



March 2020 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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Greetings from HHS!

March hopefully 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 during advisory, Khan academy and other review materials in our advisory periods as well as in our classrooms to help students fill in the blanks or to help them build on prior knowledge.

Our PBIS theme of the month for March is Respect as we encourage students to continue to grow in their character and in their relationships here at HHS. 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 through PBIS. 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

HHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is Tuesday March 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Attention College Bound Seniors & Parents! Help is available for finishing FAFSA applications. TriO rep Ivonne Martinez will be available to help seniors and parents get FAFSA applications completed every



Thursday...If you are unsure how to complete the FAFSA, bring 2018, 1040 Federal Tax Returns and W2's...and you will receive one on one help through the process.

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

[HHS FAFSA Webpage](#)

[HHS College Information pdf](#)

SAT (College Board) and Khan Academy have partnered!

All HHS sophomores and juniors have a "personalized" test prep program through Khan Academy! Your students PSAT/NMSQT scores were linked with Khan Academy's SAT test prep program. What this does it eliminates the need for your student to work on areas they are already strong in and helps your student focus on what they need to work on. If your student did not take the PSAT, no problem. There is a math and English diagnostic test for them to take. This is a great opportunity for HHS students to prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT. The average improvement in test scores for those students who spent time preparing for the SAT through Khan Academy was 115 points! Please encourage your student to spend time each week preparing. It is never too early to start! How do students access the test prep site? They type SATpractice.org in the address bar of their phone, Chromebook or computer browser and log in through their Google account and they are ready to go!



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[SAT /Khan Academy Test Prep Log In Page](#)



SAT Test Day: The statewide SAT for juniors is **Tuesday April 14th** 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](#)

ACT Test Day at HHS Saturday April 4th

Juniors & seniors, if you are registered to take the ACT April 4th, 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>. A new test prep site is for ACT and SAT is called Prep Factory and students may access it by visiting <https://www.prepfactory.com/u/z594A>



Sources of Strength Sponsored Spirit Week March 16th-19th:

Sources of Strength peer leaders are planning Spirit week with theme days, a lunchtime activity time, a staff basketball game, a bake sale and a high school visit from the 8th graders for an extra-curricular fair and tour. Sources of Strength will be promoting the eight strengths throughout the week and messages that encourage Hope, Help and Strength.

Sources of Strength

Spirit Week March 16th-19th

Sources of Strength Sponsored Dress Up Days



Monday March 16th Wear Your Shades

Healthy Activities

Lunchtime...Teachers Open Classrooms for Activity Time

Tuesday March 17th Hat Day

Trusted Adults (Mentors) Matter

Lunchtime: Basketball game HHS Staff vs students in the gym



Wednesday March 18th Crazy Socks

Spreading Messages of Hope Help & Strength
SOS Bake Sale in the Foyer by the Cafeteria

Thursday March 19th SPIRIT DAY

Generosity

8th Graders Visit HHS for Tours, Extra-Curricular Fair & High School Orientation Presentation



HIGHER ED DAYS for Junior's was Tuesday February 4th

Juniors participated in Higher Ed Days with a college fair Tuesday February 4th. College representatives from all public and private Idaho colleges and universities were represented.



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FAFSA Support Event was MONDAY February 24th

There was a FAFSA support event at HHS on Monday February 24th in the computer lab by the library during parent teacher conferences. Visit the link to view a pdf with a HHS College Information presentation:

[HHS College Information pdf](#)

[HHS College Bound Student Information Webpage](#)

[College Admission Timelines](#)



Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2020):

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. Click the following links for more information about scholarships available for HHS students: [HHS Scholarship Webpage Information](#).

We post all scholarships that come to us at [HHS Online Scholarship Posts](#). We update this information frequently as scholarship information comes in through email and fax. We also have a crate in the guidance counselor office of scholarship opportunities that are mailed to us. Students are encouraged to check this out.

HHS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

Each year local businesses and Homedale alumni generously offer Homedale High School seniors scholarships. These scholarships are competitive and require students to take the time to fill out a scholarship application or write an essay. It is important to read the descriptions and to apply for those scholarships that are applicable to the student applying. The deadline for the scholarships is **April 15th** and this date is firm! Seniors, please get your local scholarship application(s) handed in to Mrs. Flaming before the April deadline.

[HHS Local Scholarship Description](#)
[HHS Local Scholarship Application](#)

[Deward Bell Scholarship Application](#)
[Homedale Lions Club Scholarship Application](#)

MARCH 1st was the DEADLINE to APPLY for the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship:

Recognizing the need for a well-educated workforce, former governor Butch Otter and the Idaho Legislature established the Opportunity Scholarship, to remove barriers to higher education and prepare college/university graduates to enter the workforce. The Opportunity Scholarship awards eligible applicants up to \$3,500 per year and is renewable for up to four years.

The scholarship funds are available per school year; recipients must re-apply each year and are eligible to receive the scholarship for a maximum of four years.



THE LIGHTFOOT FOUNDATION

The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Opened March 1st, 2020

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 15th 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 3/1/2020 AND CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT MST ON 4/15/2020

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

[Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Webpage](#)

College Application Fee Waivers: Please visit the guidance counselor office for forms and help sending in fee waiver forms to college admission departments. The priority college application deadline for most schools was February 15th BUT, it is not too late to apply!

Help with College Applications Available: The state of Idaho has made applying to Idaho schools an easy process with seniors able to apply to all of the Idaho colleges through one application. Seniors can select the Idaho schools they are interested in or apply to or apply to all ten!

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)
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/>

Seniors will need their State EDUID number to apply through this site which can be requested from Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org.

College Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines

[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 for Senior's:

After applying, seniors must request that their transcripts and test score 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 **7th 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 Bound Student Information](#)

Dual Credit Classes & FAST Forward Funding:

Each Idaho student has a credit of \$4125.00 to apply towards their dual credit classes.

College of Western Idaho: Homedale High School Classes, Credits & Instructors

Mrs. Gosner ENG101 English Composition 3 Credits (Honors English 11)

Mr. Thatcher MATH170 Calculus 5 Credits (Calculus)

Mr. Lyons POLS 202 American State and Local Government 3 Credits (Government)

Mrs. Holton MATH 143 College Algebra 3 Credits/MATH 144 Trigonometry 2 Credits (Pre-Calculus)



Friday March 6th

Student Support Day & FAFSA Support 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

End of 3rd Quarter March 12th

SPRING BREAK March 20th–March 29th

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 or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.