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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: "If it is just one per-

son, 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



Kate Moe

OWL students walking to the climate strike on September 20th.



OWL Staff Photo

Eleventh grader Anabel Weiland works on costumes for the Addams Family (left), 11th grader Ale Castrejon getting measured for costumes (right).

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 auditorium 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 I think musicals are the most fun ways to get everyone in the school involved in a big project. Plus they're fun."

Musical production is a high school class that takes

place second hour B days. "Alex and I co-teach a class and we split students up between singing and acting, and trade back and forth. We bring in a choreographer so we have different people coming into the class," 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 Add-

ams Family. 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 ran from 1964-1966 and several animated series. The most famous adaptation, however, is probably the 1991 movie. Morticia and Gomez are the heads of the estate, they run the family. They live with their two children, Wednesday and Pugsly, their grandma, Go-

mez's brother Fester, and their zombie-like servant, Lurch.

"The Addams Family is a story 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 thing for high schoolers and middle schoolers to see, is just that your family is your family and be proud of who you are."

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OWL Staff Photo

The three sets of identical twins in 8th grade.

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 concentrated 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 iden-

tical twin is when an embryo splits into two, and a fraternal twin is when two eggs are fertilized.

Many people think of the clichés 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 re-

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Good-bye Air-Drop

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 Air-Drop.

Saint Paul Public Schools made the decision to ban Air-Drop quietly, without sending out information to families. IT Tech Rhonda Mechels 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 Air-Drop 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."

However, some teachers disagree with the ban. English teacher Kevin Hansen said that he believes the benefits outweigh the drawbacks. He would have an occasional disruption (about once or twice a month) due to AirDrop, and found out about the elimination of AirDrop when he tried

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to AirDrop a GarageBand file to his students. "I would rather have the benefits of AirDrop. I can deal with the kids," said Kevin. He used it to send podcasts to students, but has now switched over to using email to share sound files. Kevin says that the elimination of AirDrop adds an extra step to the sharing process - he can still share them via email, but it's slower than AirDrop would be.

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Building. "Walking through downtown and looking back to see the OWL kids who are taking a role of improving their future... will stay with me for a long time," said junior Emma McCarthy. After some rallying speeches from organizing students (including Isra Hirsi and OWL's own senior Atquetzali Quiroz), students performed a "die in" in the entryway of the Capitol, lying silently on the floor to represent the lives lost to climate change and disaster--and the lives that could be lost in the future.

Climate justice has been very prominent in Open World Learning. There are many students who feel passionately about this issue. Students have made clear that climate justice is a huge issue that people cannot leave unattended and we as a society need to hear the voices of the youth. Eighth grader Tess Champion noted that "The climate strike was worth it. If I had a test, I would have still done the strike. It is an opportunity you don't want to pass up."

"We try to prove a point, by disobeying to prove that they (elected officials) are disobeying," added ninth grader Hazel Carroll.

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 Liberatore.

Since then, the Hawks have picked up another conference win against Washington and a non-conference 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 years 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 Katie Syers and Abby Davis, 11th grader Aiko Mattie, 10th graders Lili Hobday, Chyanne Braun and Erica Polta and 9th grader Dani Butler all played varsity at some point this season. They all played a part in the team's solid defense, which was a highlight of their year. "They truly are the best or one of the best defensive teams in the conference. Usually the best defensive teams win games. If they can add some solid ball control (which they have) and some improved serving and offense it will take this team far both in sections 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 overall seed and won 2 games in single elimination, against Washington and Avail Academy before being eliminated in the quarterfinals by New Life Academy.

The coaching staff and team already is planning for next season. "Long term goals would be top three in conference, all conference players, make a deep run in sections or win the section. Become a program that is respected instead of what it has been. Rewrite our story," said Damon.



Humboldt Staff Photo
Hawks varsity volleyball team sections roster.

Humwow brings the love

Swim team members keep coming back for the fun, comradery, and supportive coaching

Lili Hobday
Staff Writer

For the Humwow swim team, it's about the love.

"I joined because I wanted to be involved in something with a team aspect, but I continue to do it because I love it so much. Not only because of the swimming but because of the people and how supportive they are," said 10th grader Mae Wrigley. This season, Humwow has won three meets and lost three. They ended on a high note, beating Harding and Como/Johnson to place third at their conference meet. Eight OWL girls swim for Humwow, one of the largest groups from OWL to participate in a Humboldt varsity sport.

When asked to comment on the teams culture, junior Freya Ebbesen told us that they

are known as the underdogs because they have a smaller team with a lot of new swimmers. She also said they are known as the weird team, "We get really hyped at meets and we do some weird chants and cheers and dances so Central looks at us like 'What the heck is wrong with these girls,'" but she said that the biggest part of their team culture is being welcoming and a part of the team and not just an individual.

This year because of the change in school start time, OWL and Humboldt are practicing separate from their Washington teammates. Freya said, "It's been hard, but it's always fun to spend time with them at the bigger meets."

The coach for the Humboldt/OWL section of the team is Kate Hatlevig. She was a member of the swim team

until she graduated three years ago and some of the OWL girls got to swim alongside her for a year before she left. She now comes back to help out with the team and is highly praised. "She is very patient and super supportive," said sophomore Mae Wrigley.

The girls are also coached by Catalin Gill. "When you first meet her she's scary because she's an intense person and pushes you really hard, but once you get to know her she's really funny and goofy. She likes to prank us and she's a really awesome coach," said Freya.

One of the special things that the swim team that does that other Humboldt teams don't do is morning practices. The practices start at 6:45 and let out at 8:00 with just enough time for the girls to shower and get ready for school. Mae says, "Morning practices aren't my favorite since it's not great getting up so early but it's actually pretty nice once you get into the pool and start to actually swim."

This Friday and Saturday, Humwow will swim in their section meet at Skyview Middle School. "I think we're not necessarily going to be the fastest swimmers because we're not as intense as the other teams, but we'll be the most supportive and cheer all of our teammates on," said Mae. Friday's meeting will be at 6:00 and Saturday's will be at 6:30.



Frankie Buettner
Washington 11th grader and Humwow swimmer Izzy De-lamater swims the 100 Fly in a meet at the Humboldt pool.

Boys fall in section semis



OWL Staff Photo
Eleventh grader Joe Deutch playing in a game against Highland Park.

Max Muench and Adrian Keller-Miller
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The Humboldt Hawks varsity boys soccer team's season came to a crashing halt in the section semifinals on Tuesday October 15th, when they fell to the eventual class 1A state champions, Academy of Holy Angels. The Hawks held their scoreless for the first 20 minutes until Holy Angels got a free kick which they put to the back post and scored. Eight of the eleven starting players for Holy Angels were taller than 6'1, giving them a serious aerial advantage against the smaller Humboldt players. Holy Angels won the game 5-0, and scored four of their goals off set pieces.

Humboldt went into the section tournament as the 4th seed, and beat the 5th seeded Richfield Spartans in their first section game. The game was played at the Bob Ryan athletic complex on Saturday, October 12th, a miserable 35° snowy and rainy day. The final score was a convincing 3-1, with senior and captain Micah Gundale scoring two goals for the victorious Hawks. Micah scored the opening goal with 3 seconds left in the first half, tapping in a deflection from the Richfield keeper. In the last 10 minutes of the game, Micah

scored a brilliant goal after cutting in from the left wing and curling in a shot from 23 yards out into the top right corner, leaving the goalie rooted.

The Hawks had a very up and down season overall. They won their first couple preseason games but in their first 3 conference games they lost 2-3 to Washington, lost 6-1 against Central, and lost the mayor's cup 1-0 in overtime against Como. Junior goalie Diego Kroonblawd called it a "Pretty rough at the start." However, after the awful start, the Hawks went on a 6 game unbeaten streak. The OWL students that played varsity team were major contributors to the Hawks season. Joe Deutch was a key starter in the midfield, Micah Gundale a starting forward who tied for highest goal scorer with 14 goals and 9 assists on the season, and Carlos Santiago, an important winger and striker, and Diego, who became the starting goalkeeper six games into the season.

Overall the OWL students had a positive outlook on the season. Looking forward to next season the hawks have plenty of rolls to fill as 7 out of the 11 starting players were seniors. The captains for next years season are Joe Deutch, EhLerMoo, and Hser Htoo.

Girls soccer breaks out

Hawks place 4th in conference, notch best record in 32 years



Willa Champion
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Humboldt's varsity girls soccer team just wrapped up their season with eight wins and seven losses - the first winning season they have had over the last thirty-two years. In addition, they came in 4th place in their SPPS conference, another first over the last three decades.

OWL had three students on the team: 10th grader Audrey Cannon, 10th grader Josie Gibson, and 9th grader Lalayia Flockencier. Lalayia has been

playing soccer at Humboldt for four years, half of her soccer career. "My favorite part about (playing) is the people you meet and the fact that everyone teaches everyone," Lalayia said when asked about her favorite thing about playing Humboldt soccer. "And the friendships you make," she added.

The players on the team are enthusiastic about playing next year. "Of course I will be playing next year," Lalayia said, "It's something I enjoy and the people on the team are dope."

Hurricane Season

How do hurricanes affect Minnesota's weather?

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Staff Writer

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, though the price we pay for this is disastrous winter storms. But hurricanes can 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 September 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 hurricane, 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 headlines 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



OWL Staff Photo

8th graders look at the high water line of the Mississippi, a result of the hurricanes affecting MN's weather.

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? After all, 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 likely 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 southerly due to the increased low pressure buildup in the polar airspace 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 for Minnesota, where on average temperatures for the Twin Cities in October hover around 11°C (52°F) instead of the few dips below freezing that we have experienced this month.

So how does this tie into hurricanes again? Well, pow-

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Kids protect BWCA

High schoolers went to Washington, DC this summer to advocate against proposed mine

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Staff Writer

Have you ever felt passionately about a social issue and wanted to do something about it? That is exactly what Joseph Goldstein, a high school student from Springfield, Illinois, did when he heard about the sulfide ore copper mine facing the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

This past summer, kids from across the United States traveled to Washington D.C to advocate for protecting the Boundary Waters from the Twin Metals Sulfide-Ore Copper Mine deal. They spent 4 days in D.C to urge legislators to not sign this deal to protect the Boundary Waters from pollution from the mine. Twin Metals is currently in the works of making the mine happen, but they are saying it is likely it will unless action is taken.

The sulfide ore copper mine is proposed to be placed in the Boundary Waters watershed. Twin Metals is a part of a mining company, Antofagasta. Antofagasta has had three reports filed in federal court claiming harm the mine will harm the BWCA. When this information came out, it obviously angered a lot of people from all over. Joseph Goldstein decided to do something about this issue.

Joseph Goldstein is the founder and president of Kids for the Boundary Waters. He started Kids for the Boundary Waters when he was going through chemotherapy when he was being treated for leukemia. Since at that point, he couldn't go up to the Boundary Waters, he decided he needed to fight for the issue. He is an inspiration to many youth

who want to make a change in the world. He is beginning his freshman year at Middlebury College this fall.

Joseph had organized trips in the past, so he decided to do an advocacy trip again in June. The group of 75 kids from 15 states, had over 65 meetings in the course of 4 days. The biggest trip yet.

When they met with representatives, it was frustrating for some officials because they are upset that the message isn't getting through that our economy needs to protect this untouched wilderness.

Each meeting they had a routine. It began with the group leader introducing the topic to the people they would be talking to, whether it would

be the office of the official, or the official themselves. After the group leader got them familiar with the subject, the kids began sharing stories of how the Boundary Waters has changed their lives.

The stories from kids vary. Ranging from how the Boundary Waters was a nice place to relax with their family, to how the Boundary Waters saved their mental health. Some people on the trip never have even gone to the Boundary Waters. People who fall into this category decided to come on the trip because they want to do more advocacy work for the environment or the Boundary Waters was a place they always wanted to visit.



Kate Moe

The Kids for the BWCA group in Washington D.C.

In sickness and in health? Argh!

Clara's wedding featured a bridal party dressed as pirates, guests in costume, and lots of hijinx



Annika Lofgren
Staff Writer

Some girls dream about their perfect wedding, which usually includes things like a white dress, a beautiful destination, a church, and maybe horses and a carriage.

For math teacher Clara Raneri (formerly Clara Olson) her perfect wedding took place at her summer camp in Iowa. She and her fiancé, Larry, dressed as pirates, and all the wedding guests showed up in costume.

Many of the OWL staff were in attendance, and theater teacher Rebekah Rentzel was the officiant. Clara and Larry were armed with real swords, and when it came to the vows, they played Rock Paper Scissors to see who went first. Larry lost, and pulled his vows -- written on a scroll -- out of a glass bottle.

Apparently Clara and Larry aren't the first couple to have a wacky wedding, according to the internet. Back in 2015, one couple had a lightsaber battle instead of a first dance. In 2016, a couple that loved animals exchanged vows in front of hundreds of cats, another couple had a haunted house wedding, and said "I boo" instead of "I do."

How did Clara come up with the idea? "Marriage is stupid, and I wanted to do something different, because if I was gonna have to get married, I was gonna do it my way," said Clara.

How did their parents react?

"Larry's were definitely more nervous about the whole thing. My parents knew I was gonna do what I wanted and it didn't matter what they said or did," said Clara.

Clara's favorite part of the wedding? "Umm . . . I guess the dancing at the end, yeah that was kinda fun."

"It was one wacky wedding," said English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt, who was dressed as Han Solo, from Star Wars.

One of Clara's crew kids, 8th grader Anja Gundale, dressed as a devil, was also in attendance.

"Clara walked in with all her bridesmaids, she was a pirate. They lit a unity candle, it almost went out, it didn't. They did end up kissing, eww, didn't watch," said Anja.

"I really liked a bunch of the group costumes. Rebecca Palmer was a flight attendant, and her S.O. was a pilot, and her child

was a plane," said Clara.

"Tim had a pretty awesome costume. He and his wife were American gothic, but then there was also teletubbies and the incredibles. But Nora's costume was really cool too," Anja said.

Nora and her family won best group costume award. They were dressed as woodland creatures, complete with antlers on their heads. Nora called it one of the most fun weddings she has ever attended. "It didn't matter that you didn't know people, because the costumes made it easy to talk to strangers."

Does being married feel different for Clara? "It doesn't. Okay, that's not totally true, it's mostly true. We've lived together for the past 3-4 years anyway. Now we are legally tied in with one another, and so we are there for legally responsible for each other. I don't know if I like that level of commitment," said Clara.



The OWL teachers pose in their costumes at Clara's wedding (top). Rebekah officiated the wedding ceremony in full pirate gear to match the couple (bottom).

Senior Spotlight

Mercurio Takle



How many years have you been at OWL?

This is my seventh and final year.

What are your plans for next year?

Umm, 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 Mankato.

Fav book, 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?

Drawbridge.

That One Little Kid

Alice Weiland



How tall are you?

4'11

What's your favorite class so far and why?

ELA. Kevin is my crew leader which makes me more comfortable and I also like what we do in the class.

Who's your favorite senior?

Abby Davis

Where do you think you're going to college?

I'm not sure yet.

What's the weirdest thing about OWL?

It's kinda weird how the middle schoolers and high schoolers are mixed at lunches.

What's your favorite school lunch?

First lunch and the burritos.

What's your favorite type of bridge?

Suspension bridge

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Which is what the Addams Family are 100% all the time, no matter who thinks they're weird."

"I'm really excited to see high schoolers play these iconic characters and take on those roles. I'm excited for our chorus and our ensemble getting to play all of the different ancestors, because they all have their own different backstory and they serve such a really cool function in the story and they do such a great job. I'm excited for the moon. When you come see the play you'll know what that means," said Rebekah, "it's gonna be three times as much fun because there's singing, acting, and dancing. So I think everyone in the school needs to come see this show, it's gonna be a blast."

OWL's production of the Addams Family stars Karina Bary as Wednesday, Carter Antin as Lucas Beineke, Skylar Bandelin as Pugsly, Maggie Morris as Morticia, Daniel Meekin as Gomez, and Elijah Ojo as Fester. Performances will be held December 5th, 6th, 12th, and (Friday the) 13th in the OWL Auditorium. See you there!



Purple Press Staff Photo
10th grader Nora tries on a costume at rehearsal.

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erful tropical systems heavily affect the environment around them, which includes the storm's remnants. A great example of this is Hurricane (Superstorm) Sandy, which decimated the north east United States back in 2012. Dramatic temperature swings can cause serious damage to road infrastructure, the previously mentioned crop damage, and also cause lots of clouds and rainfall in Minnesota. If those storms combined with a tropical remnant or similar low pressure area, it can cause disastrous flooding, which can be seen through the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers.

Now hang on a minute, why would a bunch of clouds formed out of a "double cold front" cause so much rain if a remnant was to get picked up by the jetstream and carried up to Minnesota? Tropical systems are full of moisture, and when that warm and moist air interacts with a cold mass of air, it produces heavy rain and thunderstorms, which in turn cause disaster.

The local weather of everywhere on the globe can be influenced by these tropical systems, which is something that we may not be able to control, but it is something that we can work towards. With global climate change, the warming of the oceans, and sea level rise affecting the coastlines around the globe, don't miss a chance to ask a weather nerd "How does that affect us?" as it is sure to spark a good conversation. It may also give you a new perspective on the overall effect of our global climate, and on your everyday weather.

Twins, 1

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."

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 Champion said, "I don't know, I feel like you always have someone you can rely on." "You usually have someone to relate to," 8th grader Henry Plaman added. You can always have someone who will push and challenge you, but

ables 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 both do 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 grader Hazel Wright, Violet's twin. "Or 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 twins is extremely common. While it can sometimes be funny to be mixed up, 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 Verner twins, OWL graduates Thomas 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 Thomas and Patrick, who switched their pictures in Campus for 3/4 of their high school years. "Thomas and I were (and still

away from your twin. Many psychologists say this is because of the similarity in twins brains, making the twins think alike. The longest Henry has ever been apart from his twin is two weeks. For the other two pairs, the record is more

the hallway, you probably want to know how to identify them, or this article wouldn't be very helpful. So: tips to tell twins apart. Tom's method, one of the most effective ones, is known as the 'counterfeit' method; get to know one twin,

"For all of our lives, any relationship we had usually involved each other. Whenever we met someone new, the first thing they would remember about us was that we were twins." Patrick Verner

are) committed to mischief in high school, so we never turned down a chance to cause mild confusion," says Patrick.

But from the perspective of a crew leader things can be different. There are some disadvantages; "It makes scheduling conferences a little bit difficult," says social studies teacher Katie Craven, who has half of all the pairs in her crew. But there are also advantages. Having twins in your crew helps tell twins apart, since you know one of them that much better.

Growing up, twins don't usually spend much time apart. "You feel like you're alone because you don't have your twin to talk to or relate to," Henry said, when asked about what it is like to be

like one or two days. However, when twins get older, many go to separate colleges. That's usually the first time twins are separated for more than a few days or weeks. But also, being away from your twin can sometimes be a good thing. "I really appreciate being 'Thomas' and not 'the twins,'" said Thomas. "Being able to have people base their perspective of me off of me alone sounds like a strange thing to appreciate, but it is noticeable and has been really nice." "For all of our lives, any relationship we had usually involved each other," said Patrick. "Whenever we met someone new, the first thing they would remember about us was that we were twins."

When you see a twin in

then the other one is the fake one. "Whatever one I had first, that's the one I tried to memorize, and then compared the other one to that one," says Tom. This works pretty well. The other general method for telling twins apart is to find defining characteristics, like hair style, or height difference, or clothing style. The problem with that is that, as Willa said, "You can use physical traits, but then you might forget that, so you really have to get to know their unique personalities." This is one of the most effective methods to tell twins apart, and the one we most highly recommend.



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

never too far (or not usually, at least). Being a twin means you can have at least one person who does not first think of you as a twin. Your twin knows you as an individual, instead of as one half of a pair.

This comes up a lot further on in life too, however for many people see this problem first when applying to college. For twins this selected process is showing who is good enough to get in, even though the vari-



Reviews 'n' stuff



New school year brings new options for breakfast lovers

The good, the bad, and the okay

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Picture this: It's 8:30 in the morning, and you walk into school dreading the next 7 hours of your day. But wait? Could it be?!? New breakfast items?!!

With the 2019/2020 school year kicking off, we've already seen some exciting new additions to the school breakfast

achieved, reduction of behavioral issues, and improvement in student health.

There are many food items that have been in the school breakfast rotation consistently since the start of the program. These include cereals (such as chex and mini wheats), yogurt, goldfish grahams, and the "smart round", which was especially popular a couple years

aren't all that healthy. Despite the fact that it didn't seem very nutritional, I was still obviously going to try it. In fact, the sugary breakfast bar seemed way more appealing to me than any of the healthier options. Sadly, as soon as I took a bite, I knew I had been mistaken. The flavor was alright, but the fruitiness was off putting. I think it may have been better if it was a chocolate cereal, or something like Cinnamon

ance of citrus and sweet is just right, and there's a perfect mix of the pineapple and orange flavors. Upon sampling the school's version, I didn't exactly know how to feel. On one hand, the juice wasn't nearly as tasty as other brands like Simply or Dole. However, with school food items one can never really expect it to be top tier. So although the juice could've been better, for school brand juice it was decent. There was a slight plastic aftertaste, but the pineapple and orange flavors were both present.

While there was nothing really wrong with it, pineapple orange juice just didn't do anything special for me. At this point, I was wondering if the fruit punch would perhaps stand out more. I mean, you can't really go wrong with fruit punch, right? WRONG. The fruit punch did stand out, but not in a good way. It tasted like watered down apple juice with a splash of rubbing alcohol. There were no traces, in my opinion, of any fruit punch flavor at all. It's safe to say that I will never take this juice again.

With hope dwindling thin, I was nearly ready to give up on my dream of finding a truly delicious school breakfast item. I decided to go through the breakfast line one last time the next day, and thank god I did, because I finally found it, the holy grail of school breakfast: the chocolate chip muffin. Its

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Letter to high school girls

A junior girl's advice on how to handle high school, navigate life

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Society loves to hate teenage girls. We're snobby, airheaded, crazy, narcissistic, obsessive -- we're everything that's wrong with kids these days. Things that are popular among teenage girls become jokes: think Twilight, One Direction, Hydroflasks, scrunchies. At the same time, we're dealing with impossible expectations in drastically different categories -- how are we supposed to balance conforming to beauty standards 24/7 and maintain a social life while also getting perfect grades, having multiple extracurriculars, and getting into an Ivy League? (If anyone knows the answer, please let me know).

What I'm trying to say here *"Teenage girls will be judged and criticized for whatever we do... So, you might as well just say screw it and do what you want."*

is that it's hard to be a teenage girl. I'm still trying to figure out how to be one, and in doing so, I've learned some stuff that makes it a little bit better. Not easier -- but better. To the teenage girl reading this, I hope it can help you too.

You are smart -- and no, you're not "bad at math."

A trend I've noticed among a lot of girls my age is being intensely critical of your own academic ability. Commonly heard phrases among girls in my grade include: "I'm so stupid", or "I'm so bad at this", or "I'm just not good at (insert subject here -- usually math)". I'd be lying if I hadn't said a few (or maybe all) of these phrases myself. But guess what: we are smart. When we say these things to ourselves, we're shooting ourselves in the foot. There are people who already believe girls are bad at

math. We should not be saying things that perpetuate negative stereotypes like these further.

Right now, you might be thinking: "Okay, maybe she's not bad at math, but I actually am." Listen: you're not. The way we raise girls leads them to believe that if we're not perfect at something, we're bad at it, or we're stupid. But nobody can really be perfect at anything right away. Just because it's hard to understand something, doesn't mean you are bad at it.

You don't have to apologize. Something else we say way too much is "I'm sorry." "Apologizing when we have done something wrong is a real strength, but compulsive apologizing presents as a weakness at work and in personal relationships,

" says neuroscientist Dr. Tara Swart. When we apologize excessively for things we don't need to apologize for (e.g., "Sorry to bother you!", "Sorry, can I sit here?", etc.) we accept guilt for doing literally nothing wrong. Your existence is valid, and you do not have to be sorry.

You can do what you want with your appearance. Do you like wearing oversized tee shirts and scrunchies? You're basic. Do you prefer not to follow the popular trends? You're trying too hard to be quirky. Do you wear makeup? You're a cakeface, or a tryhard. Do you not wear makeup? Then you look tired -- are you sick?

Teenage girls will be judged and criticized for whatever we do. We cannot win. So, you might as well just say screw it and do what you want. I spent way too many of my early teen-

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Lily Hennessee

The chocolate chip muffin (left) is Lily's must-try breakfast item, while the fruit punch (right) is definitely worth avoiding.

line. As a student who's been eating the same school breakfast items for nearly 8 years, this was pretty monumental, and I knew I had to try them all.

Saint Paul Public Schools has had the free "Breakfast 2 Go" (B2G) program for about eight years. According to the SPPS website, the B2G program has many benefits, including: improvement in stu-

ago. In addition to food items, there was also the option of orange juice, apple juice, or milk.

Going through the breakfast line on the first day of school, the first thing that caught my eye was the fruity cheerios cereal bar. This shocked me, because school meals are usually all about being "healthy", and I know that cereal bars, especially those with sugary cereals like fruity cheerios, really

Toast Crunch. The main problem with this item for me was the texture. It was super dry, and it felt like it was scratching holes in my throat, which isn't exactly ideal.

Though the cereal bar was disappointing, I still was looking forward to testing new juices: orange pineapple and fruit punch. Outside of school, orange pineapple is one of my favorite types of juice. The bal-

Super Smash Bros review



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Well snipperwhappers, I'm back once again. According to my grandchildren, some of you kids actually find my articles funny, or think they're all a joke. Some even have the purely ridiculous notion that these are comedic articles written by a teenager! So in order to combat this, I'll be reviewing one of your stupid popular games, and this time nobody will find it funny!

So you may be wondering what game I will be playing today. Well, at first I wanted to play Red Dead Redemption 2, but it made me feel old. (200 isn't THAT old, right?) Then I thought I'd play Spider Man, before I realized how much

I hate Spider Man. JJJ 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 each other. Hope it's not anything sinful. But I guess I'll see once I start playing.

So I decided to start the game by playing with my grandchild, Oliver. He plays this game quite a bit, but I'm the adult here, so I'm sure I'll be able to beat him just fine. The game starts, and immediately his gigantic character punches my poor little yellow rat so hard it flies off the island we're fighting on! As my electricity rat spirals into the abyss,

"If any of you whippersnappers would like to come challenge me, come to Leo's room on the 2nd floor."

my grandchild starts to laugh! Naturally, I rightfully accuse him of cheating. He denies it, saying that I "just needed to recover." Obviously, that was a lie, and I won't be visiting little Mr. Cheater McCheat again

for awhile. After this horrible experience, I came to the conclusion that I should just try playing the game by myself.

I went looking through the gamemodes and found one called "Trai-Ning". Sounds exotic. So I started it up, chose the Fat Italian Plumber, and started playing. The first thing I noticed was that this player, unlike my grandchild, was clearly not cheating, and the two of us were able to have a very close battle. In the end, I won a narrow victory over this player, due to my grandchild's gaming box running out of electricity. Naturally, I suggested that we attach a lightning rod to the thing and take it outside, but apparently

"That's not safe you senile nut-job" and "That would literally just destroy it." Bologna! Anyway, once the gaming box got its electricity back, I decided to try something else.

I went to go play "World of

Light", but it seems to already be complete. I guess I'm just that good, huh! And I would play "Spirits", but unless it's the Holy Spirit, I want nothing to do with it! So I decided I'd instead finish my time playing the game off by playing against this delightful fellow "CPU". Very well spoken, very polite. I played with him on Level 1, and after 10 games, I finally managed to beat him. I didn't bother to try any other levels, as I don't imagine any of them could compete with the difficulty I had just worked through. However, I couldn't figure out how to power off the 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 would give it a 8/10, but my cheating Grandchild significantly damaged my enjoyment of the game, 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

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Wreak some havoc in Untitled Goose



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Steal their keys. Their sight. Their money. Lock them out. Break in. Starve them. Torture them. Terrify them. Destroy their communication. Honk honk. Destroy their weapons. Destroy their homes. Have a picnic. Unlock the gates. Start riots. Terrorize them. Eat their food. Steal their tools. Rake. In. The. Lake.

Welcome to Untitled Goose Game.

Goose time. In this Goose Game you play as Goose, who is a bastard goose. The goal of Goose is to complete objectives in a notebook which are sent directly from hell. Some of these include stealing keys, locking out the groundskeeper, having a picnic, and locking a child in a telephone box. Humans are your enemies,

you hate them. There are many ways to sow chaos in the unnamed town where their worst enemy is Goose, the Eldritch Truth. Make sure you complete every objective sent to you by Mephistopheles himself, except that one goal in every area of the game that you can't figure out how to do, so you just progress to the next area and hope it wasn't important.

This Goose game is created by House House, a game company based out of Melbourne, Australia. Their first game, called Push Me Pull You, is out on PS4 and PC, and their second game, the fabled Untitled Goose Game, is out on Nintendo Switch and PC. House House is comprised of only four people; Jacob Strasser, Stuart Gillespie-Cook, Micheal McMaster (who has the coolest name), and Nico Disseldorp. The Goose Game is priced at 20\$, a reasonable price for the amount of primal, raw emotion this game inspires. Allow me to elaborate.

Untitled Goose Game gives the player such an unbridled 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 Walkie Talkie and dropping all of a shopkeeper's fruits and vegetables on the ground. There are a few humans who have shoes you can untie, one of which is a child you have to lock in a phone booth and steal his glasses. Just do this for a while. I did. It's fun. I also swapped out the child's glasses with cool shades. Is he still cowering in the corner? Yes. But he looks really cool. Sometimes tormenting the people for no reason is fun too.

The game just evokes such primal rage towards the humans of this town that it could raise moral questions. Honestly, 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 you this chaotic high at all. You can watch someone else be as sadistic as possible towards the poor civilians 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.



Lili Hobday

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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OWL's first homecoming took place this year on the weekend of October 5th. The dance was on that Friday night and had a staggering attendance of almost 150 people. The game was against Central High School and despite the

terrible weather conditions ended with OWL winning easily 13-3.

Katie Syers reaches for the disc during the game against Central (left). Almost 150 high schoolers attended the Homecoming Dance the Friday before the game (bottom).



Lili Hobday

RWBY brings the heat

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 anime aesthetic, a future-fantasy setting, references galore to fairy tales and classic literature, great writing, badass action, four strong female leads and a killer multi-genre 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 CRWBY has done it all again with the latest volume (or season, if you're a pleb).

And they're not afraid to tout it. Right off the bat, the viewer is thrown into one of its aforementioned signature set-pieces: the members of teams RWBY and JNPR, plus Qrow and Oscar, defending a passenger train 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 then on, there are new characters like the eccentric Maria Calavera and wonderfully deranged Caroline Cordovin, returning faces like the fan-favorite Neo, new horrific monsters like the legitimately terrifying Apathy, and continued revelations in the plot that

don't let up until the final episode's cliffhanger ending.

At its heart, much like the (dare I say not-quite-as-good) Harry Potter franchise, RWBY is all about the characters, and this volume doesn't disappoint. The voice actors are all at the top of their game, and the writers are right there with them; Nora has never been funnier, Salem never more intimidating, and Ruby never more lovable. Neath Oum has finally really come into his own as Ren, and Miles Luna's portrayal of Jaune especially gets its time to shine, such as in the morally repugnant statue scene. The same can be said for Arryn Zech and Barbara Dunkelman in their roles as Blake and Yang respectively, as both are thrown into situations wherein they have to confront the person responsible for the worst moments in both of their lives, and battle the urge to just give up in the face of a hopeless mission. Literally, in fact, during the now-infamous Apathy scene.

Keeping in theme, the animation also has never been better. Paula Decanini takes the helm as lead animator, and under her direction, the fights are beautifully smooth and nuanced in their execution, and there is never a moment of absolute stillness, even when not much is happening. It's amazing how far the series has come from the stilted movement, compositing errors, and unsynced dialogue of Volume 1.

Then there's the matter of the music. Once again, the composing duo of Jeff Wil-

liams and Alex Abraham deliver wonderfully on the scores, effortlessly mixing genres and sneaking in character themes, but it's the original songs by father-daughter duo Jeff and Casey Lee Williams that get the majority of the attention, and this volume might have the best line-up so far. Not even Volume 4's repertoire, my former favorite, with songs like "Let's Just Live", "Like Morning Follows Night", "This Life is Mine", "Home", and "Armed and Ready", can quite hold up to the absolute bops that are "Rising", "Miracle", "Nevertheless", "Indomitable", and "Forever Fall".

If you have never seen RWBY before, I highly recommend that you check it out. The best part: it's completely free. Volumes 1-5 are fully on YouTube with 6 being added weekly, and Volume 7 is set to begin soon on Rooster Teeth's website. If the short description I provided in the first paragraph sounds like your cup of tea, there is nothing stopping you from giving it a shot. Though I can't guarantee you'll fall in love with it right away, it quickly evolves into one of the most heartfelt and bingeable series I have had the pleasure of watching.



Lili Hobday

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fluffy texture mixed with the rich chocolate chips creates a perfect symphony of flavors. If you ever find yourself wondering what to get for breakfast, get this muffin. In my opinion, it's by far the best thing on the

breakfast menu.

After trying four of the most exciting new school breakfast items, I can conclude that while three of the new items were fairly disappointing, the chocolate chip muffin makes up for all of it. It truly struck

a chord with me. As for the other new items, which seems to be the common theme with school food, I was disappointed but not surprised.

Super Smash Bros, 5

DESTROYED. Unless you're a Cheater like my grandson, or a dirty Commie. I don't play with Cheaters or Commies. (You should probably bring your own switch and controllers though, I've discovered that my grandchild's are kinda... broken.)

Huh. Now that that's over, I wonder who made this game? Probably a proud American citizen... wait. A... a... A JAPANESE PERSON MADE IT?! Wait a second... Japanese Company, Italian Main Character, with a German Translation... 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.

Advice, 5

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 others' needs before our own can affect many different aspects of our lives. For example, not speaking up during a class discussion when you disagree, or taking on extra work during a group project, or (getting serious here for a second) staying silent during sexual assault.

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Author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie summarizes this sentiment perfectly in her book *Dear Ijeawele, or a Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions*. I'd like to close with a quote from this book. Here, she argues that, instead of raising girls to be likeable and nice, we should teach them to be kind and honest:

"Tell her that she, too, deserves the kindness of others. Teach her to stand up for what is hers. Tell her that if anything ever makes her uncomfortable, to speak up, to say it, to shout."