



September 2019 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
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A Word from Principal Mr. Matt Holtry:

We are excited about the start to another great school year here at HHS! Thank you for entrusting our staff and administration with the education of your child. Together with the efforts of community, parents, family and staff alike we feel that we can provide a top notch education for each and every one of our students! This will be the second year in which we have been afforded a fantastic opportunity to work with PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) through a multimillion dollar grant that was received by Boise State University. In working with our PBIS trainers and as we implement PBIS in our schools district wide I would encourage everyone to ask about PBIS and to become more familiar with what PBIS is all about. We feel that in order to create a welcoming, inclusive culture of family. Our staff and student body will emphasize the characteristics of respect, responsibility, safety, and keeping a positive attitude. The "Homedale Way" will be our guiding slogan as we work to build on our existing Homedale traditions with a new commitment to emphasize our community's core values! With the help of PBIS we hope that this school year is representative of what our commitments are as a school and as a district! Let's make this the best year yet here at HHS!



Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Holtry

Schedule Changes are now closed for 1st Semester Classes

2019-20 Homedale High School Election Results

The campaigns for student leadership positions at Homedale High School kicked off the first week of school with an exciting "Get Involved" assembly. Mr. Holtry addressed the student body about the importance of getting involved in extra-curricular activities and leadership positions at Homedale High School. Students responded with enthusiasm! For leadership positions, candidates handed out flyers and campaign posters decorated every hall. The speeches were August 28th and voting was on August 29th. The sophomore president position had a tie between Marcus Simmons and Belisia Larzelier. Another vote will be cast by the sophomore class on Tuesday September 3rd to determine a winner.

Student Body Officer:

President- Juliette Larzelier
Vice Pres- Weston Dorsey
Secretary- Spencer Fisher
Treasurer- Daniel Uranga
Sgt. At Arms- Graciela Monreal
Historian- Nyelah Johnson

Seniors:

President- Lexi Franko
Vice Pres- Lily Galvan
Sec/Tres- Shanlee Swallow
Sgt. At Arms- Lizbed Albor

Juniors:

President- Brooklyn Pfof
Vice Pres- Keagan Christensen
Sec/Tres- Emma Thornton
Sgt. At Arms- Ainslee Evans

Sophomores:

President- Marcus Simmons or Belisia Larzelier
Vice Pres- Elizabeth Hergesheimer
Sec/Tres- Tea Uranga
Sgt. At Arms- Amber McBride

Freshman:

President- Rylan Love
Vice Pres- Jaxon Dines
Sec/Tres- Katie Christoffersen
Sgt. At Arms: Kolby Fisher

Grade Checks Start Tuesday September 3rd

MAP Testing for Freshmen & Sophomores: Fall Test Dates September 3rd-5th

Homedale High School will be MAP testing all freshmen, sophomores and juniors three times during the school year to assess their skills in math, English and reading. The data from this test will help Homedale High School administration and teachers determine where students are strong and what they need to work on to improve academically and what instructional changes need to be made to make this possible. This is not a federal or state mandated test but simply a skills assessment that the Homedale School District has put into place this year to help both students and teachers improve. If you have any questions contact Matt Holtry at mholtry@homedaleschools.org

College Rep Visits to HHS

Thursday September 5th College of Western Idaho at 9:00 a.m. College of Idaho at 2:00 p.m.
Monday September 16th Treasure Valley Community College (CAMP) at 10:30 a.m.

Tutoring Practicum Classes Expand Outreach to the Middle School: Due to the success of the Tutoring Practicum program at the elementary school, Homedale High School now offers students the opportunity to tutor students both at the elementary school and the middle school. Mr. Dion Flaming is the coordinator for the new program and is very impressed with its growth and the enthusiasm of the students. Twenty-three high school students are participating in the program this fall.



Sources of Strength Nominations September 3rd-17th

Homedale High School will be participating in the sixth annual Sources of Strength Suicide prevention program during the 2019-20 school year. Mrs. Debbie Flaming is a state certified trainer for Sources of Strength the S.P.A.N. Idaho (Suicide Prevention Action Network) and will be conducting a training at the high school October 2nd. The goal of the training is to encourage students and staff to be involved in campaigns to spread messages of HOPE, HELP and STRENGTH. Club advisors, coaches and teachers leading extra-curricular programs will nominate students to serve as Sources of Strength Senators to represent their group. S.O.S. Senators will be responsible to report back to their particular group about upcoming campaigns and other themes and activities planned during peer leadership meetings. The newly elected student body and class officers will also participate in Sources of Strength leadership program this year. The first planned S.O.S. event will be a half day "Booster" training on Wednesday October 2nd. The event is hosted at Homedale High School and students will be excused from periods 5th-7th to participate in the training. A tentative field trip is planned for Wednesday September 25th to the Risky Behaviors Symposium at Cossa for the day.



National Merit Scholarship Qualifier Test for Juniors Registration Deadline Thursday September 26th. Cost \$15. Only 25 seats available. The test date is October 16th.

College Fair for ALL HHS Students & Parents is MONDAY September 30th 6:00-8:00 p.m.



On Monday September 30th all Homedale High School students and parents are invited to a college fair from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This event will be in the high school library. This event will showcase Homedale High School's academic programs and will feature a college fair to learn about post-secondary opportunities. Information about IDLA, AVID, dual credits, and so much more will be available for parents and students.

Homedale High School 2019-20 Dual Credit Information & Course Offerings

Starting the 2016-17 school year, each Idaho student was given a credit of **\$4125.00** to apply towards their dual credit and advanced opportunity classes. This is done through the Fast Forward website and Mrs. Flaming will help students with applying for this state aid.

[ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE](#)

[Fast Forward Information](#)

Next Steps Idaho: Next Steps Idaho is a very helpful website with information for students and parents about going on to college. It has checklist for 8th-12th grade outlining what preparations and planning is necessary as graduation nears. It has links to scholarships, and important financial information. [Next Steps Idaho](#)



ACT Test & Test Prep Workshops for Senior's

September 14th is the registration deadline for the **October 26th ACT**. Seniors will be registering for the test during Government, Senior Leadership and Economics classes. Fee Waivers are available for the cost of the test. The test will be proctored at Homedale High School. Arrival time: is between 7:30 & 7:45 a.m. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator, a photo ID. ACT test prep has been planned during advisory classes. Student may begin preparing for the ACT by logging into their march 2 success account at <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. [ACT Registration Log In](#)

AVID at HHS: For the 2019-20 school year, Homedale High School will have three AVID classes. One class for freshmen, sophomores and on combined class of juniors and seniors. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, and it is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary opportunities. Established more than 35 years ago with one teacher in one classroom, AVID today impacts nearly 1.5 million students in 46 states and 16 other countries/territories. [View the AVID Snapshot](#).

Coming in October



Friday, October 4th Student Support Day

Thursday, October 10th, End of 1st Quarter



HOMECOMING WEEK AT HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL October 7th-12th

Homecoming Week will start October 7th. Theme days will be announced on District Calendar following the meetings. The Homecoming football game Friday October 11th is against Parma with kick off at 7:00 p.m. & the Homecoming Court will be announced before the game so come early. The Homecoming Dance is on Saturday the 12th.

Monday October 14th -Thursday October 17th College Application Week

Wednesday, October 16th PSAT test for all sophomores is on Wednesday October 16th. The following link will provide information about the test. <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> The test will start at 8:00 a.m. This test is a statewide and national test for all sophomores. Juniors competing for national merit scholarship will be taking the same test that morning as well. The following is a link about the NMSQT <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>. There are 25 seats available for juniors and they must pay a \$15 fee to take the test. (Make checks payable to Homedale High School). Forms and payments are due by Thursday September 26th. Students will check into first period for attendance then we will do an all-call. The test will be periods 1-3.

Monday October 28th-Thursday October 31st Red Ribbon Week

Saturday, October 26th ACT Test at HHS

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.