



## September 2017 Newsletter

# GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs  
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**New Tutoring Practicum Class:** Homedale High School students now have the opportunity to tutor students at the elementary school. Tutoring practicum has been offered to juniors and seniors for the past three years as a class to help with freshmen transition to high school by tutoring in the study skills classes at the high school. Mr. Flaming is the coordinator for the new program which ten students have agreed to participate in this fall.



### MAP Testing for 9th, 10th & 11th: Fall Test Dates September 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

Homedale High School will be MAP testing all 9th, 10th and 11th graders three times during the school year to assess their skills in math, English and reading. The data from this test will help Homedale High School administration and teachers determine where students are strong and what they need to work on to improve academically and what instructional changes need to be made to make this possible. This is not a federal or state mandated test but simply a skills assessment that the Homedale School District has put into place this year to help both students and teachers improve. If you have any questions contact Matt Holtry at [mholtry@homedaleschools.org](mailto:mholtry@homedaleschools.org)

### Parent Night College & Career Fair for ALL HHS Students & Parents is MONDAY September 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the library/media center & Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Home Football Game

On Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> ALL HHS students and parents are invited to a college/career fair from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Students and parents are invited to drop in and visit with representatives. A pizza dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and a presentation will start at 6:15. This event will be in the high school library/media center. Parent/Teachers conferences are the same evening from 4:15-8:15 p.m. This event will showcase Homedale High School's academic

programs and will feature a college/career fair to learn about post-secondary opportunities. A presentation about IDLA, AVID, dual credits, PTECH, and so much more will be available for parents and students. A Spanish interpreter and presentation will be offered to our Spanish speaking parents. On Friday October 13th, a college fair will be set up next to the football field and all are invited to stop by and meet college representatives.

### **Sources of Strength Booster Training**

**Wednesday September 27th**, Homedale High School will be participating in the fourth annual Sources of Strength Suicide prevention training program. Mrs. Debbie Flaming is a state certified trainer for Sources of Strength the S.P.A.N. Idaho (Suicide Prevention Action Network) and will be conducting the Booster training. Homedale High School students must be nominated by fellow students, teachers and staff to participate starting August 31<sup>st</sup>. A box for submitting nominations is by the window by Mrs. Flaming's office. Teachers, staff & students are encouraged to nominate fellow teachers and students that they think will help spread messages of Hope, Help & Strength and are an example of a source of strength for others.

For more information visit [http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs\\_sources\\_of\\_strength.html](http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_sources_of_strength.html)

On September 28th the Sources of Strength peer leaders will attend the Risky Behaviors Symposium at Cossa periods 1st-6th.

### **Homedale High School 2017-18 Dual Credit Information & Course Offerings**

Starting the 2016-17 school year, each Idaho student was given a credit of **\$4125.00** to apply towards their dual credit and advanced opportunity classes. This is done through the Fast Forward website and Mrs. Flaming will help students with applying for this state aid.

To view Homedale High School's dual credit offerings, click the link following to visit Mrs. Flaming's Dual Credit webpage.

[http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs\\_dual\\_credits.html](http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_dual_credits.html)

Click the link for Fast Forward Information:

[ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE](#)



### **ACT Test & Test Prep Workshops for Senior's**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the registration deadline for the **October 28<sup>th</sup> ACT**. Arrival time: 7:45 a.m. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator, a photo ID. ACT test prep has been planned during advisory classes. Student may begin preparing for the ACT by logging into their march 2 success account at <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. 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](http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_college_bound_tests.html)

[ACT Registration Log In](#)

**AVID at HHS:** It is estimated that by the year 2020, two-thirds of all jobs will require some level of postsecondary education. AVID prepares students for 21st century careers each day by providing the academic and behavioral skills necessary to succeed in the workplace. Organization, time management, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving are strong components of the AVID System. AVID includes career exploration in its secondary curriculum, develops partnerships with organizations to help

students find [pathways to careers](#), and supports and prepares students in degree and certificate programs to be [successful in the workforce](#). For the 2017-18 school year, Homedale High School will have three AVID classes. One class for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary opportunities. Established more than 35 years ago with [one teacher in one classroom](#), AVID today impacts nearly 1.5 million students in 46 states and 16 other countries/territories. [View the AVID Snapshot](#).

### **PTECH Program at HHS (Sponsored by the Albertsons Foundation):**

The PTECH program is now available for all students through an online Career & College Exploration website. Participating students will embark on a journey to a career by following the online PTECH Career Map. Students can earn prizes and field trips while building a plan for their future. Along the way students will have a chance to talk to and visit with Idaho employers, build their network, and identify training and job opportunities right in their own backyard...So how do you get started? Students click the link to apply. <http://www.idahoptech.org/apply/> Parents must approve student registration by providing their email address to sign the release form. For more information visit <http://www.idahoptech.org/experience/>

### **Envision at the University of Idaho September 9th and October 14th**

At Envision, students will have the chance to explore the University of Idaho campus, learn about student life and discover signature research and learning programs at UI. To register click the link below.

<https://www.uidaho.edu/events/envision/register>

**Parent / Teacher Conferences** Monday September 25th from 4:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. In the library from 5:00-7:00 p.m. a College/Career Fair showcasing HHS Academic programs such as AVID, IDLA and Advanced Opportunities... A pizza dinner will be served for all who attend and presentation will start at 6:00 p.m. All Homedale High School students and parents are welcome. A Spanish presentation will start at 6:00 p.m.

### **Coming in October/November**

#### **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Student Support Day**

#### **Thursday, October 12th, End of 1st Quarter.**

**Thursday, November 1st**, Boise National College Fair for all Juniors. The buses will be loading at 8:00 am and will return at 2:15pm. The college fair is hosted at Expo Idaho. For more information about the fair visit

<http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/fallncf/pages/default.aspx> or

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/boise-national-college-fair/>

**Wednesday, October 11th** PSAT test for all sophomores is on Wednesday October 11th. The following link will provide information about the test. <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> The test will start at 8:00 a.m. Juniors competing for national merit scholarship will be taking the same test that morning as well. The following is a link about the NMSQT <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>. There are 25 seats available for juniors and they must pay a \$15 fee to take the test. (Make checks payable to Homedale High School). Forms and payments are due before Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will check into first period for attendance then we will do an all-call. The test will be periods 1-3. This test is a statewide and national test for all sophomores.

**ACT Test at HHS Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>:** September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the registration deadline for the October 28<sup>th</sup> ACT. Arrival time: 7:45 a.m. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator, a photo ID. Students may begin preparing for the ACT by logging into their march 2 success account at <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. 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](http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_college_bound_tests.html)

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 <http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/index.html> or e-mail [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.