

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Matt Holtry, Principal
CC: R. Sauer, Superintendent
Date: 10/6/2026
Re: High School Principal Report October 2026

Greetings from HHS!

As we move into the month of October, I want to take a moment to share some of the exciting things happening at Homedale High School and, more importantly, recognize the people who continue to make our school such a special place.

September was a great example of the kind of culture we are working to build at HHS. We continue to place a tremendous emphasis on relationships, connection, student leadership and creating an environment where students feel that they belong. One of the highlights of September was our work surrounding Suicide Prevention Month. Our students and staff participated in activities designed to remind one another of the importance of connection, checking in on others and making sure students know there are people around them who care. While September gives us an opportunity to bring additional attention to suicide prevention and mental health, these are conversations and responsibilities that we carry with us throughout the entire school year. As part of that effort, we also participated in our #HomedaleBOLD Chalk the Walk activities September 14–17. Students used sidewalk chalk throughout campus to leave positive messages, encouragement and reminders for their peers. It was a simple activity, but it represented something much bigger. We want our students to take ownership of the culture of their school and understand that the environment we create at Homedale High School is something we all contribute to. Our goal is for students to feel known, connected, valued and supported when they walk through our doors each day.



I also want to take a moment to recognize one of our outstanding educators, Mrs. Jamie Brunmeier, who was recently honored as the State of Idaho Forensics Teacher of the Year. This is a tremendous professional accomplishment and is a reflection of Jamie's dedication to her students, her profession and Homedale High School. We are fortunate to have educators who bring this level of passion, expertise and commitment to their classrooms and extracurricular programs. I am extremely proud of Jamie and grateful for everything she does for our students. Congratulations, Jamie, on this well-deserved recognition!



October brings several exciting opportunities for our students and school community. We kicked off the month with Homecoming Week, October 5–10. Homecoming is always one of the most exciting times of the school year and provides our students with an opportunity to celebrate school spirit, tradition and the relationships that make Homedale such a special place. I appreciate the tremendous work of our ASB students, advisors, teachers, coaches and staff who work behind the scenes to make Homecoming Week memorable for our students. These traditions matter, and they help connect our current students to the generations of Trojans who came before them.

Later this month, our FFA students will have another tremendous opportunity as they travel to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention, October 21–24. The National FFA Convention provides students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, explore careers, compete, build relationships and experience opportunities well beyond what we can provide within the walls of our school. I am proud that Homedale students will be represented on a national stage, and I appreciate the dedication of our FFA staff who continue to provide these experiences for our students.

As I look across our building, I continue to be encouraged by the positive momentum at Homedale High School. We have a lot of work happening in academics, student leadership, PBIS, Sources of Strength, college and career readiness, CTE, intervention and our PLC work. While these programs may appear to be separate initiatives, our goal is for them all to work together toward the same outcome: helping every student find success and preparing them for whatever comes next.

I am especially proud of the way our staff continues to show up for students. Our teachers, counselors, coaches, advisors and support staff continue to build relationships and find ways to connect students to school. That is ultimately what makes the difference. Programs and initiatives are important, but it is the people who make Homedale High School what it is.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff and for allowing us the opportunity to continue building something special at Homedale High School. I am grateful to be part of this school and community, and I am excited about what the remainder of this school year will bring.

Go Trojans!

Matt Holtry

Enrollment- 10-5-26

Freshman- 96

Sophomores- 81

Juniors- 99

Seniors- 93

Total - 369

Attendance Percentage on 10-5-26

Freshman- 92.75%

Sophomores- 94.96%

Juniors- 93.24%

Seniors- 86.43%

Past Events

September 3rd- HHS book Club First Meeting 9/3 at lunch in Room 309

September 7th- No School- Labor Day

September 8th- BroncoBold Meeting 2:45 am

September 9th- TVD Dairy Cattle Evaluation

September 11th- Staff Inservice Day/Grand Canyon Visit and Lunch w/Staff

September 12th- FTC Season Kickoff event Cole Valley High School

September 14th- FFA Welcome Back BBQ

September 16th- Picture Makeup Day

September 22nd- TVD Leadership Workshop

September 30th- District Soils and Land Evaluation

Upcoming Events

October 6th- BPA Lunch Meeting in Mrs. Fisher's

October 7th- State Soils & Land Eval

October 5-10th- Homecoming Week

October 12th- October Chapter Meeting- Pumpkin Carving, Movie

October 15th- Grades 5-8 & 9-12 PT Conferences

October 18-24 National FFA Convention

October 27- PSAT/NMSQT 1st-3rd Period

October 28- Border College Fair at TVCC 9:30 am