

Team SHRED Newsletter May 4th to 8th

Dear students and parents,

We know that school can be stressful during the best of times, and even more so now with all the new challenges facing our students. Our team has been so proud of all the hard work from students and parents to stay on track academically, but please remember to take care of yourselves too! We've received a lot of feedback of students and families feeling the stress of adapting to the online nature of school right now, and we want to remind everyone that it's okay to be stressed or overwhelmed during an unprecedented change to schooling. Nothing like this has ever happened before, and it's okay if it takes some a little longer to adapt. Self-care matters now more than ever!

With that said, we just wanted to remind families that we will not be penalizing late work. It is critical that learning continues during this time, but it can also happen at your own speed. If your student needs some extra time or support, please reach out to us so we can work on adjusting due dates. Our goal is to continue teaching and learning but not to add extra stress to our students.

Students, you have been doing a great job and we are truly proud of you. You should be proud of your commitment to continue learning. We miss you all, and please take care of yourselves. Feel free to check out this [link](#) for some tips.

Changes in Shred Support Meeting:

Starting this week, as advised by our district, we will hold live classes in Microsoft Teams each day according to the following schedule:

- **Monday-Mathematics:** Geometry 1:00pm, MS 2 1:20pm, 7th 1:40pm (or just jump in from 1-2 pm)
- **Tuesday-Science/CTE electives:** 7th 12:30pm, 8th 1:00pm
- **Wednesday-Language Arts/Social Studies:** 8th SS 11:30am, 7th ELA 12:00pm, 8th ELA 12:30pm, 7th SS 1:00pm
- **Thursday-All other electives** (connect with your elective teachers for this information)

Calendar invites will be sent out to your student's email and posted in Microsoft Teams so that students can easily see when they have scheduled meetings for classes. If you would like to schedule a support meeting with teachers, please feel free to email any of us or give us a call.

Reminders:

- Breakfast and lunch are still available at Shaw from 11:00-12:00.
- There will be no office hours at Shaw to pick up work until further notice.
- Email is still the best way to get ahold of your teachers.
- We understand that this time is challenging for everyone, so if you need any help please reach out to us.

Below is some information for each content area.

English

Reading:

Students can checkout eBooks and audiobooks for free through [Clever](#). We would like students to continue reading independently at home each day.

Writing:

- **7th Graders:** Your focus right now is to **get caught up on your work**. If you are ready to revise your letters, we have instructions on Teams. Parents, you can also view a guide to revising the letter [here](#). For those that are done with the letter, please read this [article](#) and answer the following questions:
 - If you had the chance to time travel, would you take it? Why or why not? Where and when would you want to time travel? Why?

- **8th graders:** Our goal for the week is to have our rough drafts of the letter complete. If you have not come up with a topic and researched that topic yet, that's all you need to focus on (don't worry about any of the other assignments). If you have researched and completed your outline, please go through the PowerPoint and work on completing a rough draft. Then, if you're done with the rough draft AFTER going through the PowerPoint, please make sure you are caught up on your other work and working on PFAs.

Take care,
Ms. Bushnell (469)-333-0946
Mr. Denton

Science

Assignments: Weekly assignments are posted to Microsoft Teams on the Science Channel on Tuesday mornings. Assignments are due the following Tuesday giving students the week to work on them. Make sure to login to Microsoft Teams and check it out.

Virtual Check-Ins:

- Weekly 20 Minutes virtual Check-Ins are held on Tuesdays.
- 7th graders meet from 12:30-12:50pm
- 8th graders meet from 1:00-1:20pm
- Check your calendars on MS Teams for the link to the virtual check-in. This is a great time to ask questions and say hi.

Reach out if you have any questions or don't know what you should be doing.

Email: Cameronb@spokaneschools.org

Google Voice #: [\(509\) 795-0991](tel:5097950991)

Stay strong! Mr. Burns

Math

Teams Classes

The first and only real change to math this week is that workbooks are now available at Shaw for pickup!! If you want to pick them up and send me updates on what you are doing you can do that instead of the online assignment. All you have to do is go to lunch at Shaw from 11:00-12:00 and tell them you are in Mr. Shorey's room for ms1, ms2, or geometry. MAKE SURE YOU GET THE BOOK FOR YOUR CLASS IF YOU DO THIS!!!!

Just like last week all the math meetings will run back to back, so if you miss your time slot you could check in during the others.

I look forward to hearing from you all, and hope you are all doing well.

Below are descriptions of what you can do if you need any additional tasks as we get going.

Summit

Keep watching the resource videos and doing the practice problems for the PFAs that you have not finished yet. Be sure to take good quality notes as you watch the video and focus on recreating the process.

Moby max

You can also practice any grade level material you want on Moby Max. To access your account, go to the clever link that is included in the English section, log in, and click Moby Max.

Khan Academy

You can use Khan Academy the same way you access Moby Max, and again, take your pick of grade or subject level content.

Mr. Shorey

Social Studies

Good Morning, I hope all are doing well. It is hard to believe it is already May. I was really hoping we would all be back together at this point. This week will be much like next week in terms of both content and process. Continue to find all assignments within teams and submit when you are able. Thank you to those that have been working so hard the last couple of weeks. Remember, check your calendar for our Wednesday meetings.

Summit

Update: Please DO NOT work on Summit projects/checkpoints for my class. I have decided that the Summit curriculum is not appropriate for our learning.

Microsoft Teams:

Please check Teams regularly, all assignments will be included within this platform.

- **7th Grade:** This week you will learn more about the geography and history of Washington State. Log in to teams, and analyze the maps, videos, and all other forms of engagement. This will allow you to complete your assignments.
- **8th Grade:** Our focus will be around the Civil War and slavery. We will look at both the historical roots of slavery and how slavery impacts society even today. Your assignments will be a combination of reading, maps, video, etc.

Hope all is well-Roberts!

Special Ed.

I have developed the school closure learning plans to outline supports for your students, if you have questions about them please let me know.

During this time, my focus is on providing enrichment opportunities for students to continue their growth while we are away. Please encourage your children to keep reading and checking in with our team of teachers.

Parents, if you want some information on the tools available please email me at blained@spokaneschools.org and I can schedule a call to walk you through what you need.

I will assign one lesson for reading/writing and one for math each week to provide opportunities for practice and growth through Moby Max. Moby Max can be accessed through the [Clever](#) link below.

I am also offering the option of using Zoom to screenshare and demonstrate some of the tools I mentioned. Your students should know how to access [Summit](#), Moby Max, and [Clever](#). We are all available for tutorials if help is needed.

Take care,

Blaine Denton

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Links

- [Clever](#)
- [Summit](#)