



Voice of the Vikings



Shaw Middle School

January 2021

From the Principal's Desk

Hello Shaw Families,

It has been a year full of hardship and challenges. This has been an incredibly difficult time, and significant challenges and suffering has been felt by many. On behalf of the Shaw staff, I want to thank our parents, grandparents, guardians, and family members who have endured many unforeseen and underserved changes that complicated lives by making family routines challenging. Your enduring support for your children provides a foundation of support during a very unpredictable time.

As a school district, we have stayed committed to following the guidance and regulations of public health officials because the safety and wellness of our students and staff continues to be our highest priority. Our goal remains to return students to in-person instruction as soon as it is determined safe. Please stay connected to the [current plan](#) of SPS to return our students to school in the coming weeks. Shaw will be also communicating our plan to support this process.

Over the last year, our teachers and staff have adjusted their practices to best serve students. Many of these practices will make our in-school experiences for students more effective when we return to a hybrid face-to-face schedule and also when we return to a normal schedule. We have worked very hard to stay positive, using this experience to make to build our capacity to better serve our students.

For those of you who have not voted yet, election day is February 9th and I strongly encourage everyone to vote. The levy provides critical programs, services, and supports that will enable us to return students to reasonable class sizes, athletics, performing arts, counseling services, intervention programs, as well as resources such as custodians, nurses, special education staff, and librarians. Without levy funds, these aspects of a regular school experience would not be available to students in the future. For additional factual information, I encourage you to review our district's [Frequently Asked Questions](#). There, you can review details such as the district's projected loss of \$42 million in state funding over the next three years and the anticipated tax rate. If your levy related question isn't addressed in our FAQ, please email AskSPS@spokaneschools.org.

If you have not had the opportunity drive down Cook street and see the progress being made on our new middle school, I would encourage you to do so. Your approval of the 2018 Bond made this beautiful facility a reality for our students in the fall. The Shaw Vision is provide learning experiences resulting in our students readiness for high school. Supporting learning relationships and teamwork are features of the new design supporting our future successes. We are excited and look forward to starting the 2021 school year in this amazing facility. Thank you for supporting this project!

The Shaw staff wishes you well in the days and weeks ahead. We choose to remain optimistic together for a brighter future. Please be sure to tell your students how excited we are to see them at school when we are allowed to return. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 354-5800 with your questions and please reach out if you need support.

Sincerely,

Jon Swett, Principal
Shaw Middle School

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The mission of Shaw Middle School is to prepare all students academically and socially for High School and beyond.

Team News



Thank you to all Team APEX students and families for your effort at the end of the semester to complete all projects and tests. To celebrate a successful semester APEX students participated in a Kahoot Trivia contest on January 29th against Mr. Egger and Ms. Pietz.

Team APEX is hosting a virtual family night on February 11 at 6 PM to answer questions about Semester 2. We will also hand out awards to student who demonstrated excellent work, attendance, and participation in class during Semester 1. Please check your email for the invitation and link to join the meeting or [email Ms Smith](#) for details.



We have finally rounded the corner into 2021, and the ABE program's students and staff continue to demonstrate strength, determination, and a love for learning in their classrooms and communities. The second quarter proved to be exemplary for our students' behavioral and academic growth, as they work tirelessly to achieve their goals and improve their social-emotional skills. Our teachers have embraced the opportunities to communicate with students' families during this time when additional support is crucial for providing holistic interventions. As we move closer to Springtime and wish for the days of enjoying warmer weather, our students are energized and excited for their general education peers to return to the halls. We are so proud of every one of our students and are thankful for their dedication, humor, and for always shining brightly at Shaw Middle School!

Outstanding Recognition in Team Drive

In Mr. Olson's classroom, we proudly name Andrin Jason as a student of recognition for his tenacity and growth in academic and behavioral goals. Andrin's positive attitude, communication, and self-monitoring skills set an example of leadership among his classmates.

In Mr. McCullough's classroom, Jonathon (Johnny) Hernandez-Perez exemplifies the art of patience and good-will toward his peers every day. His endurance and drive to complete his schedule make him a model learner. Johnny's laughter and smile create a wealth of gratitude among us all.



We are eagerly awaiting the return to in-person school and have been working really hard to make online-learning the best experience as possible. We know this is hard on everybody and we appreciate your patience and understanding!

This quarter, we were lucky enough to expand our after school, in-person learning center. Many students have taken advantage of this opportunity and have been able to significantly improve their grades and sense of accomplishment. We are so proud of them all!

Students are busy and working hard learning about energy, Westward Expansion, fighting against stereotypes, writing and using equations, and all things polygon!



During the second quarter the Home Team hosted monthly "whole team" advisories on the first Friday of each month using a Microsoft Teams meeting! During this time, the students of the month were honored before all their peers and staff! Also, during this meeting a monthly challenge was announced. One of the monthly challenges in the second quarter was for students to have their cameras on during all their daily class periods. This contest was a huge success as more students had their cameras on! Prizes in the form of Viking Bucks were given to the students who had their cameras on most often! The Home team is looking forward to meeting again as a whole team during advisory on February 5th and announcing the student of the month winners along with a new monthly challenge! Home team families make sure to ask your students what the challenge is for February and if they are participating!



Dear Shaw family,

We hope that things are going well for everyone and we wanted to share some of the great things your students have done. One of the huge highlights has been the perseverance of our students. Throughout this quarter students have been working on the laws of motion, solving equations, studying westward expansion, and discussing social inequalities. As always, Team Shred is here to serve you and your kids, please reach out to us if you need anything. We look forward to being able to safely see students in person again!

Returning to Face-to-Face Instruction

Hello Shaw Community,

We are very excited for a return to face-to-face learning at Shaw Middle School! As you have most likely heard this is tentatively scheduled for March 1st, and as a result there are many questions you probably have. Please know that our priority is ensuring the safety of our students and staff. At this time, we are diligently working on a schedule and school day structures that will maintain adequate social distancing of 6 feet in classrooms and common areas that will allow us to have students return as soon as possible. Some important items to be aware of for your planning include:

- Students will be attending school in a hybrid A/B schedule.
- Each student needs to complete their daily health check prior to coming to school [Health Check Link](#)
- Each student will have an assigned entrance where their health check will be verified by school staff prior to entry into the school.
- Please plan to have your student(s) arrive as close to the start of the school day as possible to aid with so-

cial distancing.

- To maximize social distancing in our school, students will not be using lockers. Therefore, we recommend that each student use a backpack to carry their items from class to class. They will also be taking their computer home each day. In addition, please consider keeping excess school supplies at home.
- Due to the same reasons above, students will not dress down for their fitness class if they have one. We ask that students wear or bring shoes that make sense for fitness class. This will be like their elementary fitness class experience.
- It will probably be helpful to familiarize yourself with the school district's reopening and COVID-19 safety guidelines, plans, and protocols. These do evolve based on local health recommendations and guidelines, so periodically rechecking is advised. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the information.

Communication with specific details for your student(s) will continue to be distributed as we get closer to students returning to Shaw. We are looking forward to our Shaw students returning!

Construction Continues!

The Shaw Middle School Replacement project is quickly progressing. The exterior of the building is weather-tight with completion of the roofing which allows interior mechanical, electrical, drywall and painting work to progress on schedule. All the brick work is complete and exterior metal panel installation is under way. The gym equipment including basketball backstops and divider curtain are being installed right now so the wood flooring can start as soon as next month. The Art/CTE/Music wing to the east is the only remaining area that lack wall framing and that will start next week. Great progress overall!

Hillyard Library is being constructed in Shaw Middle School founded in a recently formed partnership between Spokane Public Schools and Spokane Public Library. This configuration provides a direct secured connection linking the two institutions and allows the sharing of resources.

The site improvements around the building might start in February if the mild winter weather continues. In addition, we have received funding from the City for reconstructing Cook Street to calm traffic and create a more pedestrian friendly connection between the Northeast Community Center, Shaw Middle School, and Hillyard Library. Here is an aerial rendering of the campus looking north from Garland Avenue.



Spokane Public Schools complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, sexual orientation including gender expression or gender identity, or honorably discharged veteran or military status. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer, ADA Officer, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights Officer and/or 504 Compliance Officer. Officers: *Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer, Jodi Harmon, (509) 354-7306 *Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights Officer, Jodi Harmon, (509) 354-7306 *504 Compliance Officer, Jodi Harmon, (509) 354-7306 * ADA Officer, Stephanie Busch, (509) 354-5993 * Affirmative Action Officer, Nancy Lopez-Williams, (509) 354-5651 * Equal Opportunity Officer, Nancy Lopez-Williams, (509) 354-5651 *200 N. Bernard Street, Spokane, WA 99201-0206

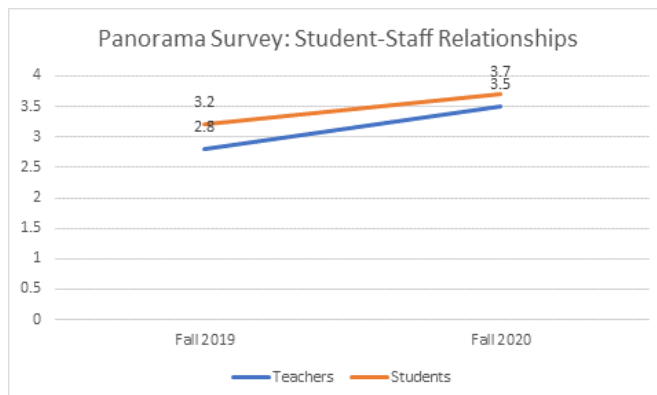
Immunizations & Health Plans

Before returning to Face-To-Face instruction, students need to be current on their immunizations. If your student has a health care plan, (ex. asthma, allergy, daily medication) this will need to be updated as well. If you have questions, please contact the school nurse (354-5800) or your primary care provider.

Focusing on Relationships

At Shaw Middle School we are focused on relationships. We believe that our students will be more motivated and successful in their personal and academic lives when they have trusting relationships with adults at school. We are dedicated to creating an authentic connection with our students that builds trust and reassures them that they are cared for and safe. We work with students to understand who they are and meet them where they are so we know them beyond the work they do for class assignments. We use that rapport to come together as a student and teacher team to develop an alliance that supports academic and social-emotional learning. As we support students in becoming self-directed learners, we provide them the tools necessary for success in high school and beyond. As demonstrated by the graph below from a

recent survey of both groups, you can see that staff and students believe that the staff-student relationship has improved over the last year. This is a trend we strive to have continue into the future.



The ZoNE Supports Your Family—Check Out Our New Look!

Hello Shaw families! The ZoNE is a partnership of organizations and families committed to building positive futures in Northeast Spokane. Together, we break down barriers and generate hope & opportunity through collective action.

We love working with Shaw families to build a better future for our kids and neighborhoods. Are you interested in talking with a Family Advocate who can help you navigate your finances through this COVID crisis? Contact us!

Need legal aid or food assistance? New resources are available. Could your child benefit from extra learning support? We can connect you. The ZoNE has a new look, a new website and a new Community Engagement Coordinator, Stacy Lenz, who is here for you. You can reach Stacy [by email](#) or 509-487-1603 ext. 222. Please visit us [online](#) to learn more and connect today!



InvestEd at Shaw

InvestED is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to impacting the lives of students in need. We are partnering with InvestED to help meet the basic and academic needs of vulnerable Shaw students. We have launched a fundraising campaign to support students who are experiencing hardships beyond their control. Funds can be used for clothing, hygiene supplies, school supplies, activity fees, physical exams, sports equipment, musical instrument rentals, and much more. With InvestED, there is no paperwork for students or families to complete. When Shaw staff become aware of a need, we can intervene immediately.

InvestED is unique among education nonprofits in two ways. One is that 100% of funds raised through statewide efforts go directly to students. Schools receive funds each fall to use as student needs arise. The second is that schools can receive up to \$500 in matching funds as additional support of their own fundraising efforts. Please help students in our community by donating to our campaign if you are able to do so. Any amount will help move us towards our goal of \$1,000. Information can be found at [this link](#). Thank you for partnering with us to support our Shaw students.

2021-2022 Registration

As we begin to prepare for the 2021-22 school year, students are virtually registering for classes. During the week of January 25, our incoming 7th graders registered in their 6th grade classes with our counselors. In their student Outlook account, students received an email of their choices. We will do our best to honor those choices for students. We will be holding a virtual Question & Answer for incoming 7th grade families near the end of February. Please visit our website for more information. Our current 7th and 8th graders will be virtually registering for middle and high school classes on February 10 & 11. Current 7th grade Shaw students will receive an email of their course choices in their Outlook account. If your student is going to high school next year, please visit the high school website for more information with regards to registration and family informational events.

We are so very excited at Shaw Middle School for the opening of our new school in the Fall of 2021. If you are out in the community, please drive by and see our beautiful new school.

Students of the Month

Shaw students are amazing! Each month, staff recognize character traits that help set up kids for success in high school and beyond. Here is a list of students acknowledged in November and December. Great job, Vikings!
November & December Students of the Month— Academic Tenacity—Jahan Terrell, Amon Hemos, Magnolia Crider, Joseph Tarver, Sidney Brown, Garek Jarvie, Roman Gumm, Alayna Rickerd, Amy Ledesma Perez; Empathy—Masami Fukuhara; Growth Mindset—Saran FNU, Hayden Kuehl, Zahara Tadesse; Kindness—Jesse Crapo, Bokerok Hilai, Danyella Nguyen; Resilience—Jakota Johnson, Roman Gumm, Adrick Valencia; Self-Direction—Dane Britton, Korabelle Harkema, De’Shane Blackwell, Cristelle Mwange; John Paul, Eli Brown

Shaw Clubs & Activities

The **Shaw ASB** ran a fun Thanksgiving contest asking students to create something that represented what the holiday meant to them. In December, they planned a Spirit Week for the last week before winter break. The days included Meme Day, Decades Day, and Bring Your Pet to Class Day! In January, they provided students with ideas for how to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a variety of service projects to serve the greater community and world.

The **Student Advisory Council** is planning a building beautification project for when kids return to the building. They are also working on a video to invite community members to join the council. Finally, if the weather cooperates, they are doing a trash pickup day over at the Safeway shopping center on Saturday, January 30th.

Anime Club meets on Monday’s, at 3pm until 3:45. We’ve been talking anime, and giving recommendations! Join us!

Maker Club is preparing for our next round of judging for the state Technology Student Association competition. “We have been working on our Off the Grid model, research, and the model design,” said team leader Samuel Polis. “Lately it has been going well.” Club members are also competing in Digital Photography and Structural Engineering.

You can still join **Theater Arts club**! Please reach out to Ms. Smith at sarahsm@spokaneschools.org if you want to have fun on Wednesday afternoons. We are beginning to write an original play and practice our acting skills through improv games.

In **Gaming Club**, Students have been enjoying their time playing video games together! Games like Among Us and Fortnite are the most popular right now. We have also been playing Kahoots about popular video games.

The **Multi-Cultural Club** had a January theme of Hot Beverages Around the World. Teas from India, South Africa, and Burmese were delivered and are drank together during club. Next month we’ll look at Sweets Around the World. COME JOIN US! Multi-Cultural Club, Thursdays @ 3pm-3:45pm. E-mail Mrs. Hulubei Piergallini for more questions monicapi@spokaneschools.org

The students and staff in the **Shaw Christian Fellowship** have been having a BLAST on Mondays. We pray, read the Bible, encourage each other, and just hang out! 😊 It’s AWESOME!

Habits of Success and Character Strong

Whether we are learning remotely or face-to-face, we strive to prepare students to successfully meet tomorrow. We want our students to understand that what they do at Shaw is about the bigger picture. It is about their future. We want our students to begin to think about what they want their lives to be like when they reach adulthood.

We ask all students to envision their ultimate dreams and then we work with them to create a goal driven plan to reach them. To support them in attaining their dreams we also teach life skills that support their academics and their Social and Emotional Learning.



We teach the 16 Habits of Success. These are reinforced through the Summit Learning platform. The 16 Habits are the skills that are the building blocks to becoming a sustained, independent adult.

We also use CharacterStrong curriculum in our Advisory courses to support students' Social and Emotional Learning while teaching strong character traits. These traits include:

- **SEL Competencies:** Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, Responsible Decision-Making

Character Development: Patience, Kindness, Honesty, Respect, Selflessness, Forgiveness, Commitment, Humility

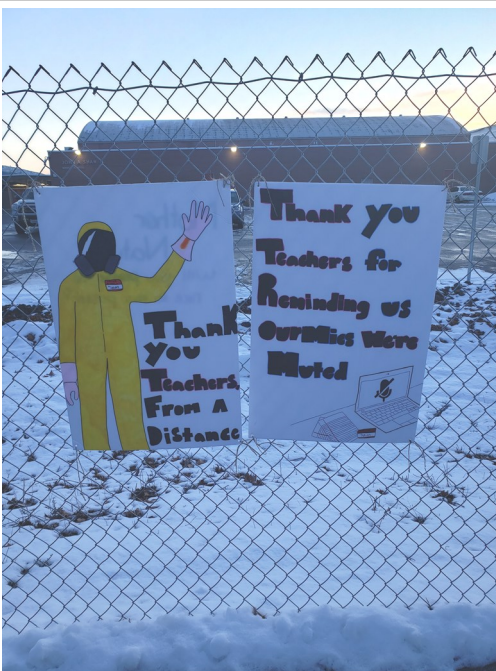
We believe that by educating the whole child through Social and Emotional Learning we help our students acquire the skills they need to attain their dreams and in the process we create a safe and positive learning community for Shaw students.

Shaw Hoodies Available!

We got a new shipment of Shaw hoodies in and you can purchase one in the business office for just \$25.

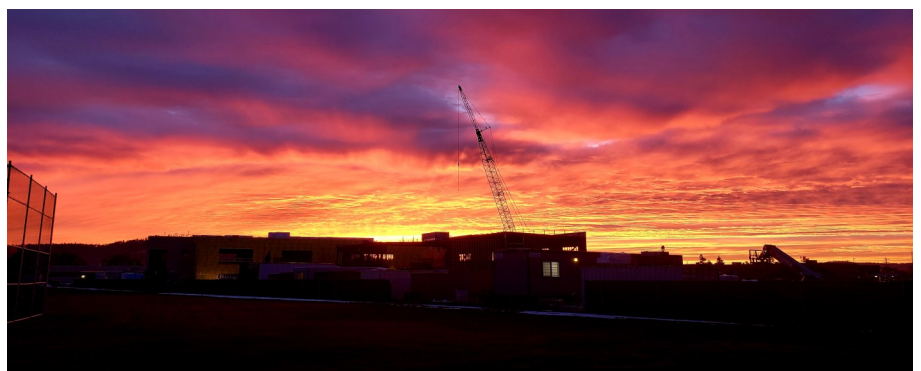
Sports Physicals at Shaw

February 9th
2pm—4pm
Call 354-5800 to make an appt.



To the artist who created these and brought them to Shaw, Thank you! We miss you too and look forward to the day when we can be at school together again.

Below is a sunrise picture of the new Shaw site. We look forward with hopeful participation to fall of 2021 when we will move into this beautiful facility.



Spokane Public Schools

Replacement Levy Election

February 9, 2021

What is a school levy?

School levies support essential programs, staff and services that provide a quality education for our students.

The educational program and operation levy is a way for the Spokane community to provide a well-rounded education for SPS students by funding extracurricular activities, support for students with special needs, and critical health and wellness services.

The 2021 levy replaces the expiring 2018 levy and is not a new tax.

Levies support programs and services, such as:

- Nurses
- Counselors
- Behavior specialists
- Student intervention programs
- Special education services
- Technology support
- Smaller class sizes
- Advanced placement courses
- Athletics
- Arts, music, and drama

