

**OWL WEEKLY EMAIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 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)

**Fall Retreats—Tuesday, September 27- Friday, September 30:** Fall Retreats, a big week of learning, service and adventure, are here! 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 in the news section on the right sidebar.

**Drink great coffee, support OWL!**

The PTO is selling Velasquez Family Coffee and OWL earns \$4.00 for each bag purchased. You can pick up your order in the school office, have it delivered to your child's crew or sign up for a monthly subscription delivered to your home. **Turn in your order form & payment to the OWL office by Fri., Sept. 30th.** A printable order form is on the school website in the news section on the right sidebar. Coffee will be delivered the week of Oct.10th.

**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 ASAP 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)

**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. Please sign up to volunteer at this link. <http://bit.ly/2cRCr9g>

Fall Family Gathering, the first big family event of the school year is almost upon us on Oct. 6, from 5:3-8:00. *Do you dread walking in to the pavilion and not find someone you know? Where will you sit? Who will sit with you once your kids ditch you?* We've all been there and we've got you covered. Come sit with us at the *Welcome to OWL* table. Come meet other families new to our community and those of us who are not so new but enjoy meeting new people. Look for our table sign and you'll find warm smiles and friendly families.

Nuestra reunión familiar de otoño se aproxima el 6 de octubre, de las 5:30-8. Es nuestro primer evento familiar del año y muchos padres de familia se preguntan, - *¿Quién habrá para platicar? -¿Con quién me sentaré después de que los chicos encuentren a sus amistades? -¿Habrá alguien hable español?* Muchos de nosotros ya hemos pasado por las mismas. Busque la mesa con el cartel *Bienvenidos a OWL* y pase una tarde agradable con otras familias nuevas a OWL y aquellos de nosotros que ya hemos pasado un poco más de tiempo como parte de la comunidad. Pase a nuestra mesa y encuentre el comienzo de nuevas amistades.

**School Picture Day is Friday, October 7:** Information on purchasing pictures from Lifetouch was sent home with students last week. 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 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 send a bus of students and families to the fair and back—saving on parking—on **the evening of Tues., Oct. 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 school from 9AM–12 PM.**

**PSAT Testing is Wednesday, October 19 at 7:45 AM:** The PSAT is a standardized test that serves two purposes. It prepares students for the SAT or ACT by giving them a baseline score and it serves as the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholar program. All 11<sup>th</sup> graders take the PSAT free of charge. This year we ordered 29 extra tests for 10<sup>th</sup> graders who want to take it a year early as a practice. For 10<sup>th</sup> graders, the test costs \$15. Bring payment to Jolene ASAP - tests are given on a first come, first served basis. Payment is due by Mon., Oct. 10. All students must attend the pre-administration session on Fri., Oct. 14 at 7:45 AM.

**PTO News:** The 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, 5:30-8 pm, at Harriet Island.

## **PTO Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017**

### Working Meetings

Sep 13 – Intro

Nov 15 – GiveMN prep/Grants

Jan 10 – Budget recap

Mar 14 – Grants

May 9 – Raffle prep/Election

### Social Get Togethers

Oct – Fall Family Gathering

Dec – date and location TBD

Feb – date and location TBD

Apr – date and location TBD

Jun – Raffle-O-Rama, Humb. Café