

**OWL WEEKLY EMAIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

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 Crew on Mondays. Events are listed in chronological order.

**School Forms**: If you have not completed the school online forms, please do so ASAP. Students will not be able to participate in any fieldwork or retreats if their forms are not completed. Go to our website: [open.spps.org](http://open.spps.org)

**Register for After School Activities/EDL**: Registration forms and a course catalog are available on the school website: ([open.spps.org](http://open.spps.org)). Please turn in your forms by Wednesday, September 21 to Cheryl in the main office or Tim's office.

Our after school programming begins **Monday, October 10** and runs Monday – Thursday from 2 – 4 PM. A free snack is served to all students. ALL students receive free busing home at 4:05 PM. Students can sign up for 2 – 4 days of classes per week. For more information about after school programming, contact Tim Leone-Getten @ [timothy.leone-getten@spps.org](mailto:timothy.leone-getten@spps.org)

**Genius Squad Meeting Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>**: Students who are interested in Genius Squad are invited to attend a meeting from 2:15 until 3:30 p.m. You must have your own transportation home!

- We will complete applications to be in Genius Squad for this coming school year.
- We will discuss how students will provide tech support for students at OWL.

This is not a mandatory meeting.

Contact Rhonda Mechels with questions

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**Fall Play Rehearsals begin this week:** from 2:15 – 4 PM.  
**Starting Monday, October 10,** there will be busing home for theater students in grades 6-12. Please contact Theater Director, Rebekah Rentzal [rebekah.rentzal@spps.org](mailto:rebekah.rentzal@spps.org) with any questions.

**Ultimate Frisbee continues this Wednesday, September 21 from 4 – 6 PM @ Harriet Island:** Students staying at school to do homework until it is time for practice, please report to the cafeteria. Students will walk down to Harriet Island at 3:30 PM.

There is no charge for fall Ultimate. It is a great chance for students, grades 6-12, considering joining the team for the formal spring season to come try it out alongside our veteran players and excellent coaches. Pick up your child at the Harriet Island EAST ENTRANCE (Turn east off Wabasha St. onto Water St., then left around the new apartment building, under the Wabasha Bridge. Follow the road to the parking lot at the end—right near the Showboat Theater) at 6 PM.

High school students can also play in the Saturday Fall Ultimate League, starting this week. Coach Liam will provide you with more information.

**Note:** Mondays there will be Captain's Practices at Harriet Island from 2-4 PM for high school athletes. There will be no adult supervision at Monday practices.

**Meeting for all NEW Families—Thursday, September 22 at 6 PM:** Right before the Open House, we are inviting all new families to meet in the OWL Auditorium for an overview of the year and answer any questions you may have.

**Open House/Back to School Night—Thursday, September 22 at 7 PM:** Come meet your child's teachers and hear about all the great things happening in our classes this year. Be sure to arrive promptly, as we will be running through your student's schedule starting at 7 PM.

**Note:** At the Open House, Outward Bound students will be selling pizza, beverages, and snacks starting at 5:30 PM to raise money for this spring's service adventure. Bring your appetites and a bit of cash!

**Fall Retreats—Tuesday, September 27- Friday, September 30:** Coming up in three weeks, we will have a big week of learning, service and adventure. Note that the senior retreat starts on Monday morning and the juniors leave Monday after school, returning on Thursday afternoon. More information on trips can be found on the school website.

**PTO News:** Thank you to all who attended last Tuesday's PTO meeting. It was great to have many voices add to the discussions. Minutes from that meeting are posted on the OWL PTO Facebook group as well as the OWL website. Our next working meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 7 pm at OWL. In the mean time we have opportunities for volunteers! Feel free to email Theresa del Rosario [delrosario.theresa@gmail.com](mailto:delrosario.theresa@gmail.com) with your questions and interest--thank you! We hope to see everyone at the Fall Family Gathering, Thursday, October, 6, 6-8 pm, at Harriet Island.

**OWL Fall Family Gathering will be Thursday, October 6, 5:30-8 pm, at the Harriet Island Pavilion.** Come together with the OWL community for food, fun and friendship in a beautiful location on the Mississippi River across from downtown Saint Paul. Look for more information in the October newsletter and future emails.

**School Picture Day is Friday, October 7:** Information on purchasing pictures from Lifetouch will be coming home soon. Whether you are buying pictures or not, all students will have their picture taken for Student ID and Yearbook purposes.

**After School Programming Begins: Monday, October 10.**

**Site Council -- Tuesday, October 11 from 5:30 – 7 PM:**

**NO SCHOOL—Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21:**  
State Teacher Convention.

**Upcoming College Events:**

**National College Fair:** This event with booths from hundreds of colleges at the Minneapolis Convention Center is a great source of information for families. This year, instead of holding our own College Knowledge Night, we will encourage families to attend this fair. The National College Fair does a great job of gathering reps and providing breakout sessions on numerous topics. OWL will be taking a bus of students and families to the fair and back—saving on parking—on **the evening of Tuesday, October 4 from 5 – 8 PM.**

Students in grades 10-12 will attend this event with booths from hundreds of colleges at the Minneapolis Convention Center on **Wednesday, October 5 during the school day from 9 AM – 12 PM.**

**PTO Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017**

Working Meetings  
Sep 13 – Intro

Social Get Togethers  
Oct – Fall Family Gathering

Nov 15 – GiveMN prep/Grants

Jan 10 – Budget recap

Mar 14 – Grants

May 9 – Raffle prep/Election

Dec – date and location TBD

Feb – date and location TBD

Apr – date and location TBD

Jun – Raffle-O-Rama, Humb. Café