



March/April 2017 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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**SOURCES
OF STRENGTH**

Tuesday March 7th: Lewis & Clark State College CAMP director will visit Homedale High School 11:20 a.m. –noon in Room 309. A LCSC CAMP scholarship for \$3000-\$5000 is available to HHS migrant students who qualify.

March 8th-10th & the 16th: Sources of Strength Adviser/ Peer Leaders meetings during advisory to plan the Sources of Strength Spirit Week activities for March 20th-23rd.

Thursday March 9th: The ASVAB test results from the February 22nd test day will be given to students on Thursday March 9th at 1:30 p.m. with a career survey following. 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). For more information about the ASVAB visit http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_asvab.html

Monday March 13th: On March 13th, Mrs. Isla's dual credit anatomy and physiology class will go on a field trip to Northwest Nazarene University. They will listen to a biology class lecture, tour the campus and view a cadaver. This trip is sponsored by Gear Up.

Wednesday March 22nd: The 8th graders will be bussed to the high school to tour the high school, participate in an extra-curricular fair and begin work on their four year plans. The 8th graders will arrive at 10:00 a.m. and will be matched up with Sources of Strength tour guides. The four year plans will be completed by the 8th graders in May. These plans will be available for students at registration in the fall.

Visit the following links to learn about HHS graduation requirements and course descriptions.

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_graduation_requirements.html

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/freshmen_electives_2016-17.pdf

Sources of Strength Spirit Week March 20th-23rd

Monday: Denim Day
“Positive Peer Relationships”



Tuesday: Dress Alike Day
“Positive Peer Influence”



Wednesday: Red & White
“Get Involved...Show School Spirit”



Thursday: Duct Tape
“Stick Together”



Monday: Denim Day (School-wide Assembly during Advisory)

Tuesday: Dress Alike Day

Wednesday: Spirit Day (Wear Red and White)

10:00-noon 8th graders come to the high school for an extra-curricular fair (Old Gym), tours and to start their 4 Year Plans (Cafeteria).

Thursday: Duct Tape Day

9th & 10th Graders will go on a field trip to COSSA for a Showcase & Career Event 1:00-2:45 p.m.

Field Trip for Freshmen & Sophomores to COSSA: On **Thursday March 23rd** HHS 9th & 10th graders will be going on a field trip to COSSA for a tech program showcase and career fair. COSSA programs include Auto or Diesel Technology, Welding, Engineering Design, Building Construction, Culinary Arts, Health Professions such as Nursing (CNA or EMT certifications). HHS students are eligible to start these programs their sophomore year. These classes require three periods a day and include a technical math credit. Visit the following link to review the COSSA course catalog with detailed descriptions: [COSSA Course Descriptions](#)

ACT & SAT Tests & Test Prep Workshops for Juniors

All HHS juniors have been registered for the **April 8th or June 10th ACT test**. The ACT/SAT test prep workshops are scheduled during English Classes 1st, 3rd 6th & 7th periods on Tuesday April 4th & during advisory periods on April 5th & 6th. Student may begin preparing on their own for the ACT/SAT 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.



Saturday April 8th ACT Test: The ACT is on a Saturday April 8th and Saturday June 10th and will be proctored at HHS. Students need to use the library entrance. On test day, the arrival time is 7:45 a.m. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator, a photo ID.



Tuesday April 11th SAT Test: The statewide SAT for juniors is and will be proctored during the school day at HHS. Juniors will be registering for the test on Tuesday March 14th & 21st during their English classes. Lunch will be provided for juniors following the test.

Do you want to know more about college entrance exams, dates, deadlines for Homedale High School students?...visit the link below.

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_college_bound_tests.html

College Bound Senior Support & Resources:

HHS Transcripts: It is time for seniors to request 7th semester transcripts and test scores be sent to colleges and universities. All seniors will receive a link to the request form through their school g-mail account the week of January 30th.

Scholarships: Applications for Local Scholarships are now available. Copies of applications for scholarships can be made in the guidance counselor's office or printed from the HHS scholarship website. Please visit the HHS scholarship information webpage for scholarship resources, links and deadlines at http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_scholarships.html

All online scholarships can be accessed by clicking on the following link.

<https://sites.google.com/a/homedaleschools.org/homedale-high-school-1/student-resources/scholarships>



College Application Fee Waivers: Please visit the guidance counselor office for forms and help sending in fee waiver forms to college admission departments.

FAFSA Support at Homedale High School:

FAFSA support for college bound seniors & parents' is available by appointment with Mrs. Flaming or Mrs. Brumfield. Seniors and parents may drop in anytime on Tuesdays between **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to meet with Petya from TriO to receive one on one help with the FSA ID and with the FAFSA application process.

This is a link to a pdf with a list of things you will need in order to fill out the FAFSA application.

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/items_needed_for_fafsa_application_process.pdf

The FAFSA process has been simplified since the tax information is based on the 2015 tax returns.

This is a link to a worksheet which shows you the exact questions asked on the online FAFSA application.

<http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/2016-17-fafsa-worksheet.pdf>

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. This is a link to a video that explains how to set up a FSA ID. It is important to write down the email used and password and the answers to your security questions.

This is a worksheet to print out and retain for your records to keep track of your FSA ID information since you and your student will be using this year to year.

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/fsa_id_worksheet.pdf

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

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_fafsa_scholarship.html

Dual Credit Classes & FAST Forward Funding:

For the 2016-17 school year, each Idaho student has a credit of **\$4125.00** to apply towards their dual credit classes.

(The yearlong classes offered by CWI have a spring registration). DEADLINE was February 17th

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. Lee ENG 101 English Composition 3 Credits (Honors English 12)

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

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



If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Student Support Specialist services and Gear Up, please visit Mrs. Debbie Flaming's website at <http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/index.html> or e-mail dflaming@homedaleschools.org or Janee Brumfield at jbrumfield@homedaleschools.org Homedale High School (208) 337-4613.

Upcoming TRIO ETS Trips (Students must be in TRIO to participate in the following activities)

March 23-25 - Idaho TRIO Student Leadership Conference at ISU

Monday March 27-29- North Idaho College Tour 9-11graders – (UI, LCSC, WSU, Gonzaga, Spokane Community College)

Saturday, April 1- ETS /UB UI BOUND Accepted Seniors (Hotel reserved)

Saturday, April 1- SAT Test Prep/ Spring College Fair @ Boise State

Wednesday April 5 - Thursday, April 6 ISU Early Registration Event – accepted Seniors and interested Juniors

Saturday, April 8- Bronco Day /Spring Game 10-8pm – Open to all grades

Permission slips have been mailed for some of these events, please see Petya on Tuesdays for more information or email her at petyastoyanova@boisestate.edu