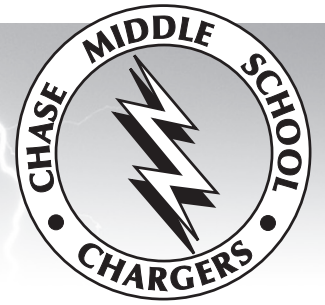


# CHASE CHARGERS



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## Event Calendar

<b>JAN</b>	27	End of First Semester
	30	NO SCHOOL Semester Break Day
<b>FEB</b>	8	Report Cards Mailed Home
	13	PTG Meeting 2:00 p.m. Chase Conference Room
	15	8th Grade Parent Night @ Ferris 6:30 p.m.
	17	Snow Make-up Day
	20	NO SCHOOL
	22	8th Grade Registers @ Ferris and LC
	24	Elementary Feeder School Music Concert @ Chase
<b>MAR</b>	5	Mid Qtr Ends
	12	PTG 2:00 p.m. Chase Conference Room
	13	Report Cards Go Home
	14	Chase Family Literacy Night 5:30-7:00pm
	26-30	Student Led Conference Early Dismiss 1:20 p.m.
<b>APR</b>	2-6	NO SCHOOL Spring Break

**Chase Spirit Paks are coming back!**

Sale starts  
March 1 – 12, 2012  
(More information coming)



## Spokane Public Schools Replacement Educational Program Levy Election February 14, 2012

The levy is a way for the community to provide almost one quarter of the dollars necessary to offer students a well-rounded education in Spokane Public Schools.

***The levy is not a new tax. It simply replaces the expiring 2009 levy.***

If the State Legislature continues Levy Equalization Assistance funding, the levy amounts for 2013, 2014, and 2015 will be about the same as the levy amounts approved by voters in the March 2009 levy election.

### ***What is a levy?***

The levy is a way for the community to provide almost one quarter of the dollars necessary to offer students a well-rounded education in Spokane Public Schools.

### ***What does the levy support?***

- Teachers for providing reasonable class sizes
- Counselors, career specialists, nurses
- Library positions
- Gifted and talented programs
- High school/middle school electives
- High school Advanced Placement classes
- Elementary band and strings program
- Elementary art program
- Online learning
- Drop-out prevention programs (e.g., On Track Academy, credit retrieval)
- Special education and English Language Learner programs
- Student transportation
- Sports, clubs and intramural programs
- Security officers to ensure student safety
- Support staff (custodial, maintenance, administrative, clerical)

### ***Remember, the replacement levy . . .***

Helps provide the kind of well-rounded education our community has come to expect for their children.

***For more information, please go to [www.spokaneschools.org](http://www.spokaneschools.org).***



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**Winter 2012**

## Chase Students Care

During the month of December, Connection's classes worked on Care Projects. Many students at Chase showed they have a heart for those in need. We are proud to share that collectively Chase students wrote over 1,000 Santa Letters that Mrs. Santiago and her 7 year old daughter delivered to Macy's Department Store-who in turn donated a million dollars to the Make a Wish Foundation for sick children. Furthermore, Chase students donated toys and crafts to fill over 20 boxes that were delivered to Sacred Heart Children's Hospital.

During December caring month Mrs. Rye's Homebase decided to help homeless kids. We thought about what it would be like to try to go to school when you do not have a place to live. We contacted HEART, Homeless Education And Resource Team, a support to homeless children run by Spokane Public Schools. We learned that homeless teens most need hygiene items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes or combs. In addition to collecting hygiene items we also brought in money for the HEART program to buy gift certificates for homeless teens to places like Shopko and Fred Meyer. Together with Mrs. VanSlyke and Mr. Hubbard's classes we collected a big box of supplies and raised \$75 to help homeless teens right here in Spokane.

## Our "Student of the Month" program recognizes students who consistently show:

Good citizenship, leadership, courteous treatment of other students and adults, good behavior throughout our school, dependability, sense of humor and positive attitude, personal/social growth, academic achievements, scholastic effort, and conscientiousness.

The following students have been recognized as "Student of the Month" so far this year:

### October

Anne Arbanas, Chandler Chumbley, Dylan Dalager, Tember Forbush, Courtney Herrington, Pepet Hlaing, Sydney Holliday, Kaitlyn Holland, Faith King, Kiara Lime, Tori Little, Kevin Mace, Emerald Nisbet, Brooke Peterson, Micaela Posey, Shelby Potvin, Chance Scriptor, Kendra Shew, Tyler Snook, Christine Tatham, Arlene Vandenberg, Josh Veliz, and Alex Watson

### November

Cosette Allen, Tyler Alvarez, Zeth Babcock, Mariah Brown, Irina Chernyy, Hunter Costa, Liza Davis, Lexi Erickson, Tyler Ford, Kyle Golden, Jade Hoppe, Isobelle Jones, Joel Kaplan, Bailey Mapes, MaKinzy Nelson, Dominick Neumann, Kesri Pinyo, Andrew Potyk, Taylor Rider, Lizzie Sippola, Kaiser Vanlith, and Envy Wacker

### December

Amandalynn Best, Parker Bohlman, Dana Bonner, Logan Bunker, Koran Burks, Jackson Burkhart, Lily Coleman, Dana Colley, Jacob Demille, Katie Gibson, Deonte' Hammer, Ashley Hoover, Madisyn Jaremko, Lasha Johnson, Spencer Lee, Abriana Levert, Melody Moua, Lainyce Noble, Aizlenne Ripley, Katrene Tokarenko, Joshua Townsend, Hanna Way, Jaylen Worthem

## Book Room News

Class Fees – There are students who "have not paid" their class fee's from 1st semester and need to pay immediately. Planners were given to all students on the first day of school and asked to pay \$3 with their other fees.

With 2nd semester approaching students who are changing semester classes might have a class fee.



## Online Payments

New this year is the convenience for parents to pay class fees/ fines and lunch accounts on line. Go to [www.spokaneschools.org](http://www.spokaneschools.org) - Click on Parents Tab, Click on Online Payments and you are set to pay. The user ID is your Student ID Number and Password is their Last Name. Once you are in there, click your student's name and you can view fines/fees or view student receipts and see everything you have purchased. This is a great tool! Or MyLunchMoney to deposit money for their lunch program.

Did you know that any fee or fine not paid will move up to the next school and will follow your student till they graduate?

Don't have a computer? Our building has a computer for in the front office for you to use.

Parents, if you have an 8th grade student there is a class fee for Life Skills of \$6 for this semester that needs to be paid as soon as possible.

Other class fees due, Art Fee \$10, Pre. Eng./Shop \$10 & Student Planners \$3.

## Look For Fitness & Health order forms to come home!

Fitness & Health Uniforms will be on sale January 18, 19th & 20th, 2012. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Payment can be made by cash, check or Online (from home/office, print out receipt and attach to order form) with Debit/Credit cards. (\$1.95 convenience fee will apply) **Checks need to be made out to Chase Middle School.** Students, who paid for a uniform in the Fall **will still need to order** their size so that one will be ready for them at the start of class. Student will be able to turn in their money to the bookroom before school or during lunch. Students will get their order forms during Connections.

## Next Sports Season

Girls and Boys 8th grade basketball starts, February 9th, 2012. Make sure your son/daughter has a physical on file at Chase. If they had a physical last year, it is still good.

## Welcome to Chase Middle School!

We are pleased to present this Annual Report Card to our Chase community. We at Chase are committed to helping each student attain the high standards necessary for future success. We do this best by partnering with those in our greater Chase community. We encourage you to get involved at Chase through volunteering and participation in our PTG (Parent-Teacher Group) and by volunteering to help in our school. If you are interested, please call us at 354-5000, and we will put you in contact with our school's parent volunteer coordinator and our PTG president.

## What Makes Chase Special?

Our middle school strives to create an environment that is academically excellent, socially equitable, and developmentally responsive. We believe that through this balanced approach, we best prepare our students for high school, post-secondary education or training, and for positive citizenship. Our students continue to improve in their academic skills; we are focusing specifically on reading/writing strategies, as well as math and science competencies. We have positive staff members who build relationships with their students, resulting in a strong, student-centered, middle school culture. An indication of this strong culture is the high participation rate (over 60%) we have in student activities: athletics, music, and a variety of after-school recreational activities. We know that by understanding the unique developmental characteristics of our early adolescent students, we have the best chance of helping them reach the high standards necessary for success in school and beyond.

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## Math News

The spring testing season will be upon us soon...

MSP and MAP testing will begin in May. In addition, all Algebra students will take the EOC in June. Here are some resources for students and parents looking for homework assistance or just practicing their math skills.

### Websites

There are many great websites that have math information as well as math games and activities. Here are a few:

**Khan Academy** • [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

**Illuminations** • [illuminations.nctm.org/ActivitySearch.aspx](http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivitySearch.aspx)

**Interactive Math** • [www.shodor.org/interactivate/](http://www.shodor.org/interactivate/)

**Math games** • [cougs.edublogs.org/math-games](http://cougs.edublogs.org/math-games)

**Purple Math** • [www.purplemath.com/](http://www.purplemath.com/)

### Some wonderful math-oriented books from Chase Library...

"Danica McKellar has a message for girls: Cute and smart is better than cute and dumb." Danica, star of "The Wonder Years" and "West Wing", decided to return to college to earn – get this – an advanced degree in MATH! She has written three books for girls, all of which are available from the Chase Library.

## Student-Led Conferences are coming in March

Spring Student-Led Conferences will be coming up at the end of March. This is an exciting time for students to practice their presentation skills and take ownership of their learning. A large portion of the conference will be geared toward their registration for next year and their future goals for education and careers.

Students will be coming home with sign-up sheets the second week in February for you to schedule your date and time. Conference week will begin on Monday, March 26th and continue through Friday the 30th. Students will be dismissed from school each day at 1:25. If you have any questions about spring conferences, please contact Debi Newsum by email: [debin@spokaneschools.org](mailto:debin@spokaneschools.org).

## Fall Conferences a Huge Success!

The Staff at Chase Middle School would like to thank our parents and students for a highly successful Fall Student-Led Conference session. We had over 90% of our parents come to school and take part in Student-Led Conferences. The feed-back was overwhelmingly positive. Here are some highlights from our Parent Survey:

427 Surveys were returned (Some parents did not answer all questions)

### Question #1: Was the SLC beneficial for you?

Yes = 409 No = 15

Out of 424 responses: 96% responded positively

### Question #2: Do you think SLCs help students focus on their future goals?

Yes = 397 No = 26

Out of 423 responses: 94% responded positively

### Question #3: Do you think SLCs help students take ownership of their learning?

Yes = 408 No = 12

Out of 420 responses: 97% responded positively

When asked what was most valuable about the SLC, 136 parents wrote that it was seeing their child take responsibility for his or her learning. Other parents liked seeing what was going on at school and learning about activities like the after school study program and other ways to support their child. This is a valuable opportunity to see your child present information about their learning in school, their goals, and their aspirations for the future. We also heard from you that you would like more feedback from teachers and we promise to work on improving in this area. Thank you parents for continuing to support our SLCs by expecting students to take the conference seriously and do a great job when they present to you and their Connections teacher. We would also like to give a BIG shout out to our wonderful PTG for organizing and manning our hospitality table with cookies throughout this week. We appreciate all of you very much.



## Student Messages & Dismissals Reminder

Just a reminder that messages for your students are delivered at 1:30 pm, so thank you in advance for sending notes with your student in the morning for appointments and early dismissals.

## Asbestos Notification Chase Middle School

Chase Middle School DOES NOT contain asbestos building materials. AHERA Regulations require the asbestos management plan be accessible to all staff, students and community members. This plan can be found in the Head Custodian's office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Spokane School District Asbestos Management Planner at 354-7171.

**ATTENDANCE HOTLINE  
354-5050**

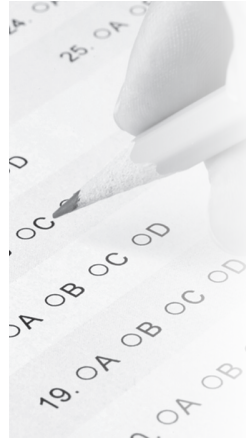
*Call your student in any time of day or night for absences!*

## Literacy Night at Chase—Book Bingo!

Chase is hosting its first ever Literacy Night on March 14th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Put this date on your calendar and come have some fun and win a book or two! Play book bingo, win door prizes, and check out some idea centers for including literacy at home. This is a fun, family event for people of all ages. Enjoy bingo and snacks while celebrating the fun of reading. We want everyone to join in, so bring the whole family and let's play some bingo!



**Admission: please bring a new or gently used book if possible.**



## Spring is State Testing Season

This spring students will take our state test, the Measurement of Student Progress or MSP, in May. We are currently working on the exact dates and times, but would like you to be aware of this important testing window. If you plan to have an extended absence for your child such as a vacation or surgery during this time, please let the school know so that we may work with your schedule to be sure your child does not miss this state required test. Please call Vikki Fogelson, Principal Assistant at 354-5070 or email her at: [VikkiF@spokaneschools.org](mailto:VikkiF@spokaneschools.org). Please let us know your child's name and the days you plan for him or her to be absent from school as well as a good number to contact you if necessary.

## CELL PHONE, Ipod, and mp3 Player POLICY

Students may not use their cell phones, ipods, or mp3 players during school hours, including lunch time . . . 8:25-3:15. These items are to be kept in lockers or pockets, TURNED OFF. Students who do use electronic items during the school day will have them taken away and stored in the office for parent pick up. Disciplinary consequences may occur for continued inappropriate use of these electronic devices. Parents will be notified each time a cell phone, ipod, or mp3 player is taken away.

*Spokane Public Schools complies with all federal and state laws and regulations and does not discriminate. For further inquiries and who to contact, visit [www.spokaneschools.org](http://www.spokaneschools.org)*

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