



November/December 2016 Newsletter

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Gear Up Sponsored Field Trip for Sophomores October 11th:

HHS sophomores went on a field trip on Tuesday October 11th. The first stop was a tour of the College of Western Idaho Micron Center to see the welding, automotive and fabrication departments in action. The next stop was the Anne Frank Memorial in Boise. This tour was related to topics the sophomores have been reading about in English class. The third stop was Boise State University for lunch and a tour of the campus.



Gear Up Sponsored Field Trip for Juniors October 18th:

HHS juniors went on a field trip on Tuesday October 18th to the National College Fair at the Western Idaho Expo in Boise. Over 100 colleges, universities, and technical schools from all over the United States had exhibits and information for students. Following the college fair, HHS juniors went to a career fair sponsored by Junior Achievement at Boise State University. This event highlighted Idaho jobs in the area of science, technology, mathematics, business, industry, humanities and the arts. The last stop was at the Warhawk Museum in Nampa. The exhibits related to World War II, an era the juniors study in U.S. History.



Sources of Strength Red Ribbon Week was a GREAT Success! October 24th-27th.

10/24 Monday: MENTORS

The theme was "Who is the 'Rock in Your Life'?"

To kick off Red Ribbon Week, students dressed up as their favorite Rock & Roll band member. During Advisory the entire student body met for an assembly highlighting how important it is to have a mentor or trusted adult to confide in and talk to. Students then decorated rocks and wrote the name(s) of the individuals they looked up to and considered their mentor. These rocks are now on display around the tree in the courtyard.



10/25 Tuesday: Positive Friends

The theme was "Don't Throw Shade...Wear Shades". Students looked "Cool" wearing their sunglasses. Students new to HHS were considered the "stars" for the day. During Advisory, the entire student body met for an assembly. During the assembly the 37 new students and foreign exchange students were introduced and given a large star for the rest of the students to sign and to write welcoming messages on.



10/26 Wednesday: Healthy Activities

The theme was Get Involved Day. Clubs, extra-curricular activities were highlighted by encouraging students to wear t-shirts, jackets, colors or uniforms... that represented that group. During Advisory the entire student body met for an assembly encouraging involvement in healthy activities by participating in silly relays and a tug of war. Students were encouraged to get involved by signing up for the many clubs and activities available at HHS.



10/27 Thursday: Generosity

The theme was School Pride & Spirit Day. Students were encouraged to wear RED & WHITE and they enjoyed music in the hallways during passing periods and lunch. During Advisory, the Sources of Strength Peer Leaders went into the classrooms and lead the students in an activity that highlighted the strengths all of us rely on when we are going through difficult times. The eight strengths are, Family Support, Positive Friends, Mentors, Healthy Activities, Generosity, Spirituality, Medical Access and Mental Health. Students made posters with lists and pictures illustrating their strengths. These posters are now displayed in the hallway by the guidance counselor office and band room.

Sixty HHS students have volunteered to be Sources of Strength Peer Leaders. They encourage others by promoting messages of Hope, Help and Strength. To learn more about Sources of Strength at HHS, visit the link below.

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



College Application Week at HHS was October 31st to November 3rd

Homedale High School seniors participated in College Application Week which is a nationwide program to help every high school student apply for a post-secondary degree. This year, Idaho high schools hosted College Application Week during the week of October 31st to November 4th, 2016. The HHS senior class of 2017 submitted 146 total college applications to 27 different colleges in the weeks leading up to and during college application week! 86% of the class submitted at least one college application.



Now it is important to follow up with these students to help with scholarships applications, essays, grants and the financial aid they will need to go on to pursue these post-secondary opportunities. Below is a link to Mrs. Flaming's College Application Week page. It has important Idaho Scholarship links and links to the Idaho colleges' scholarship application webpages.

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent / Teacher Conferences: Monday November 14th from 4:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

FAFSA Support Event at Homedale High School:

A FAFSA support event for college bound seniors & parents' is scheduled for **Monday November 14th**. This event will take place at the same time as Parent/Teacher Conferences and will be held in the library/media center. Seniors and parents may drop in anytime between **4:15 and 8:00 p.m.** to receive one on one help with the FSA ID and with the FAFSA application process. Seniors will have the opportunity to start their FAFSA application's during class on Monday the 14th as well.



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. If students are taking fall semester dual credit classes, they should have filled out a registration form and had it submitted to the college offering dual credit. (The yearlong classes offered by CWI have a spring registration). The Fast Forward, state system for funding the classes will complete the gathering of information and correction process on Friday November 11th. 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



P-Tech Program at HHS

Registration for spring PTECH classes will be Thursday November 17th at 8:00 a.m. Approximately ten Homedale High School students are participating in the Idaho PTECH program funded by the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation. Its mission is to bridge the gap between education and industry by providing students with the credentials and skills needed to secure well-paying jobs in Idaho's high growth industries while giving businesses access to a qualified pipeline of employees. If you have a sophomore who may be interested in participating in the PTECH program, a parent information meeting will be scheduled in the spring to set up PTECH classes for your student starting the fall of their junior year. Please e-mail Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org if you would like more information about this program. There are three tracks that are available with this opportunity.

MEDICAL / Internet Technology / AERONAUTICS

If you are interested in learning more about this program and what it offers Homedale High School students visit http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_p_tech_opportunity.html

Coming in December/January

SENIOR PROJECT PRESENTATIONS: December 12th, 13th and 15th from 4:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Parents, family and the entire Homedale community are invited to the Homedale High School Senior Project Presentations. They are held in the HHS library. A list of students presenting and the approximate times for each presentation will be posted on Mrs. Flaming's Senior Projects webpage and on the district Google calendar. http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_senior_projects.html

PSAT/NMSQT Results: The test result from the October 19th test will be delivered to HHS sometime in January. When they arrive, students will be given information to interpret the results and they will be sent home to parents. If parents would like a copy e-mailed, make a request in January at dflaming@homedaleschools.org

ASVAB Test Date Set: Thursday January 26th, HHS will be hosting the ASVAB test. The test will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will finish around 11:00 a.m. 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. http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_asvab.html

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.