



September/October 2022 Newsletter

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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! The first weeks of school are always exciting as we get to see the faces of our students and they get to reunite with their classmates. Thank you for entrusting our staff and administration with the education of your child this school year. Together with the efforts of community, parents, family, and staff alike we feel that we can provide a topnotch education for each and every one of our students! This will be our fifth 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 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! I strongly encourage all parents to be sure and engage in your students learning here at HHS. Please make sure you have access to grades through Lumen and access to our communication tool Remind. We look forward to our work together in making your child's learning experience the best possible. Let's make this the best year yet here at HHS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Holtry



Homecoming Week

September 26 – October 1



Dress up Days:

Monday: Senior Citizen Day
Tuesday: Country vs. Country Club
Wed: Adam Sandler Day
Thursday: Spirit Day Red/White

After School Activities:

Monday: Girls Dodgeball Gym @ 6:30
Tuesday: VB & Soccer Home Games
Wed: PowderPuff @ 6:30 Snake Dance after game
Thursday: Homecoming Parade

Homecoming Football Game Against Payette Friday, September 30 @ 7pm
***Homecoming Court will be announced before the game, so come early**
Homecoming Dance Saturday October 1 – 8pm-11pm Theme: 70s Disco

2022-2023 Homedale High School Election Results

The campaigns for student leadership positions at Homedale High School kicked off the second week of school.



Associated Student Body Officers:

President - Maite Frank
Vice Pres - Sydney Davis
Secretary- Rylan Love
Treasurer - Corey Romriell
Sgt. At Arms - Lizzy Egusquiza
Historian - Ryland Binford

CLASS OF 2023

Senior Class Officers:

President- Anna Pawlak
Vice Pres- Kambell Garrett
Sec/Tres- Jacy Parker
Sgt. At Arms- Olivia Smith

CLASS of 2024

Junior Class Officers:

President- Kinlee Garrett
Vice Pres- Isana Larzilier
Sec/Tres- Brodie White
Sgt. At Arms- Kinsey Blankenship

CLASS OF 2025

Sophomore Class Officers:

President-Kennedy Kildow
Vice Pres- Ellie Miller
Sec/Tres- Gwen Parker
Sgt. At Arms- Melissa Gonzales

CLASS of 2026

Freshman Class Officers

President- Quade Christensen
Vice Pres- Scottie Beaver
Sec/Tres-Brenden Durrant
Sgt. At Arms: Hailey Jakovac



**Homedale High School is proud of all students who campaigned for an
ASB or class officer position!**



**Grade Checks Started Tuesday September 6th
and will continue every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of
each month.**

Students & Parents visit the Next Steps Idaho Website



What you will find on the Next Steps Website:

- Checklists for Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
- Idaho Scholarship & National Scholarship searches
- Apply Idaho college application information
- Idaho Colleges & University Information
- Directory of Workforce Training Centers

Check Next Steps out at:
www.nextsteps.idaho.gov

HEY,

Seniors!

Direct Admission Letter News

Each fall, Idaho high school seniors are notified by a letter letting them know which Idaho public colleges and universities they are pre-qualified to attend in the Fall of 2023. Seniors are encouraged to research the academic and professional-technical programs offered throughout the state's community colleges and four-year institutions.

Interested students **MUST** complete an admission application to the institution of their choice by June 30. Applications are free when students use [Apply Idaho](#). Through the Apply Idaho website, seniors are able to fill out one application and send it to as many as 10 Idaho school at the same time saving both time and money.

Mrs. Dorsey will be helping seniors set up their Apply Idaho accounts, in October, during College Application Month at HHS and will walk them through the college application process.



State & National Testing Opportunities for HHS Students

ACT & SAT Information

The SAT and ACT are college entrance tests for students planning to enter 4-year colleges and universities. Most colleges will accept either exam but check the college admissions requirement to verify. These tests should be taken spring of the junior year and fall of the senior year. Registration materials, test dates, locations, test strategies and practice tests are available through the [HHS College & Career Website](#) and the [College Bound Test Information](#) webpage

Differences between the SAT and ACT:

The **SAT** is an aptitude test and is composed of ten-sections: three Critical Reading, three Math, three Writing, and one Experimental. The test is scored as 200-800 for each subject with 2400 being the highest possible score. The test is 3 hours and 45 minutes long.

The **ACT** is curriculum based and is composed of four sections: English, Math, Reading and Science. The essay component is optional. The test is scored as 1-36 with 36 being the highest possible score. The test is approximately 3 hours long (add a half-hour if taking the optional essay component).

PSAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifier Test NMSQT for High Achieving JUNIORS Fall 2022



PSAT/NMSQT Test, Wednesday, October 12th

Juniors will be given the opportunity to take the PSATNMSQT Wednesday, October 12 during school hours periods 1-4. This test is for high achieving juniors or those juniors who are interested in extra test prep practice for the SAT. All Idaho juniors are required to take the SAT in the spring of 2023. Juniors who take the NMSQT test will have their score entered into a national scholarship competition called the "National Merit Scholarship Qualifier". The following may happen for junior NMSQT test takers:

1. **Nothing.** Juniors did not score high enough to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship, but it was good practice for the spring SAT.
2. **They Become a Commended Student.** In this situation the student is not in the running for the National Merit Scholarship, but since they impressed the selection committee with their score and academic record, they may still qualify for other scholarships sponsored by businesses and corporations.
3. **They qualify as an NMS Semi-finalist.** They made the cut...only 16,000 out of the 1.5 million who take the test actually make it this far. The semi-finalists will then be whittled down to 15,000 finalists. From there, 1,500 finalists will receive special scholarships from corporate sponsors, and 8,200 will receive the oh-so-coveted National Merit Scholarship.

ACT for SENIORS Fall 2022



Fall ACT Test Saturday, October 22

Seniors who want to take the Fall ACT test have already registered for the Saturday, **October 22nd** test. Fee Waivers were available to cover the cost of the test. **The Fall ACT test will be taken at CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL on October 22nd.** Students need report to the testing location by 7:45 a.m. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator ([Approved Calculator List](#)), a photo ID. (a driver's license or official DMV photo ID is mandatory) and students must have their ACT test admission ticket.

Students were given a free online test prep program called Kaplan when they registered to take the ACT. Students access this free test prep tool by logging into their ACT account at [ACT Log In](#). (It is recommended that students log in using their Google account). Another excellent free test prep site is called March to Success and can be found at <http://march2success.com>

PSAT for SOPHOMORES Fall 2022



PSAT Test Wednesday, October 13

Sophomores across the state of Idaho are required to take the PSAT in October and Homedale High School will proctor the test on Wednesday, October 12 during periods 1-4. All testing materials will be provided. Test prep for the PSAT can be accessed through <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/preparing/studying-practicing> . For more information contact Mrs. Dorsey at kdorsey@homedaleschools.org.



Coming in October

- Friday October 7 - Student Support Day at HHS
- Monday, October 10 -Thursday, October 20 College Application Weeks at HHS
- Wednesday, October 12 - NMSQT/PSAT for HHS Juniors Periods 1-4
- Wednesday, October 12 - PSAT for HHS Sophomores Periods 1-4
- Thursday, October 13 - End of 1st Quarter & Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:15-8:15 p.m.
- Thursday, October 20 – FAFSA Night @ HHS 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- Friday, October 21 – HHS College Fair on the TURF 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (see flyer)
- Saturday, October 22 ACT Test at Caldwell High School

Kristie Dorsey

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

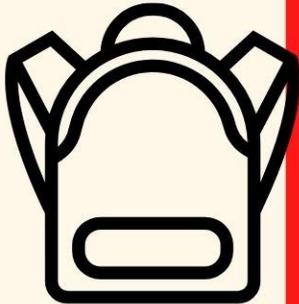
If you have any questions or would like to know more about HHS events, Academic College & Career Counseling send me an e-mail at kdorsey@homedaleschools.org or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613.



HHS FAFSA NIGHT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

6-8 PM HHS LIBRARY



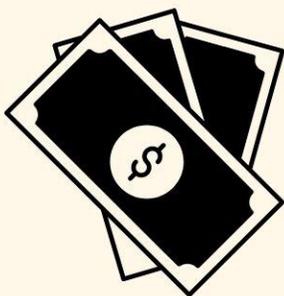
What is Financial Aid?
Grants, Scholarships, Loans, and Work Study Funds provided to help students & families pay for college.

How do you Receive it?
Complete the FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid). Application opens on Oct 1, every year.



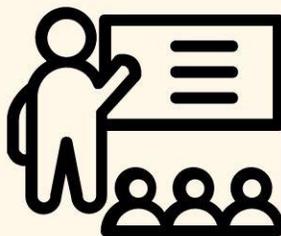
What to Bring:

- Student & Parent Social Security Numbers (if applicable)
- Student & parent 2021 federal income tax returns (if applicable)
- An email account
- Bank statements and records of investments or records of untaxed income (if applicable)



TRIO & College of Western Idaho reps will be there to help with the application process and to answer any questions.

Dinner for all students & families who come to complete their FAFSA



Contact Kristie Dorsey at HHS if you have questions, kdorsey@homedaleschools.org or (208)337-4613.

Friday
October 21
6:00-9:00 PM
Deward Bell
Football Stadium

Who will be there?

Idaho State Univ
College of Western Idaho
Treasure Valley
Community College
TRIO
College of Southern Idaho
University of Idaho
Lewis-Clark State
College
Boise State University
Northwest Nazarene
University
and many more!

Homedale High School College Fair On the Turf

**HHS Trojans vs. McCall-
Donnelly Vandals**
Senior Night Football Game



This event is for all HHS students, parents & community members. What an awesome opportunity to meet, talk with & ask questions about college or vocational training options, degree programs, & financial aid with college reps. All HHS students will be able to attend the football game for FREE. HHS students will be given a College Fair Passport at the entrance gates. Passports will be stamped by each college rep that students talk to. Students turn in your passports to the concession stand where they will receive a free hamburger or hot dog and drink (this is only for HHS students).



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