

OWL WEEKLY EMAIL
NOVEMBER 27, 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, November 27 is an **A DAY!**

Monday is Survey Day in Crew. On November 20, please take this fun [animals survey](#). Do you have a survey for all OWL students? Email megan.hall@spps.org to request a meeting about getting on the survey calendar.

Wednesday is [Clubs](#) Day in Crew. This Wednesday during Crew, students can go to:

Black Student Union (Mr. Williams room)

Model UN (Luke's room)

High school GSA (Preston's room)

Middle school SLAC (library)

Drama Club (auditorium)

~~Environmental Club (Alysha's room)~~ NOT THIS WEEK - Meet 12/6

~~Feminism Club (Katie's room)~~ NOT THIS WEEK - Meet 12/6

Outward Bound (Auditorium)

Step Dancing Club (with Bridget in Pa-Loo's room)

Yearbook (Rebecca Palmer's room)

~~Better Crew Bureau~~ NOT THIS WEEK - meet 12/6

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.

THIS MONDAY! Fundraiser for Robotics team: Grab dinner at **Noodles & Company** (1590 Robert St S, West St. Paul, MN 55118) on **Monday 11/27/2023 from 4-8 pm**. If you apply the coupon code, "GIVING25" when ordering online or mention the Open Circuits **when ordering in-restaurant**, 25% of sales will go directly to the Open Circuits. See [FLYER HERE](#) with more information.

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

LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS? The basketball teams are looking for **student managers**--talk to **Tim** timothy.leone-getten@spps.org if you are interested!

Here are some of the things you would do as a manager:

- Filming away games
- Running concessions during home games
- Equipment management
 - Laundry
 - Organizing jerseys, shorts, warmups, and travel gear for both home and away games
- Running shot clock during home games

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.

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.

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

Winter Sports Registration is now open!

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Winter I Sports begin on Monday, November 13, 2023. Sports offered will be: MS Girls Basketball and MS Wrestling. Game schedules will come out soon.

Winter II season with MS Boys Basketball will begin January 22, 2024.

[Here is a registration link](#) to sign up for Middle School Winter Sports.

*Students with questions about Middle School sports can talk to OWL Athletic Director Athena athena.bolton-steiner@spps.org

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Students can register by going [HERE](#).

Sports Offered:

Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

Boys Swimming/Diving (grades 7-12)

Wrestling

Adapted Floor Hockey

POM Squad

Sports offered through co-op: Alpine Skiing, Gymnastics, Nordic Skiing, Hockey. If a student is interested in any of these co-op sports, please contact Athena: athena.bolton-steiner@spps.org

To compete in a sport, you must:

1. Have an up to date sports physical (good for 3 years) **HOW TO GET A SPORTS PHYSICAL**
2. Complete the MSHSL Eligibility Brochure (required every school year) GET FORM FROM ATHENA
3. Pay the team fee of \$60 (\$30 for free/reduced lunch)

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](#).

Horticulture classes need clean, empty 2-liter plastic bottles: If you have bottles to donate, please have your student bring them to Megan at school (room 3215 or 2206).

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 with questions.

- Grab dinner at the **West St. Paul Noodles & Company on TODAY from 4-8 pm.** If you apply the coupon code, "GIVING25" when ordering online or mention the Open Circuits **when ordering in-restaurant**, 25% of sales will go directly to the Open Circuits. Restaurant address: 1590 Robert St S, West St. Paul, MN 55118
- Grab dinner at **Davani's on Grand and Cleveland December 4th 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 16th 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.](#)

Community Information:

NEW! 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

Rooted in STEM at the University of Minnesota. More information [HERE](#)

Need Winter Gear: More information [HERE](#)

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 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.