



December 2019 Newsletter

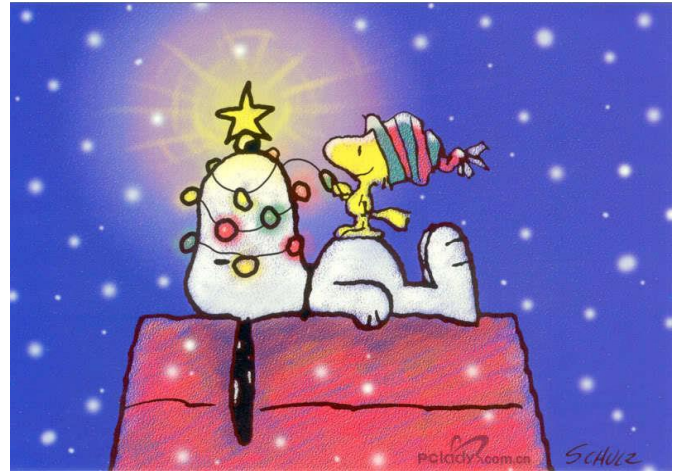
GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
Aim High, Make a Plan, Get Ready, GO ON

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A Word from Principal Mr. Matt Holtry:



Decemburr is here! We are down to the final three weeks of the semester. This month our staff will be trained on the ISAT block assessments. In order to best prepare our students for the ISAT assessment given in the spring, we feel giving students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the assessment through these shorter (30-40 min) block assessments is in their best interest. It also allows our staff to identify areas we can work on as a school in addressing the needs of our student body as a whole. The PBIS theme of the month for December is "Stay Positive" as we encourage students to stay focused on the goal and push to do their best work. 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

REMINDER: Student Support Day at HHS Friday December 6th

Achievement Testing for Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors:



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work on as a school in addressing the needs of our student body as a whole. If you have any questions, contact Matt Holtry at mholtry@homedaleschools.org

National Honor Society Canned Food Drive in December!

The HHS National Honor Society is sponsoring a canned food drive to help needy Homedale families during the upcoming holidays. 4th period classes are set up to collect the canned food and are in competition. If you have questions about the canned food drive, email the NHS adviser Mr. Ed Lee at elee@homedaleschools.org.



S.O.S. Thankfulness Week November 18th-21st:

Thankfulness Week was led by Sources of Strength Adviser Kristie Dorsey and her student leadership team. They planned and did thankfulness presentations during advisory in the cafeteria for Character Time with Mr. Lyons and Mr. Swallow's classes.

ADVISORY ACTIVITY: S.O.S. students played a Kid President video about things to be thankful for. Next, they had a HHS student share about what thankfulness meant to them in overcoming a big challenge in their life. They had students fill out colored notes proclaiming what they were thankful for to share with the school as a display. For the final activity, the team handed out thank-you cards for students to fill out and encouraged everyone to deliver it to the person they were thanking.



On Wednesday the foreign exchange students were served an all-American lunch of fried chicken and macaroni & cheese and shared desserts together with Kristie Dorsey and her S.O.S. team. It was a great way to kick off the Thanksgiving Break!

A Special Thanks to S.I.L.O.

S.I.L.O. or the Southwestern Idaho Legacy Organization donated \$500.00 to the HHS Sources of Strength program. The organization was created in 1976 with the mission to provide funds for projects that benefit residents of Canyon and Owyhee County. The funds will pay the Sources of Strength licensing fee this year.

[HHS Sources of Strength Webpage](#)



College Application Week was in October BUT IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY TO COLLEGES!

College Application Week at Homedale High School and throughout the state of Idaho was in October. Mrs. Flaming and TriO representative Ms. Ivonne Martinez visited the Senior Leadership and Economics classes to help seniors apply to colleges. Now the goal is to help all HHS College Bound Seniors have at least one college application completed and submitted before the end of the semester. The state of Idaho has made applying to Idaho schools an easy process with seniors able to apply to all of the Idaho colleges through one application. Seniors

can select the Idaho schools they are interested in or apply to or apply to all ten! Seniors will need their State EDUID number to apply through this site which can be requested from Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org.

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)
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 Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines

[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 score 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 1st 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 NIGHT was Monday November 18th during Parent/Teacher Conferences:

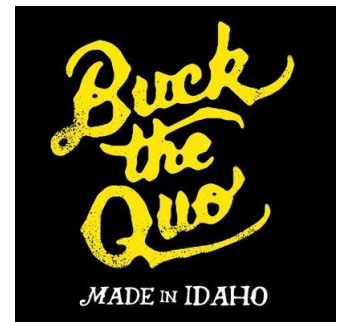
Mrs. Flaming, Eddie from the College of Western Idaho and Ivonne from TriO provided one on one help for seniors and their parents with their FAFSA applications. Parents may email dflaming@homedaleschools.org to set up an appointment to receive one on one help with the FAFSA application process. Parents will need to bring their 2018 1040 Federal Tax returns. Please click on the link for more information about items needed. [HHS FAFSA Information Webpage](#)



Buck the Quo: Is a 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

[HHS Scholarship Webpage Information](#)

Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2020):

Seeking scholarships is a wise way for students to contribute to the financing of their post-secondary education, for college or a tech school. At Homedale High School we provide help and support for students interested in scholarships. Click the following links for more information about scholarships available for HHS students:

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

2020-21 application reopened 11/1/2019. Career/Technical
Deadline 2020-21 application opened 11/1/2019.

- 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](#)



PSAT/NMSQT Test Results Coming in December/January: The test results from the October 16th PSAT/NMSQT test will be reviewed with the sophomores during their Biology Classes sometime in December or January. The juniors will be able to see their test result during English Honors 11 in December as well.



If parents would like a copy of their students PSAT or NMSQT test results, e-mail requests to Mrs. Flaming at df flaming@homedaleschools.org

Information about the ASVAB Test:

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). Students may also take the test at another school or through a recruiter and may retake the test at any time.

The ASVAB consists of the following eight individual tests:

- General Science
- Arithmetic Reasoning
- Word Knowledge
- Paragraph Comprehension
- Mathematics Knowledge
- Electronics Information
- Auto and Shop Information
- Mechanical Comprehension



Students are provided with scores on each of these individual tests and three Career Exploration Score composites: Verbal Skills, Math Skills and Science and Technical Skills. The battery takes approximately three hours to complete, and test results are returned to schools in a few weeks.

The Military uses students' ASVAB scores to identify the occupations that best suit their abilities. Junior, senior and postsecondary school students can use their ASVAB scores for enlistment for up to two years after taking the test.

ASVAB Test Date: Thursday January 16th, 2020 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.

Senior Leadership Presentations:

Starting on Monday December 9th seniors who have been in the Senior Leadership class 1st semester with instructor Mrs. Kristie Dorsey will be giving their presentations. A link to the presentation schedule is posted below. The community and families of the seniors are encouraged to come. It is important to come at least 30 minutes before the scheduled presenter you want to see.

The presentations will be in the Homedale High School library!

[HHS Senior Leadership Webpage](#) [Click Here for Presentation Schedule for 12-9 to 12-11 2019](#)

ACT Test for Seniors December 14th:

The next ACT will be on Saturday **December 14th**. The students will be taking the test either at the College of Idaho or Caldwell High School. **THEY MUST HAVE THEIR PHOTO ID & ADMISSION TICKET or they will not be allowed to test.** Arrival time is 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 <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 link below.



[ACT Registration Log In](#)

[HHS College Test Prep Webpage](#)

Juniors and the ACT Test in February: The end of December we will be registering all HHS juniors to take the ACT February 8th. Following is a link to an excellent, new ACT test prep website. [ACT Test Prep Website](#) Junior's, please check it out, and start preparing yourself for the upcoming college entrance exams. Every moment you spend preparing is like putting money in a bank account towards your future. Better ACT scores mean better scholarship offers!

1st Semester Test Week December 16th-19th

Thursday, December 19th, End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester.

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 or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.

