



## March 2022 Newsletter

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Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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**SPRING BREAK**



Greetings from HHS!

Hopefully March will bring some more “Spring Time” weather for us as spring sports are in full swing and students get geared up for a strong finish. Our staff continues to prepare students for several upcoming assessments in the coming months. Those assessments include the ACT, SAT, and ISAT. We are continuing to utilize ISAT Interim Assessments to help students fill in the blanks or to help them build on prior knowledge in preparation for the ISAT state assessment. We are in our final two weeks of the 3rd quarter. Please check in with your student(s) and monitor their progress as we finish the 3rd quarter.

As we continue to work with PBIS in our school, we continue to focus on Respect, Responsibility, Safety, Positive Attitudes, and Grit. This month we will be focusing on Safety, both on a personal level as well as school wide. Our hope, as it has been each month, is to continue to build up our school culture as we work with students in character building and becoming well rounded productive citizens. The academic skills along with the life skills we address on a daily basis are what we feel will help our students in reaching their dreams. Thank you for your continued support of Homedale High School!

Sincerely,

*Mr. Matt Holtry*

**Student Support Day at HHS is Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>**

## Sources of Strength Hawaiian Days Highlights February 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>



Homedale High School Sources of Strength sponsored a Hawaiian Days theme week February 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday things kicked off with Tacky Tourist Day. S.O.S. Peer Leaders handed out Lei's and Laughy Taffy as students arrived through a snowstorm in the morning.

Wednesday students dressed up as Bikers or Surfers and enjoyed fun icy drinks, a photo booth and beach volley during lunchtime. Thursday was the grand finale with everyone dressing up Hawaiian style and trying out interesting tropical fruit flavors at lunch. During the SOS Hawaiian Days assembly special guests Raymond Smith and his niece performed traditional Polynesian Dances and inspired the crowd with words of encouragement about the importance of culture, tradition, and family. The students participated in friendly class competitions such as the "how low can you go" limbo, a hula hoop competition, tug of war and a boys' relay involving hula skirts and crazy sunglasses. The freshmen girls surprised the crowd by winning the tug of war and the juniors won the most points overall. It was a fun-filled week and a big shout out of thanks to everyone who helped make this fun-filled week possible!



## HHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>



Students who have met the GPA and character requirements for the National Honor Society, will be inducted during a ceremony on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. **The event location this year is in the HHS gym and will start at 7:00 p.m.** All inductees are required to pay a \$20 membership fee and must agree to complete 15 hours of community service during the school year. Refreshments available after the ceremony.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Ed Lee the NHS adviser.

[elee@homedaleschools.org](mailto:elee@homedaleschools.org)

## Student Support Day at HHS is Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>



The end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Students have an opportunity to come to school on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> to meet with their teachers to get assignments and missing work turned in. Please take a few moments to check your student's grades. If you need to unlock your Lumen account email [lumensupport@homedaleschools.org](mailto:lumensupport@homedaleschools.org)

To request a new Lumen account to access your student's grades, click the link below.

[Request Lumen Access Form](#)

## Attention College Bound Seniors & Parents!



If you need help completing FAFSA applications Hailie Martell from CWI will be available from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup> in the guidance counselor's office. If these dates & times do not work, you may make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Debbie Flaming by emailing [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org).

To complete the FAFSA you will need to bring your 2020, 1040 Federal Tax Returns and W2's.

**Visit Mrs. Flaming's FAFSA webpage with information about the FAFSA application process and the FSA ID.**

[HHS FAFSA Webpage](#)

[List of Information Needed for FAFSA \(English\)](#)

[List of Information Needed for FAFSA \(Spanish\)](#)



## FFA Week Spirit Days

February 28<sup>th</sup>- March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Homedale High School FFA Spirit Week kicks off Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> with Blue & Gold Day. All week long, a fund-raising effort involving students voting with their pocket change for the teacher they would like to see kiss the pig. The teacher with the most money collected at the end of the week will perform the humiliating deed during Thursday's assembly.



# KISS THE PIG

### MONDAY: Blue & Gold Day



### TUESDAY: PJ Day



### WEDNESDAY: Redneck Day



### THURSDAY: FFA Swag



## Next ACT Test Day at HHS Saturday is April 2<sup>nd</sup>

The next ACT test day at HHS is on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The registration deadline for the April 17<sup>th</sup> test was February 25<sup>th</sup>. Students have two opportunities to take the ACT using a fee waiver. One waiver is used spring of a student's junior year, the other waiver is used the fall of the student's senior year.



### ACT Test Day Protocols:

On ACT test day, the HHS library entrance is open for students at 7:30 a.m. Students should arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. for check in. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator, a photo ID. Students are encouraged to prepare for the ACT by visiting <http://march2success.com>. Idaho students have free access to the online ACT test prep course and may access that by logging into the ACT account they set up when they registered for the ACT. Another test prep option is to visit the new test prep site is for ACT and SAT called the Prep Factory. Students may access it by visiting [ACT & SAT Prep Factory](#)

## SAT test for Juniors is April 13<sup>th</sup>

The statewide SAT for juniors is **Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>** and will be proctored during the school day at HHS. Do you want to know more about college entrance exams, dates, deadlines for Homedale High School students? Visit the links below.

[HHS College Bound Test Information](#)

[HHS College Bound Test Prep Information](#)



## ISAT Testing this Spring

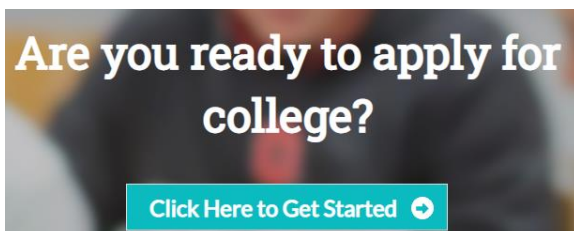


The 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be ISAT testing on April 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. They will take English and Math assessments. The 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the science test on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Make up days are scheduled for later in April and the first part of May.

If you have any questions about the ISAT tests, contact Mr. Holtry at [mholtry@homedaleschools.org](mailto:mholtry@homedaleschools.org).

[State Website ISAT Information](#)

## College Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines



[Next Steps Idaho Scholarship Search](#)



[Next Steps Idaho](#)



## College Reps & Military Visits to HHS

- Thursdays CWI & TriO
- Army National Guard Lunchtime Visits TBA

### Next Steps Idaho: Apply to 10 Idaho Schools with One Application!

#### Things you need:

1. Legal Name (Use your name as spelled on your social security card)
2. Your Date of Birth
3. Your EDUID # (Which can be requested from Mrs. Flaming at [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) )
4. A personal email account

The advantage of using the Apply Idaho site? **No College Application Fees!**

Next Steps Website: <https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/resources/apply-idaho/>

[College of Southern Idaho](#)  
[Northwest Nazarene College](#)  
[Idaho State University](#)  
[College of Western Idaho](#)  
[College of Idaho](#)  
[College of Eastern Idaho](#)

[BYU-Idaho](#)  
[University of Idaho](#)  
[Lewis & Clark State University](#)  
[Boise Bible College](#)  
[Boise State University](#)  
[North Idaho College](#)



#### Interested in an Out of State College?

Check to see if the out of state school of interest offers Idaho students in-state tuition by visiting the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education website at <http://wiche.edu/wue>.

#### Transcript Request Instructions:

After applying, seniors must request that their transcripts and test scores be sent to the colleges they have applied to. Seniors accomplish this by logging into Google Classroom, opening the Gear Up to Go On classroom and finding the Google document named 6th Semester Transcripts shared with them from Mrs. Flaming. They will enter their name, the date, and the schools they want the transcripts sent to. Mrs. Flaming will send out transcripts within a day or two of the request. For more college application help and support information, visit Mrs. Flaming's webpage at [HHS College Application Week Webpage](#)



#### Buck the Quo

Great website for exploring Idaho Schools, what degrees are offered & the cost/locations...Website: <https://futurehacker.buckthequo.com/>

Interested in the cost of Idaho colleges?

Click on [Idaho Colleges Cost Comparisons](#) to compare the cost of tuition, room and board for Idaho colleges.

## Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2022):

Seeking scholarships is a wise way for students to contribute to the financing of their post-secondary education, for college or a tech school. At Homedale High School we provide help and support for students interested in scholarships.

### **Homedale High School LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Homedale High School receives many generous scholarship donations from local businesses and individuals interested in giving Homedale High School students a financial boost. These local scholarships have eligibility requirements and an easy to fill out application process. You can find all the local scholarship information by clicking the HHS Scholarship link or by clicking the document links to the descriptions and application below.



### [HHS Scholarship Information](#)

[Local Scholarship Descriptions](#)

[Local Scholarship Application pdf](#)

## THE LIGHTFOOT FOUNDATION

### **The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Opens March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship assists students in the Treasure Valley who wish to go to college and further their education. **THEY ARE ONLY AWARDING THIS SCHOLARSHIP TO THE FIRST 500 APPLICANTS!**

**What are the Lightfoot Foundation's scholarship requirements?**

1. The Lightfoot Foundation requires students to have a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Students must be graduating from a high school from one of the approved 58 towns or cities listed on website. (Homedale is on the list).
3. A student's family's household gross income must not exceed over \$110,000 a year.
4. Students must plan on enrolling in 12 or more college credits each term/semester/quarter.
5. Students must submit a COMPLETE online scholarship on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

The Foundation funds are distributed at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The amount received by qualifying students may vary year by year.

**THE SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE OPENS ON 3/1/2022 AND CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT MST ON 4/15/2022**

Students should visit the Lightfoot Foundation webpage at the following link:

[\*\*Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Webpage\*\*](#)

### **MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>: The DEADLINE for APPLYING for the Idaho Opportunity & Governors Cup Scholarships**

The Opportunity Scholarship awards eligible applicants up to \$3,500 per year and is **renewable for up to four years**. The Governor's Cup Scholarship awards eligible applicants up to \$3000 per year and is **renewable for up to four years**. To be eligible students had to have their **FAFSA submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Both the Idaho Opportunity and Governors Cup Scholarships must be applied for each year. Students will be notified in April about scholarship offers for the 2022-23 school year.



## Meet the HHS Trio Rep Gloria Segura

Hello! I'm super excited to be serving Homedale High School. I have been with TRIO Educational Talent Search for seven years. I enjoy working with students explore the different opportunities available to them after high school. Helping my community has always driven me, primarily assisting the youth in overcoming barriers to continue their educational goals. I consider myself super lucky to be able to work with some fantastic students here in the community. I'm a first-generation student and TRIO alumni. I know first-hand how challenging and scary the college process can be. I graduated from Lewis-Clark State College. I'm currently working on my master's degree at Boise State University and graduating in May 2022. I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, and trying different types of foods in my spare time.

Gloria Segura

## Lifeways Counseling

Homedale High School offers professional counseling services through Lifeways. A Lifeways counselor visits the HHS campus to meet with students on Tuesdays.

Parents must apply for these services. To receive an information packet, email Mrs. Debbie Flaming at [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org)

[Lifeways Website](#)



## Meet the HHS Lifeways Counselor

Hello!! My name is Angela Saitta. I have been in the mental health field since 2010. I am a Licensed Masters Social Worker and received my degree from Northwest Nazarene University and have been working towards specialized certifications in trauma care. My career path has led me though being a Community Based Rehabilitation Specialist, Crisis Response and suicide prevention for Mental Health for the State of Idaho, Clinician working with an interdisciplinary team to help reintegrate individuals into the community after significant disruptions in their lives, and finally, currently doing outpatient mental health therapy with Lifeways. Through my experience I have found that I really enjoy working with the high school population. It is my sincere belief that every individual deserves to have a place to be authentic without fear of repercussion or judgment. I work with teens and adults to help them as they process through past traumas, navigate current challenges, identify and set healthy boundaries, and find new ways to better manage their mental health.

In my free time I like to garden, go to concerts, read, and spend time with my family including my spouse, three children, two cats, a dog, 6 ducks, 6 chickens, and 1 pig. If anyone would like to reach out for individual counseling services, you can contact me at [asaitta@lifeways.org](mailto:asaitta@lifeways.org) or Mrs. Debbie Flaming at [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) to complete the Lifeways intake packet and I look forward to meeting you! Angela Saitta





# Upcoming Events

## February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 3<sup>rd</sup> FFA Spirit Week

**March 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for Opportunity & Governors Cup Scholarship**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7:00 p.m.**

**HHS Student Support Day Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**SPRING BREAK March 18<sup>th</sup>-March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> ACT at HHS**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> ISAT's 10<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> SAT for Juniors**

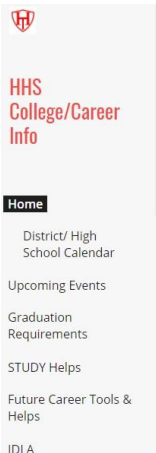
**April 26<sup>th</sup> ISAT's 11<sup>th</sup> Graders**



*Debbie Flaming*

Student Support Specialist  
College & Career Counselor  
College & Military Test  
Coordinator

[HHS College Career Website](#)



#### To Homedale High School students and parents:

I have been working on organizing the most important information you will need to be successful in navigating through high school and to help with preparing you for post-secondary opportunities. I welcome Homedale High School students and parents to browse through and visit this website often since it is a work in progress and there is always new information for you to view.

The purpose of this website is to help you find about all kinds of important information about what Homedale High School has to



If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Gear Up to Go On & Academic College & Career Counseling services at Homedale High School , please visit Mrs. Debbie Flaming's website at [HHS College Career Website](#) or e-mail [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.