



Voice of the Vikings



Shaw Middle School

January 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Shaw staff are busy planning the new Shaw Middle with the School District and Integrus Architectural teams. Our first steps are to surface design needs that have changed since the school was built in 1959. Dialogue so far has focused on interior spaces such as classrooms, offices and the counseling center. Doing school looks very different now than it did sixty years ago, requiring different spaces. In addition to the spaces, climate control, technology and safety have vastly improved over the years. Did you know that Shaw has no air conditioning? Can you imagine the classroom climate on a hot fall or spring day with 600 active middle schoolers? Our teachers are very excited! Shaw students and staff will be able to stay in our current facility throughout the building process. Once the new school is complete, we will vacate the old building and move into the new.

As you may recall, the City of Spokane partnered with Spokane Schools in the last bond election to build a new Hillyard Library on the Shaw campus. We are very excited about the new Shaw library and the opportunity to collaborate with the City. This partnership opens the opportunity for Shaw to share unique Hillyard Library spaces, giving students exciting learning opportunities.

On Track Academy ([Link to OnTrack Academy website](#)) was also part of the approved 2018 bond. They too will be planning and collaborating with Shaw throughout the process as they replace current portables with a new school. Having a middle school, high school, public library, and a skill center (NewTech) all on the same campus is an extraordinary opportunity for our students and our community! Opportunities for the community to become involved in the project by giving input and feedback are being planned now, so watch and listen carefully for opportunities coming soon through Spokane Schools, City of Spokane and N.E. Community Center (The Zone project). Your involvement is wanted and valued; it will be many years before we have this opportunity again. I strongly encourage you to stay informed and take advantage of opportunities to weigh in with your thinking.

Jon Swett

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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.

Summer in the Zone

Summer's coming fast and The Zone Project is gathering school and community partners to offer a Summer Camp at Shaw again for kids from preschool to 9th grade. Featuring fun and exciting activities, free breakfast and lunch, and even field trips! We need your help to make this the best summer yet. Want to help out? If you're a student, teacher, or parent who has ideas about how to make summer great or would like to get involved, we want to hear from you! Contact Cliff Hansen at chansen@necommunitycenter.com or 509-487-1603 (ext. 222) to share your ideas and learn more.



Student Led-Conferences

Student Led Conferences will be held February 12-15, 2019. During that week will have a different schedule. Monday, February 11th will be a regular day. Tuesday through Friday there will be alterations made. School will dismiss at 1:30 on these days. Tuesday & Thursday

will be odd periods (1, 3, & 5), Wednesday & Friday will be even periods (2, 4, & 6). On January 29th, students brought home information for online sign-up for Student Led Conferences on the Shaw Website. Families will be signing up with their student's Advisory teacher.

If you have questions, please contact our office. **Shaw's Goal is 100% attendance for Shaw Students and Families. We look forward to seeing you soon.**

Check page seven for information on how to sign up for your student-led conference.

Student-Led Conference Week Schedule

February 12-15, 2019

<u>Period</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
Period 1 / Period 2	9:00 a.m.	10:18 a.m.
Period 3 / Period 4	10:22 a.m.	11:39 a.m.
1st Lunch	11:39 a.m.	12:09 p.m.
Period 5 / Period 6 (2nd lunch)	11:43 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Period 5 / Period 6 (1st lunch)	12:13 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
2nd lunch	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12th and Thursday, February 14th will be periods 1, 3, & 5.
Wednesday, February 13th and Friday, February 15th will be periods 2, 4, & 6

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

Like our Facebook page and receive news about special events happening at Shaw and in our district.

Student Voice

On January 23rd, two eighth graders from each middle school and two ninth graders from each high school were invited to the district office to share their vision for the new middle schools. Group discussions and exercises helped draw out



student perspectives on what educational and social attributes lead to success, and what physical components a school should have to support those outcomes. ZhonTay Davis and Draven Carter represented Shaw at this exciting opportunity. ZhonTay shares, "I enjoyed sharing my point of view on topics that could help our school greatly." Draven commented, "I liked being able to talk to the architects and vote on different design ideas for the middle schools."

Shaw Calendar of Events for February, March, and April

- **February 4**—Grades Mailed Home
- **February 5**—Sprint Parent Meeting, 6pm
- **February 6**—Anti-Bullying Assembly
- **February 7**— Book Fair begins
- **February 8**—Early Release, 2:15pm
- **February 12—15**—Student Led Conferences—dismissal 1:30pm
- **February 18**—No School, President’s Day
- **February 21**—School Dance, 3:30—5pm
- **February 22**— Early Release, 2:15pm
- **February 28**— Mid-Quarter
- **March 1**—Read Across America
- **March 1**— Early Release, 2:15
- **March 5**—Sprint Parent Meeting, 6pm
- **March 6**—6th Grade Parent Night
- **March 8**— Grades Distributed
- **March 11**— Emergency Makeup Day #1, No School
- **March 12**—Orchestra Festival Concert, 7pm
- **March 14**— Music Convocation, 9:15am
- **March 14**— Band Festival Concert
- **March 15**—Early Release, 2:15pm
- **April 1—5**—Spring Break
- **April 9**— Sprint Parent Meeting, 6pm
- **April 12**— Early Release, 2:15pm
- **April 18**— School Dance, 3:30—5pm
- **April 26**—Early Release 2:15pm



Academic Support After School

Shaw Middle School students are working hard to increase their grit and perseverance in order to achieve their dreams and plans while working towards VIP status. They earn VIP status by earning grades of B’s Or Better. To help our students we offer several extended learning opportunities. Each of these unique programs are staffed by positive teachers and mentors who are committed to helping students reach their potential. To attend these programs students will need a complet-

ed permission slip, which is available in the Shaw office. Students may also get a before school or lunch Viking Time pass from their teachers. Bus transportation is available after all of Shaw’s after school programs. It takes a lot more to be a Viking! Please review the schedule of after school activities on page four of this newsletter.

Academic Support at Shaw	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math Viking Time, Room 115
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Viking Time, Room 115 • Study Buddies, Library
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Viking Time, Room 115 • ELD Viking Time, Room 151
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Studies Viking Time, Room 115 • Study Buddies, Library
<p>If you have any questions about the academic support programs at Shaw, please contact Ryan Douse or Anthony Brown at 354-5800</p>	

The only mistake you can make is not asking for help.

Sandeep Jauhar



Students cheering on their classmates at the Staff v Student volleyball game convocation on January 11th.

Gonzaga at Shaw

Gonzaga Programs resumed the second week of January! GAME started Wednesday, January 16th at 6:00 pm. GAME is an after school program in which Shaw students get to hangout and know Gonzaga college students through playing sports and other games! Connections picked up on Thursday, January 17th right after school in the CIS room and Study Buddies returned to the Library! Eye to Eye started on Tuesday, January 22nd right after school in the Art Room (120). Eye

to Eye is a mentoring program in which students get to learn about themselves and their strengths through different projects that include art, building and other fun activities as well as getting to know some Gonzaga college students! If you are interested in joining GAME or Eye to Eye, please find Ryan in the Viking Room or Jason in the CIS room (room 124)!



Summit at Shaw

This year we are piloting an innovative new program at Shaw, Summit Learning. The curriculum in Summit Learning focuses on cognitive skills and content knowledge as well as habits of success and sense of purpose. Students are able to move at their own pace through an individ-

ualized pathway focusing on real-world projects and self-directed learning. Students also meet with a one-to-one mentor to set goals and prioritize their tasks. In addition, Summit Learning provides teachers with digital tools which provide usable data and information to teach-

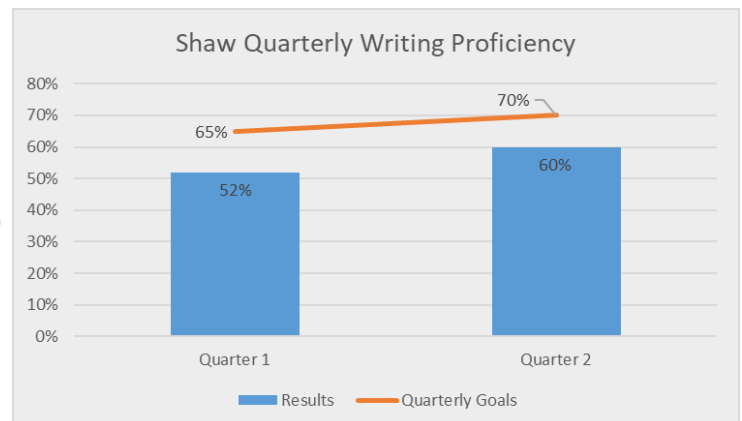
ers to use in making instructional decisions. Summit also provides families an opportunity to log in to check in on their students' progress as well as receiving weekly texts regarding progress.

<u>After School Clubs & Activities</u>	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaming Club, Room 147 Maker Club, Room 121 Leadership, Room 141
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chess, Room 161 Cyberpatriots, Room 154 Eye to Eye, Room 120
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theater Arts, Room 129 Spectrum, Room 141
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chess, Room 161 Gaming, Room 147 Knitting Club, Room 146 Connections, Room 126 English Plus, Room 152

*"Almost all good writing begins with terrible first efforts.
You need to start somewhere."
~Anne LaMont*

Writing Matters

Writing proficiency is a school-wide emphasis this year as part of Shaw's AVID initiative. Our mission is to prepare our students to succeed in high school and beyond, and we know that writing is both an essential academic skill and an important skill that translates into any career field. Our literacy goal for 2018-2019 is to increase our state Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) proficiency scores by 10% in both grade levels. Our staff collaborates in professional learning community (PLC) teams to develop writing activities, determine proficiency according to established rubrics, and analyze student growth. Our school-wide first quarter goal was to have 65% of our students show proficiency. We collected more than 2,000 writing samples with 52% of our students scoring as proficient. Our second quarter goal was to have a 70% proficiency level, and almost 2,200 writing samples indicate that 60% of our students are now demonstrating proficiency. Data is displayed in the hall when you enter Shaw, so please visit for a closer look at results from all our PLC teams.



Student of the Month

Each month, staff throughout the building nominate students for student of the month. Each month has a different emphasis, most of which are taken from the Character Growth Card. Want to know more about those traits? Ask your student to pull out their planner and show you the Character Growth Card. Listed here are the students who were nominated in the months of November, December, & January.

The following students were acknowledged in November for growth in the area of gratitude: Ahmed Al Mafrachi, Chloe Stafford, Damien Double, Darion Smith, Gabrielle Dennis, Hadia Satar, Isaiah DeLong, Jeremiah Rivera, Jonathan Ying, Kayla Vinzant, Lily Green, Logan Jacobson, Madison Bucknell, Maliyah Taylor, McKenna Tuttle, Melly Rubon, Mohammed Alzuabidi, Morgan Lewis, Nikita Alekseev, Olerius Haynes, Pauline Bob, Qand Al Karkhi, Salma Silva Mejia, Santana Ramirez, Seliani Clement, Serenity Martinez, Toniro Spotted Elk Simms, Victoire Cymana, Yegor Kuznetsov, Zhontay Davis. Other traits acknowledged: Alexis Zenishek (Engagement & Grit); McKenna Tuttle (Optimism); Jasmine Nordhagen (Self-Control)

In December, the following students were recognized for growth in the area of Curiosity: Charlotte Stack, Cyarra Johnson, Draven Carter, Emma Marsh, Eric Willis, Fatima Covarrubias, Garret Foster, Izzy Tarusova, Jose Contreras, Kayden Thomason, Kenneth Hansche, Luis Hernandez, Madina Akhmadjonov, Madison Briet, Maria Kravtsova, Rashid Al Karkhi, Ryan Gallup, Seliani Clement, Semi Mungualinipa, Tara Housam, Taylor Nayuda, Tetiana Iarysheva, Victorine Kasongo, Vincent Aparicio, Yomi Lawal, Zhontay Davis. Other traits recognized: Kaitlyn Dupey, Tommyhawk Bob (Gratitude), Deon Kinsey (Social Intelligence)

In January, the following students were recognized for growth in the area of Social Intelligence: Abigail Hilde, AJ Hemphill, Ally Lomae, Brayden Chase, Carly Aini, Deahna Fuller, Deontae Hammond, Ellabelle Taylor, Hailey Golson, Hamasa Sultan, Haylie Lawler, Henry Martin, Jazlynn Swanson, Kaasha Moses, Kayne Gregerson, Kiera Strong, Kiah Jones, Kiana Mowrey, Lainy Hansen, Mariam Aboud, Markus Russel, Mystyqa Wolvington, Nora Furlott, Payden Brown, Sebastian Newkirk, Sevinch Chilashvili Other traits recognized: Mystyqa Wolvington (Grit/Perseverance)



Book Fair, February 12th—14th

The book fair is coming to Shaw! You are invited to join in the book fair fun and experience the great new reads Scholastic is offering this year. The book fair will be available during conference week. After attending your student's conference, stop by the library and check out the book fair!

Here are some tips to consider before you visit:

- Take a look at our booklist flyer to see a sample of the great titles that will be available. Many parents find it helpful to make a wish list ahead of time. [Link to scholastic book flyer](#)
- Get a jump-start on shopping through our Online Book Fair*! Simply find our Fair to get started. [Link to book fair search.](#)
- Check in with students about what they found interesting during their class visit to the book fair during their English class.
- Download the Book Fairs app to get the latest reading level information, book trailers, podcasts, and more. It's the perfect shopping companion, and you can also use it to purchase books. [Link to the Book Fairs App page](#)



Shaw ASB News

The Shaw ASB has been busy the last few months. The highlight was the Glow-in-the-Dark Dance that took place right before Winter Break. Nearly 200 students came to dance the afternoon away under the glow of blacklights. It was a great time! Our ASB also organized a Spirit Week including Dress Like a Teacher Day, which saw many teachers dressing up



like students. There were a lot of laughs seeing the roles reversed!



Around Thanksgiving, they also asked each student to write what they were thankful for on a “turkey feather.” They then made a giant turkey that hung in the main entryway and put all the feathers up around it. (See photo) Finally, right after Winter Break, they helped organize the Staff vs. Student Volleyball Game. The staff showed no mercy as they beat down on the students 3 games to 0. This winter, the ASB is collaborating with the Northeast Community Center to help set up youth programming for the summer time. Stay tuned for more

Student volleyball players shaking hands with staff at the Staff v. Student Volleyball game

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 in the next quarter! We are proud of our Vikings who keep pursuing their goals. At Shaw, “Excellence is our standard. Achievement is our result.”



7th grade students who earned Bronze VIP:

Alem Coleman, Amiya Chapman, Andrea Clayton, Angelica Cue-Leon, Anna Belle Harbison, Anterius Washington, Avery Hudson, Bailey Dexter, Carson Krebs, Charlotte Stack, Chris Nathaniel, Cynthia Aguila, Dellana Hill, Diane Minezero, Dieu Veut Mukunzi, Dimitri Herrick, Emma Coleman, Emma Wilson, Fared Lawal, Gus Ballman, Hailey Ferguson, Hailey Musa, Hayley Williams, Henry Martin, Jack Curry, Jadyn Dugger, James Dehn, Jazlynn Swanson, Joanna Luna, Kayden Thomason, Kayla Tillett, Kayleb Storm, Kiara Flores, Leslie Larson, Lilyana Griffith, Liudmyla Kruhla, Madin Akhmadjonov, Madison Jay, Maggie Vega, Maria Kravtsova, Maurice Haynes, McKenna Tuttle, Miguel Pacheco-Torres, Mikaela Werner, Mohammed Sulieman, Nam Pham, Nevin Pentland, Nicole Martin, Paishance Mcwain, Pheonix Level, Rainier Baker Zaragoza, Riley Rice, Secret Hutchinson, Seth Quast, Shaelyn Vanwinkle, Shannon Daily, Taylor Nayudu, Tyler Draper, Vincent Aparicio, Waqas Mohammad, Wyatt Hart

8th grade students who earned Bronze VIP:

Ahmed Al Mafrachi, Alexander Hernandez, Alexis Zenishek, Anthony Nelson, Anthony Thompson, Araya Vue, Ashley White, Chabrina Bui, Darion Smith, Deahna Fuller, Draven Carter, Happy Sabiti, Jay’Len Sparks, JoeAnna Avila, Kari Page, Kenneth Hansche, Kirsten Westphal, Laney Hansen, Logan West, Luis Hernandez, Madisyn LaBrie, Mary Mai, Mia Roberts Phillips, Myra Warden, Nikita Alekseeve, Nora Furlott, Omar Khairi, Qand Al Karkhi, Quentin Williamson, Quentin Martin, Semi Mungualinipa, Sofia Borisova, Sofia Lopez, Susan Storlie, Victoria Dovhoruka, Zahara Said, Zebediah Lebret, ZhonTay Davis

Shaw Sports Calendar

Unless otherwise indicated, all sporting events begin at 4:15pm.

- 2/4—7th Basketball Boys @ Mntside; Girls @ Shaw
- 2/6—7th Bball—Boys @ Shaw; Girls @ Northwood
- 2/7—7th Bball—Boys @ Sac; Girls @ Shaw
- 2/11—7th Bball—Boys @ Garry; Girls @ Shaw
- **2/12—8th Grade Basketball Begins**
- 2/28—8th Bball—Boys @ Shaw; Girls @ Chase
- 3/5—8th Bball—Boys @ Garry; Girls @ Shaw
- 3/12—8th Bball—Boys @ Shaw; Girls @ Mountainside
- 3/14—8th Bball—Boys @ Glover; Girls @ Shaw
- 3/19—8th Bball—Boys @ Shaw; Girls @ Sac
- 3/21—8 Bball—Boys @ Shaw; Girls @ Northwood
- 3/26—8th Bball—Boys @ Chase; Girls @ Shaw
- 3/27—8th Bball—Boys @ Shaw; Girls @ Garry
- **4/8—Track & Baseball Begin**
- 4/25—Track Meet @ Ferris
- 4/25—Baseball—JV @ Shaw; V @ Shaw
- 4/29—Baseball—JV @ Shaw; V @ Sac



Student athletes recognized for the fall sports season. Kenneth Hansche, Ellabelle Taylor, Secret Hutchinson, Kamryn Anderson, Draven Carter, Anthony Nelson, and Seliani Clement pictured with Athletic Director, TC Imes.

Distinguished Employee

Our Shaw office manager, Melissa Perier, was awarded the Spokane Public Schools Classified Employee of the Year award for 2018-2019. Mrs. Perier was nominated for this recognition by her colleagues who noted Melissa's calm, professional, and caring demeanor as well as her organization skills. Melissa often goes above and beyond her job description to ensure that families, staff, and students are supported. Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Perier on a job well done!

Signing Up For Shaw Student-Led Conferences

- The person who will attend your student-led conference should go to the Shaw website ([Link to Shaw webpage](#)) and under Quick Links choose "NEW! Student Led Conference Sign Up."
- At the bottom of that page, select "Link to Student Led Conferences Sign Ups."
- Scroll down to find your student's Viking Seminar/Advisory Teacher and click the orange "View" button.
- Find an open time that fits your schedule and click the green "Sign Up" button.
- Please enter student name, family member name, and phone number and finalize by clicking "save and done."
- Now your student led conference is scheduled!
- If you don't have internet access, please call 509-354-5800 to schedule a student-led conference.
- [Click here for a direct link to the Student Led Conferences Sign Up Page](#)

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