



## February 2022 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 (February) and SAT (April) 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 once again, 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 12<sup>th</sup>!

The ACT test is on Saturdays at Homedale High School on the following dates: **February 12<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Juniors were registered for the test date of their choice during US History classes. The registration deadline for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> test is February 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Student may begin preparing for the ACT by logging into <http://march2success.com>. A new ACT and SAT test prep website is [College Test Prep Factory Website](#). Want to know more about college entrance exams, dates, deadlines for Homedale High School students? Visit the links below. [ACT Registration Log In](#)



**SAT Test for Juniors:** The statewide SAT for juniors is **Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 link below.

[HHS College Bound Test Prep Information](#)



**ASVAB Test Date was Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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). Test results are available two weeks after the test. Students interested in taking the test will be given the opportunity to sign up.

**ASVAB Test Score Interpret and Career Exploration session will be Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> during 6<sup>th</sup> period in the library.** For more information about the ASVAB visit [HHS ASVAB Test Information](#)

## HIGER ED DAY at HHS Coming February 16th

Juniors will have the opportunity to participate in **Higher Ed Day** with a college fair hosted at HHS **1:50-2:50 p.m.** on Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup>.

U of I, BSU, ISU, BYUI, LCSC, NNU, C of I, CWI, BBC, CSI, NIC

[IDAHO Colleges & Universities Video](#)



## Gear Up Sponsored a Career Exploration Event at HHS on Thursday January 27th



The entire student body signed up for workshops which were hosted by local businessmen and women from the community. Students chose four workshops which covered careers such as nursing, education, law enforcement, engineering, entrepreneurship and more. Students could ask questions to find out what it takes to pursue the careers they are interested in. The career event was organized by Mrs. Kristie Dorsey, who did an exceptional job at coordinating all the students and workshop presenters. A special thank you to the community members for volunteering their time for this event!



Career/Company	Presenter(s)
Financial Advising & Accounting	Gavin Parker
	Kelsi Puri
	Ismael Garcia
Irrigation Engineering	Kasey Garrett
	Corby Garrett
Entrepreneur	Chris Marston
Delmar Integra/Engineer	Mike Spicher
Delmar Integra/Geologist	Sebastien Bricka or Sarah Clarke
Delmar Integra/Hydrogeologist	Alyssa Veatch
Computer Programmer	Tony Uranga
Realtor	Tracy Grove
First Responder	Darrin Raskopf
Nurse	Michelle Escujuri Schaffer
Early Childhood Education	Erica Dines
Career Planning	Chandrea Mendoza
Mechanic	Jerry Breshears
Welder	Mark Bauer
Physical Therapist	Scott Olsen
Nail Technician	Petrea Lee
Law Enforcement	Daniel Zenor





# Hawaiian Days February 22-24

SOS Theme: Healthy Activities

## Tuesday: February 22nd

### TACKY Tourist TWIN Day

Be sure to pick up your lei at the Luau booth in front of the cafeteria to get your week off to a festive start! Come at lunchtime to limbo, win prizes & enjoy FREE coconut drinks.



## Wednesday: February 23rd

### Surfer & Biker Day

#### (Group of Friends Dress Alike)

Visit the Luau booth in front of the cafeteria at lunchtime to get your Lei, enjoy Hawaiian punch & get a message of Help Hope & Strength.



## Thursday: February 24<sup>th</sup> Hawaiian

### Luau Day (Sunglasses Straw Hats...)

Visit the Luau Booth and get your fruit tropical fruit cup.

**Assembly:** Hawaiian Theme Activities and Competitions!

**Check out the photo booth all week long!**



**IDLA (Idaho Digital Learning Academy):** Most IDLA classes began Monday January 10th. The late spring classes started January 24th. Students taking dual credit classes will have help filling out college registration forms (paper or online). IDLA dual credit college registration forms are due by the middle of February. All dual credit IDLA classes are paid for by state through Fast Forward funds. Regular IDLA classes cost \$75.00. If you have payment questions, please contact Mrs. Sherri Romriell at [sromriell@homedaleschools.org](mailto:sromriell@homedaleschools.org) . Ms. Chelsee Johnson is the IDLA coordinator at HHS. You may contact her at [cjohnson@homedaleschools.org](mailto:cjohnson@homedaleschools.org)

To learn more about IDLA at HHS visit the following link: [HHS IDLA Information](#)

### **CWI Field Trip for Seniors was January 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Seniors who had been accepted into the College of Western Idaho and are planning to attend CWI the fall of 2022 were invited to go on the field trip on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Students were able to get their CWI student activity cards and visited with instructors about the various CWI programs. Another trip to CWI is planned for the month of April for students who apply and are accepted. The CWI Math and English Placement Test will be proctored at HHS sometime in February or March.



### **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.

## College Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines

Are you ready to apply for college?

[Click Here to Get Started](#)

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[Next Steps Idaho](#)



### College Reps & Military Visits to HHS

- Thursdays CWI & TriO
- LCSC Visit to HHS February 17<sup>th</sup>
- Army National Guard Lunchtime Visits TBA

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

#### 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](mailto: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](#)



#### 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 6th 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 & Support



Parents who need help and support with FAFSA are encouraged to arrange an appointment with Mrs. Flaming. If parents bring 2020 Federal Tax returns and W2's, it will take less than 30 minutes to complete everything! A Spanish translator will be available to help Spanish speaking parents. This application is required by colleges to award financial aid and scholarships and will make it possible for students to access grants from the state and federal government.

## Direct Admission Letter News



### ATTENTION SENIORS:

During College Application week, Mrs. Flaming helped seniors to log into Apply Idaho on the Board's Next Steps Idaho website, to create their own account, and open their personalized Direct Admissions letter. This letter shows seniors all the Idaho public colleges and universities which they are pre-qualified for admission. As a follow up, seniors will need to apply to one or more institutions to confirm their interest.

### [Direct Admissions Letter Information](#)

#### Buck the Quo

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.

### [Next Steps Idaho Scholarship Search](#)



## Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2022):

### 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**

2021-22 application reopened 11/1/2020. Career/Technical Deadline 2021-22 application will open 11/1/21

- 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](#)**

**Cap & Gown Order Information** [Cap & Gown Info](#)





## Meet the HHS Trio Rep Gloria Segura

Hello! I'm super excited to be serving Homedale High School. I have been with TRIO Educational Talent Search for seven years. I enjoy working with students explore the different opportunities available to them after high school. Helping my community has always driven me, primarily assisting the youth in overcoming barriers to continue their educational goals. I consider myself super lucky to be able to work with some fantastic students here in the community. I'm a first-generation student and TRIO alumni. I know first-hand how challenging and scary the college process can be. I graduated from Lewis-Clark State College. I'm currently working on my master's degree at Boise State University and graduating in May 2022. I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, and trying different types of foods in my spare time.

Gloria Segura



## Lifeways Counseling

Homedale High School offers professional counseling services through Lifeways. A Lifeways counselor visits the HHS campus to meet with students on Tuesdays.

Parents must apply for these services. To receive an information packet, email Mrs. Debbie Flaming at [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org)

[Lifeways Website](#)

## Meet the HHS Lifeways Counselor

Hello!! My name is Angela Saitta. I have been in the mental health field since 2010. I am a Licensed Masters Social Worker and received my degree from Northwest Nazarene University and have been working towards specialized certifications in trauma care. My career path has led me through being a Community Based Rehabilitation Specialist, Crisis Response and suicide prevention for Mental Health for the State of Idaho, Clinician working with an interdisciplinary team to help reintegrate individuals into the community after significant disruptions in their lives, and finally, currently doing outpatient mental health therapy with Lifeways. Through my experience I have found that I really enjoy working with the high school population. It is my sincere belief that every individual deserves to have a place to be authentic without fear of repercussion or judgment. I work with teens and adults to help them as they process through past traumas, navigate current challenges, identify and set healthy boundaries, and find new ways to better manage their mental health.

In my free time I like to garden, go to concerts, read, and spend time with my family including my spouse, three children, two cats, a dog, 6 ducks, 6 chickens, and 1 pig.

If anyone would like to reach out for individual counseling services, you can contact me at [asaitta@lifeways.org](mailto:asaitta@lifeways.org) or Mrs. Debbie Flaming at [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) to complete the Lifeways intake packet and I look forward to meeting you!

Angela Saitta



## Upcoming Events

February 3<sup>rd</sup> ASVAB Results during 6<sup>th</sup> period in the library

February 12<sup>th</sup> ACT Test for Juniors at HHS

February 14<sup>th</sup> SOS Planning Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Period

February 16<sup>th</sup> Higher Ed Day for Juniors (College Fair)

February 17<sup>th</sup> LCSC, CWI & Trio Visit HHS

February 21<sup>st</sup> No School: Presidents Day

SOS Hawaiian Days February 22-24

March 1<sup>st</sup> FAFSA for the Opportunity & Governors Cup Scholarship Deadline

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony TBA



*Debbie Flaming*

Student Support Specialist  
College & Career Counselor  
AVID  
College & Military Test Coordinator  
[HHS College Career Website](#)

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](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.

**HHS College/Career Info**

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## GEAR UP TO GO ON

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

**GET ON THE PATH to being COLLEGE and CAREER READY!**

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