



Voice of the Vikings



Shaw Middle School

November 2019

From the Principal's Desk

You have probably noticed that construction of the Shaw Campus has begun. The first steps will be to create a temporary parking lot; this is happening now. The lot will be smaller than the one we had, so parking will be at a premium. In addition to the parking lot, the building site to the south of the middle school to Empire Ave. will be prepared for the

construction which will start in the spring. We plan to move into the new building fall 2021. In the fall of 2022, we will welcome 6th graders to our Shaw family. Below is a representation of a learning community, classroom configuration. This neighborhood design houses teams of staff and students in a highly personalized learning environment.



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Summit Parent Night

Tuesday, November 5th at 6pm

<u>Team</u>	<u>Room Number</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Room Number</u>
PEAK	189/191	APEX	129
GOAT	146	HOME	142

Don't see your child's team listed? Feel free to join in on any team meeting to learn about the Summit Platform and how you can support your child's academic success.

Parent Workshop: Anti-Bullying begins at 6:45pm. The Parent Workshop will be held in the library.

Shaw is a Title 1 School

Title 1 Funding "is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education..." Shaw uses our Title 1 dollars to help improve student performance at Shaw. We purchase additional materials, pay for intervention teachers and instructional coaches, and provide professional development opportunities to our staff to better serve our students, and to actively involve the parent community.

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

Supporting the Whole Family through Community Partnerships

Students showing up to school ready to learn happens when everyone in the household has what they need to thrive. Food, housing, medical check-ups, sleep (and parenting strategies for teenagers come in handy too)! This year Shaw is partnering with The Zone Project, housed in the Northeast Community Center across the street. The Zone Project provides 1 on 1 mentors for families, resources, classes and supports based on family goals for Northeast Spokane. Through the Shaw Whole Child Study Group, families are accessing resources they need, and students are articulating how the Shaw community can best support their goals and success. When a student is referred to the Whole Child Study Group through a referral form, community partners including Communities in Schools, Boys and Girls Club, Gonzaga University, the Faith Community, Spokane Police Outreach Officers, Col-

lege Success Foundation, and others along with Counseling staff from Shaw, meet with the family and student to see how the community can support.

Who can refer a student? Anyone! Staff, the student, the family, an after school partner, anyone who has a relationship with the student and notices s/he could use something extra in order to be her/his best self can refer a student. To refer a student or family, please pick up a hard copy of the form in the office or Communities in Schools room at Shaw, or email Jene at the North East Community Center. [\(Link to Jene's email\)](#)

What happens next? A Zone Project or Communities in Schools staff member will contact you for a 15 minute phone interview, and interview the student during school as well. This information is brought to the team. Families and students are welcome to attend and guide the conversation based

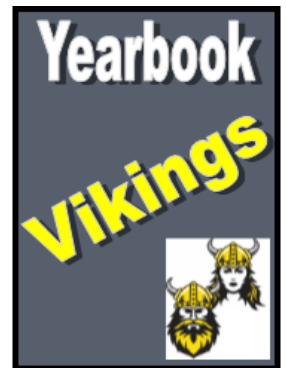
on what they want for their family and student. A few days after the meeting, families will get a brief survey to let the group know how we can improve the process and how we can continue to support. We look forward to partnering with you.

If you'd like to be on an email list to be sent occasional information about other Zone activities- They are always free, with babysitting and food, and include the whole family. We coordinate no cost after school and summer programming for pre-school through high-school age students as well. Email Jene so that you will know about these options for your family throughout NE Spokane. [\(Link to Jene's email\)](#) Finally, check out the fun we had at Shaw this summer in the short video at the end of this article! Thank you. [Link to Summer in Zone video](#)

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."
~Coretta Scott King

Yearbooks Available Now

Yearbooks can be purchased in the business office now. They are \$25 for students with ASB and \$30 without ASB. Prices will increase after Winter Break.



Welcome to Shaw!

You may have noticed a few new faces around the Shaw building. We have new teachers and several new office staff. We are glad to welcome each of these individuals to the Shaw team and are striving together to build a great team. Our top priority is to provide you, our families and community members, with the best customer service possible. If you have any questions about Shaw, please feel free to call the office and we will do our best to assist you. The main line for Shaw is 354-5800. If your student is going to be absent or tardy, please reach out to us through the 24 hour attendance line at 354-5802.

The HOME Team

Greetings from the HomeTeam (yellow hallway)! The school year is off to a great start. You can track your student's progress in Social Studies, English, and Science by logging into the parent Summit account. Please see the office if you have questions on how to login. Student progress in math can be accessed through PowerSchool. Shaw Parent Night will be Tuesday November 5th. After attending the main parent session, stop by room 142 for a HomeTeam update. Mr. Gangelhoff will be available to answer questions or direct you to the appropriate resources.

Team APEx

Getting Involved

You don't need to be an expert on the information covered in your student's classes in order to support them well. The best way you can support your student is to help them reflect, explain their work, and become a better self-directed learner. Ask to see their planner each night so you know what learning goal is the focus

of each class. Then ask them questions about what they did in class to achieve that goal or what they still need to do. If your student is struggling, please contact Ms. Smith at 354-5866. We want each student to Achieve Personal Excellence!

Team APEx Blue Line Party on November 8th

APEx students who have finished all their projects and power focus areas for quarter one will be invited to a special celebration on November 8th during 6th period. If your student doesn't receive an invitation, they can begin working toward the next party starting now! Tutoring and homework help is available Monday-Thursday after school in Ms. Sleeth's room.



ASB

This year's Associated Student Body is excited to bring spirit and joy to Shaw! The 10 students who make up the ASB are some of the best leaders in the school and are passionate about making a difference in the lives of their peers. This year's group includes:

- President Kayden Thomason
- Vice President Anna Belle Harbison
- Treasurer Mercedes Davis
- Secretary Gracie Dierks
- Sergeant-at-Arms Waqas Mohammad

Class Officers are

- Emma Coleman
- Tara Dunham
- Nathaniel Hansen
- Willow Johnson
- McKenna Tuttle

The first big project this group worked on together was the Back-to-School Con which featured an epic tug-o-war battle between teams. The Home Team took first place and an early lead in our Shaw Team Olympics! Last month, the ASB also put on Fall Fest, a new take on our dances. The goal was

to be more inclusive of all students and feature some of the great after-school clubs at Shaw. In addition to some great music, the Theater Arts Club was painting faces, the Gaming Club hosted Mario Kart races on a projector screen, the Maker Club ran ping pong and bean bag toss, and the Chess Club had a board game room. It was a fun time for all and we look forward to the next dance at the end of December!

Pictured above are members of the 2019-20 Shaw ASB at the Move In Con.

Theater Arts Club

Theater Arts club meets Wednesday after school from 3:35—4:40. All students are welcome to join, even if you don't like acting! See Ms. Smith in room 129 for a permission slip.



Photo at left: Jack Curry (Vice President) and Jillian Wilson (President) of Theater Arts Club tell spooky stories at the Harvest Dance to Emma Coleman and Riley Rice



Pictured to the right: Krista Gonzales paints Amber Whited's face at the Harvest Dance.

Shaw Olympics

This year at Shaw your students are part of a team. These teams have their own hallways, colors, logo and team name. To honor these teams and bring a little friendly competition to the school we are competing in our First Annual **Shaw Olympics**. The teams compete in a variety of different events involving both the students and teachers. Some examples are Tug of War at the con, most involvement in Spirit Days, and the least amount of tardies per team during a week-long tardy competition. As we are ending the quarter, the competition is heating up. Team PEAK is leading the way with APEX a close second! Good luck to all the team in our Shaw Olympics.

Here is a listing of our teams and their points to date. APEX, 2 points; EPIC, 1 point; GOAT, 1 point; HOME, 1 point, PEAK, 4 points; SHRED, 0 points.

VIP

Shaw's VIP program allows students to track their academic and social progress. All Shaw students are able to earn VIP status each quarter and progress through four levels—Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum—throughout the year. Each level has its own set of criteria to help students gain the academic and social skills needed in high school and beyond. Reaching VIP status provides access to rewards including public recognition and celebrations for that quarter. These criteria are listed in your student's planner. Ask your student to show you his or her progress toward meeting VIP. It is never too late for a student to become a VIP. If they missed the goal in the first quarter, they can try again for Bronze VIP second quarter. We are proud of our Vikings who keep pursuing their goals. At Shaw, "Excellence is our standard. Achievement is our result."



Homework Help After School

<u>Team</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Location</u>
APEX	Monday through Thursday	Room 133
GOAT	Monday and Wednesday	Room 146
HOME	Monday and Wednesday	Room 145
PEAK	Tuesday and Thursday	Room 189 & 191
ELD—Level 1 and Level 2	Wednesdays	Room 1511
Study Buddies (G.U. Program)	Tuesday and Thursday	Room 133

Any student can join in on homework help, even if it isn't their team. If you have questions, please feel free to connect with your teachers.

Student of the Month

Shaw staff nominate students each month for growth or exemplary demonstration of our focus character traits. These traits align with our work with Character Strong in Advisory as well as the 16 Habits of Success being focused on in our core content classes. So far this year, we have focused on kindness and resilience. We will focus on growth mindset and academic tenacity over the next two months. Check out our Student of the Month bulletin board across from the business office the next time you come in to Shaw.

The following students were acknowledged in September for growth in the area of Kindness: Abra Clanry, Alton Hilai, Amber Whited, Ashlynn Beetham, Bilal Alaameri, Isabelle Carson, Isaiah Delong, Ishi Fidel, Jillian Fairchild, Kacey Stark, Leila Vogrig, Madina Akhmadjonov, Maryna Bell, McKenna Tuttle, Mejen Aneo, Nathaniel Hansen, Nermin Omar, Paiten Boyer, Samara Rowe, Selena Vera, Tommy Michalak, Traeh Vaughn, Willow Johnson, Xzandra Pogue

Other traits recognized: Agency,

Paishance McWain; Patience, Deshawn Tsoumpas; Resilience, Jacklynn Naisher, Amy Ledesma Perez; Self-Direction, Malachi Varker Violette

The following students were acknowledged in October for growth in the area of Resilience: CJ Tabert, Dashanay Johnson, Dieu Veut Mukinzi, DiMaggio Philip, Eh Ler Paw, Eliana O'Meara, Ethan Edvalson, Henry Martin, Izabella Tarusova, Jacklyn Naisher, Jazlynn Swanson, Kelsey Wallwork, Leila Vogrig, Lilly Weedman, Lily Green, Makenzie Flewell, MayLauna Fassett, Nassmat Al Mafrachi, Nermin Omar, Patrick Nguyen, Riley Rice, Shawn Kansime, Taylor Darling, Amy Ledesma Perez

Other traits recognized: Growth Midset, Jenny Le, Diane Minezero; Kindness, Jason Edvalson, Jonathan Aquirre, Kaylee Reiser, Aaron Salcido Amaral, Cai Fackler, Dieu Veut Mukunzi, Peyton Reeves, Mario Rosales-Cavanaugh, Ella Himes; Self-Direction, Mia Ellenwood, Hayley Williams



After School Activities at Shaw

After School Clubs are a great way to get involved and make new friends. Check out the list below for the opportunities for your child to join. After school activity permission slips can be found in the student office. Please connect with the advisor if you have any questions.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Room Number</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Gaming Club	Monday and Thursday	Room 132	Mr. Crim
Maker Club	Monday	Room 121	Mr. Lee
Spectrum	Monday	Room 107	Mr. Heath
Chess Club	Tuesday	Room 171	Mr. Shorey
Cyberpatriot Club (starting soon!)	Tuesday	Room 148	Mr. Rowland
Theater Arts Club	Wednesday	Room 129	Ms. Smith
GU Game	Wednesday	Gym at 6pm	Mr. VanDyken
Connections (GU Mentoring program)	Thursday	Room 126	Mrs. Ellert
Creative Writing Club	Thursday	Room 133	Ms. Sleeth

<u>Shaw November Calendar</u>	
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
2nd Quarter Begins	November 4
Summit Parent Night & Workshop	November 5, 6pm
VIP Trackers Due	November 8
No School—Veteran’s Day	November 11
Quarter 1 Report Cards sent home	November 12
Early Release at 2:15pm	November 15
No School—Thanksgiving Holiday	November 28 & 29

<u>Shaw December Calendar</u>	
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Summit Parent Night & Workshop	December 3
Early Release at 2:15pm	December 6
Orchestra Winter Concert at 7:30pm	December 10
Band Winter Concert at 7:30pm	December 11
Winter Music Convocation, 9am	December 13
Music Department Fund-raiser at Barnes & Noble	December 14
Winter Dance, 3:30—5pm	December 19
Winter Break	December 23 through January 3

<u>Shaw January Calendar</u>	
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Return to School	January 6
Summit Parent Night & Workshop at 6pm	January 7
Early Release at 2:15pm	January 10
No School—Martin Luther King Jr Day	January 20
End of Semester 1 / Quarter 2	January 24



The strength of the team is each individual member.
The strength of each member is the team. ~Phil Jackson

Teams at Shaw

Shaw families, we are so excited to share part of our new school with you. For the 2019-20 school year, we are supporting all Shaw Vikings with five teachers in a team school-wide. The graphic on page 1 is a representation of a “neighborhood” of classrooms which will be built in our new building for a five-teacher team. Our team names are APEX, GOAT, The HOME Team, Shred, and PEAK.

With the support of our teachers and district leaders, Shaw Middle School is using Summit Learning— a research-based, personalized approach to teaching and learning. Over the summer, our staff attend a four-day Summit training. We have joined a community of more than 350 schools across the country participating in the Summit Learning Program. What does that mean for your student this year?

- Your student will have a dedicated mentor they will regularly meet with one-on-one, who will know them deeply and support them in setting and achieving their personal goals.
- There will be a focus on developing what we call “self-direction” — an invaluable skill that can be applied to any task in middle school, high school, and the adult world. Your student will learn how to set goals, make plans, and reflect on their learning.

In class, your student’s teacher will guide and support your student by providing projects that give them hands-on experience with real-world scenarios. They will teach students how to collaborate with a team, interpret data, and present a persuasive argument. Projects end with a final product that students complete including an oral presentation, writing piece and structured discussion/debate.

At Shaw Middle School, we provide our students with an education that equips them with the skills and habits necessary for success in high school and in life — an education that supports their individual needs, aspirations, and how they learn best. Our dedication and hard work will help us get closer to achieving our vision of preparing ALL students for success in high school and beyond.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 354-5800.

Shaw Wrestling Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 7	Northwood Middle School
November 12	Mountainside Middle School
November 14	Shaw Middle School
November 19	Glover Middle School
November 26	Shaw Middle School
December 3	Sacajawea Middle School
December 7	Rogers High School

7th Grade Shaw Volleyball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 5	Shaw Middle School
November 6	Northwood Middle School
November 13	Shaw Middle School
November 18	Salk Middle School
November 20	Chase Middle School
November 25	Mountainside Middle School
December 4	Shaw Middle School



7th Grade Basketball begins on January 6th.

8th Grade Basketball begins on February 18th.



RETAKES

November 13th

- Missed the first picture day?
- Want to try to get a better shot?
- Sign up with Mr. Tyler-Babkirk in room 120 by November 8th
- Order forms are in the student office

8th Grade Shaw Volleyball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 5	Rogers High School
November 6	Shaw Middle School
November 13	Sacajawea Middle School
November 18	Shaw Middle School
November 20	Shaw Middle School
November 25	Shaw Middle School (4pm)
December 4	Glover Middle School
December 11	JV Tournament—location TBA
December 11	Varsity Tournament—Location TBA

Stay Informed At Shaw

Website: www.spokaneschools.org/Shaw

You'll find the following items:

Weekly Bulletin, Calendar of Events, Parent & Student Resources

On Facebook: facebook.com/ShawMSVikings

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