort to increase communication with our students and families, we send a weekly email on Sunday evenings or Monday mornings highlighting upcoming school events. This information will also be shared with students in Schoology and in Crew on Mondays. Events are listed in chronological order.*

Monday, December 4 is a **B DAY!**

**TONIGHT!** **DINING OUT WITH OWL:** Grab dinner at Davani's on Grand and Cleveland on **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm.** Mention OWL Robotics or the Open Circuits when you order and 20% what you spend will go to support the team.

**Monday is survey day in Crew.** Please take [this short numbers survey](#) for Anson's project. Do you have a survey for all OWL students? Email [megan.hall@spps.org](mailto:megan.hall@spps.org) to get on the survey calendar.

**Wednesday is Clubs Day in Crew.** This Wednesday during Crew, students can go to:  
Better Crew Bureau (Megan & Akira's room)  
Environmental Club (Alysha's room)  
Feminism Club (Katie's room)

Model UN (Luke's room)  
Step Dancing Club (with Bridget in Pa-Loo's room)  
Black Student Union (Mr. Williams room)  
High school GSA (Preston's room)  
Middle school SLAC (library)  
Drama Club (auditorium)  
Yearbook (Rebecca Palmer's room)  
~~Girl Scouts (kitchen classroom)~~ NOT THIS WEEK - Meet 12/13

*\*Students need to go to Crew for attendance and get passes from Crew leaders to go to clubs. Students who do not go to clubs should be doing a Crew lesson with their Crew leader or a buddy Crew leader.*

**Do you have another student who is interested in OWL?** If you would like to sign up to tour OWL during the school day or shadow a current OWL student, you can sign up [HERE](#) on our website.

**NEW! The Purple Press:** Read this year's first edition of the OWL student newspaper [HERE](#)

**NEW! Attention all 10th, 11th, and 12th graders! We need more tutors!!** Need more service hours? Need to boost that resume? Looking for something high quality to add to the common app?

Sign up to tutor every Thursday during crew! Each tutoring period counts as one service hour!

If you have not yet filled out the form but think that you are tutoring, please confirm your involvement and fill out the form! It is required.

Sign up here - <https://forms.gle/4wLHD52Hah2pRtAx8>

Thank you so much!

Raina and Hazel,

Tutoring Coordinators 2023-2024

**OWL Tutor Referral.** Would you like to refer a student to be tutored? Parents, guardians, and teachers can request an OWL tutor using [THIS LINK](#).

**OWL Family Directory 2023-2024:** To better connect our community, this directory will provide contact information for OWL families. You have the choice to opt into this directory. Go [HERE TO JOIN THE DIRECTORY](#). The directory will be available electronically once it is compiled. If you have questions about the form, please contact parent volunteer Anna Gorton at [awgorton@gmail.com](mailto:awgorton@gmail.com)

**Planners!** Did you get a Quarter 2 OWL planner? Planners are the ticket to organization and success. Thursdays during academic advising time, Crew leaders will be giving CRISP tickets to students who maintain a detailed planner.

**High School Robotics:** Pre-season practices have started! You can still [sign up](#) for the Open Circuits, FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team 5271. Email [megan.hall@spps.org](mailto:megan.hall@spps.org) with questions.

- Grab dinner at **Davani's on Grand and Cleveland December 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm.** Mention OWL Robotics or the Open Circuits when you order and 20% what you spend will go to support the team.
- OWL community members can also support the Open Circuits by purchasing an item from the team's [Amazon wish list](#).

**Are you ready to be a part of the OWL Archery Team as it prepares to defend its 2023 State Championship?** Learn more by [visiting our website](#) or commit to the season by signing up [here](#).

**SPFE is hosting a Reading Opens the World Community Literacy Festival on Saturday, December 16th! Free books!** There will also be music, food, and other family activities. Children may choose up to **10 FREE books** with a maximum of 30 books per family.

Educators may choose up to **50 FREE books** for their classroom collections. First come, first served basis.

The event is taking place on **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Neighborhood House**: 179 E. Robie Street, Saint Paul, MN 55107. This is only a 3-minute drive away from OWL. [Here is the link for more information in English and Spanish.](#)

**NEW! Safety Information:** Each year, all schools in MN have to conduct 5 safety drills, 5 fire drills, and 1 severe weather drill. Drills are, of course, conducted so that staff and students know the procedures in case an actual safety concern arises. Being a part of a larger school complex with two separate schools means that we coordinate our safety procedures depending on the situation. Please take a moment to look at the SPPS district safety protocols at the following link: <https://www.spps.org/Domain/14306>. Please don't hesitate to reach out to David or Ma'lene with any questions you might have. You can reach us at [dave.gundale@spps.org](mailto:dave.gundale@spps.org), [malene.walker@spps.org](mailto:malene.walker@spps.org)

### **Community Information:**

**NEW! VIRTUAL RESOURCE FAIR: Basic Needs and Family Wellbeing**

Thursday, December 07

Join us anytime between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Meet local agencies and learn about services in our community. If you're feeling lost or overwhelmed, our resource navigators can direct you to the right agencies and services!  
\$20 gift card per family and special wellness raffle prize.

Register here to get the Zoom

link: <https://www.rccmhc.org/resource-events>

**\*\*FREE COVID tests\*\*** are available through the mail from the MN Department of Health if you request them. LINK:

<http://sayyeshometest.org>

**Food Resources:** We wanted to share with our community that Ramsey County has compiled many resources to support food access for Ramsey County residents.

[Food Resources Map](#): an interactive map of food access locations across the county

[Food Resources Website](#): includes a food resource guide for the upcoming holiday, resource guides by neighborhoods, materials in multiple languages, and food resources for specific groups of people

**Clothing Closet:** If you are in need of some free clothing [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

**OWL Schoolwide Norms:** Created by representatives of each Crew this fall with input from all students

- Respect people, their boundaries and identities, materials, and spaces
- Be kind, caring and friendly, especially when it's difficult
- Keep an open mind: engage in opportunities and courageous conversation
- Help create safe and brave spaces so that everyone can be their authentic selves and speak their truths
- Actively listen and participate (one mic, one voice), staying engaged and following through on commitments and expectations. *We are Crew, not passengers.*

**One proven way to live a happy life is to express gratitude. Is there a staff member at OWL that has done something you are grateful for?** Shoot them an email! An alternative and way has been made available by filling out [this link](#). (This form requires an email but is sent anonymously.)

**OWL believes that access to menstrual/period products is a right.** If you are able to donate to help us provide free menstrual/period products so that they are always available, please consider donating some by dropping them off with Tammy

in the front office. From there we will make sure they get to where they are needed.

**Important Reminder about Attendance:**

If your child is going to miss school, please call, email [owlattendance@spps.org](mailto:owlattendance@spps.org) or write a note to explain the reason for the absence. If we do not hear from you, the absence is documented as unexcused. After 3 days of unexcused absences, you will receive a letter from the school reminding you to please communicate with us so the absence(s) may be documented accurately. If your child continues to miss school, unexcused, he/she will be referred to the SAM (School Attendance Matters) Program for intervention.

The following reasons for absence qualify as an excused absence; illness, doctor, dental or therapy appointment (please be sure to obtain a note to give to the school), extreme family emergency or religious holiday not already recognized by our school district. When a student misses 3 or more class periods in one day, this is considered to be a full day of absence. Please call us if you have any questions/concerns.