



February 2021 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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Greetings from HHS!

This semester we as a staff have committed to doing everything we can to help our students do great things academically, socially and on their spring assessments. Those assessments include the ACT, SAT, and ISAT. The information gathered from these assessments helps guide our instruction and set our lessons to best meet the needs of our students.



This semester we are utilizing the ISAT interim block assessments as a way to help our students better prepare for the upcoming Spring ISAT testing for Sophomores and Juniors in April. We will also continue to prepare students for their ACT and SAT assessments they may take this spring as well.

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 Responsibility, 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

Next ACT Test Day at HHS Saturday is February 6th!

The ACT test is on Saturdays at Homedale High School on the following dates: **February 6th and April 17th**. Juniors were registered for the test date of their choice during US History classes. The registration deadline for the April 17th test is March 12th. 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. 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>

SAT test for Juniors: The statewide SAT for juniors is **Tuesday April 13th** 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](#)



ASVAB: HHS hosted the ASVAB test on January 21st. The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is one of the most widely used, multiple-aptitude tests in the world, developed and maintained by the Department of Defense. More than half of all high schools nationwide administer the ASVAB test to students in grades 10, 11 and 12 (sophomores cannot use their scores for enlistment eligibility).

ASVAB Test Score Interpret and Career Exploration session will be Wednesday February 10th during 5th period in the cafeteria. For more information about the ASVAB visit [HHS ASVAB Test Information](#)

National Honor Society

Mr. Ed Lee is the advisor for the Homedale High School National Honor Society. Invitations and applications have been sent out to juniors and seniors who qualify to participate with grade point averages of 3.3 and above. The Induction Ceremony is being planned for March. The exact date and time will be announced as well as the names of the inductees in the next few weeks.



Career Exploration Day at HHS

Thursday February 11th



Gear Up is sponsoring a virtual career exploration day at HHS on Thursday February 11th. The entire student body will take a career interest inventory before career exploration event day. Students will have the opportunity to find out what it takes to pursue the careers they are interested in at the virtual career fair on Thursday during their classes. The virtual environment for exploration is very engaging and students are given incentives along the way as they explore different ideas for careers. From the graphic above, you can see that a lot of thought and planning has gone into the website hosting the event. Idaho Gear Up and Junior Achievement have partnered to organize the event. There will be live workshops and the opportunity to do mock job interviews, write resumes and so much more. If you would like more information about the virtual career exploration day, visit the link below:

[Think Career Event Link](#)

Participating Companies

Check out some of the amazing companies and partner organizations that will be participating in THINK Careers!

Alliance Title	FBI	Lewis-Clark State College
American Institute of Architects - Idaho	Google	Keller Williams Realty Boise, Bleymaier Group
Andrakay Pluid - Attorney	Horizon Credit Union	Lumen
Austin Kade Academy	Idaho Army National Guard	Meridian Library District
American Institute of Architects - Idaho	Idaho Association of General Contractors	Micron
Bank of Idaho	Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine	Next Steps Idaho
Chobani	Idaho Fish and Game	North Idaho College
Citizens Scientific Workshop	Idaho Manufacturing Alliance	Pioneer Federal Credit Union
City of Boise Fire and Police	Idaho Power	Simplot
Citizens Community Bank	Citizens Community Bank	Student Apprenticeship Program
Clif Bar	Idaho Society of CPAs	Tesla
Cowgirls Catering	Idaho State University	The Salon Professional Academy
Deloitte	INL	Idaho Youth Apprenticeship Program
ESI Constructions	International Bro. Electricians	Zoo Idaho



College Application week was in October BUT IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY TO COLLEGES! College Application Week at Homedale High School and throughout the state of Idaho was in October. Mrs. Flaming visited the Senior Leadership and Economics classes to help seniors apply to colleges. Now the goal is to help all HHS College Bound Seniors have at least one college application completed and submitted before the end of the semester. 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! Seniors will need their State EDUID number to apply through this site which can be requested from Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org.

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

College Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines

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/>

[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](#)

Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2021):

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.

[HHS Scholarship Information](#)



Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2021):

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.



To qualify for the scholarship, a student must meet *all* of the following criteria:

- Have an unweighted, cumulative GPA of 2.7 or above
- Be an Idaho resident
- Be a graduate from an **Idaho high school** or its equivalent (GED/HSE from Idaho)
- Complete the State Board of Education scholarship application by March 1
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) by March 1
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes.

Seniors, click the link below to apply for the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship:

[Idaho Opportunity Scholarship Application](#)

Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship

2020-21 application reopened 11/1/2020. Career/Technical Deadline 2020-21 application opened 11/1/20

- Merit-based award
- Requires community service
- For graduating seniors of an Idaho high school
- Requires a 2.8 GPA

Depending on funding, the Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship provides approximately 25 awards to Idaho high school seniors planning to attend an Idaho college or university. Funds are awarded to students pursuing academic or career technical education. **This is a \$3,000 award, renewable up to four years for academic programs and up to three years for career technical programs.**

Eligibility for the Governor's Cup Scholarship:

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must meet *all* of the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Idaho
- Be a graduating senior of an Idaho high school
- Enroll as a full-time student in an academic or technical program at an Idaho college or university, taking the ACT or SAT if enrolling in an academic program
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or above
- Attend the first semester of college following graduation
- Write a 500-word personal essay about your goals and interests

Documentation of volunteer work, leadership, and public service is required

Seniors, click the link below to apply for the Idaho Governors Cup Scholarship:

[Idaho Governors Cup Scholarship Application](#)

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 New 1st 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](#)

FAFSA HELP: Mrs. Flaming is available to help seniors and their parents with their FAFSA applications. Parents may email dflaming@homedaleschools.org to set up an appointment. Parents will need to bring their 2019 1040 Federal Tax returns. Priority deadline for FAFSA is February 15th-March 1st.

[HHS FAFSA Information](#)



The FSA ID: One parent and the student will need to set up a FSA ID. The FSA ID confirms your identity and is used to sign into the FAFSA application and to provide electronic signatures for the FAFSA when it is submitted. Some important things for you and your student to know or have available to set up the FSA ID is the following: both of you will need your own e-mail account, your social security numbers and the accurate spelling of your names matching what is printed on your social security card. It is important to write down the email used and password and the answers to your security questions.

[FSA ID Log In](#)

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



Buck the Quo: Is a 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

Upcoming Events

February 25th CWI Placement Testing for Seniors



Debbie Flaming

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

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.

HHS College/Career Info

- Home
- District/ High School Calendar
- Upcoming Events
- Graduation Requirements
- STUDY Helps
- Future Career Tools & Helps
- IDLA

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Navigate through High School to Prepare for post-Secondary Opportunities!

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