

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Matt Holtry, Principal
CC: R. Sauer, Superintendent
Date: 3/4/2025
Re: High School Principal Report March 2025

Greetings from HHS!

Spring is officially here...at least regarding spring events and activities. Hopefully the weather continues to cooperate as activities move outdoors. This past month we had some great guests in our school sharing with our student body. Chris Collins came and shared a great message on leadership with many of our students in leadership roles and also gave a great talk with our student body about motivation and making good choices in life. We also had a representative Joey Egusquiza from Parker Advisors here to share with our Juniors about Financial Literacy. The Screenagers event that was hosted here at the HS was well attended. Kudos to Kelsey Kirkland and the MS team that rallied help from student leaders and community members to put this event on. It was well attended and had a positive response. We have SAT coming up March 18th for our Juniors. Teachers are working to prepare students for this assessment.

During the 4th quarter we will be implementing our Tier Time on Wednesdays. This time is going to be held after 4th period and will be set aside for students that are struggling academically. It is time that is set aside so students can work on courses that they are struggling in or to meet with teachers that they need to get extra support from. We will start with students that are on the D/F report. This list may include more students in the future based on performance on assessments.

This month our PBIS theme is Safe as we revisit each of our themes during the second semester. The District themes of being Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and having a positive attitude are all characteristics that we feel are important to the success of our students both now and as they transition into life beyond high school.

As always we are truly blessed to be here and to be a part of HHS!

Matt Holtry

Enrollment- 3-3-25

Freshman- 101	91.2%
Sophomores- 97	95.3%
Juniors- 104	91.9%
Seniors- 91	93.55%

Total Students- 393 School Attendance Percentage- 92.9 % for Mar 3 2025

Past Events

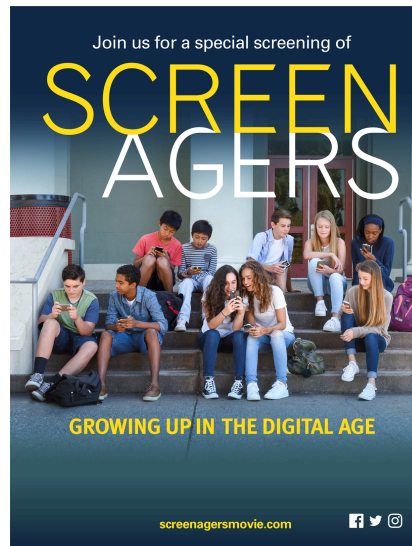
February 3rd- Higher Ed Tour- (Juniors) 1:00-3:00
February 6th- Chris Collins Guest Speaker- Student Leaders Meet 9-11 am
All Student Body 1:18-2:28
February 7th Student Support Day- Staff Inservice
February 10th- FFA Chapter Meeting
February 13th- 4th Period Seniors meet with Parker Advisors
February 13th- Screenagers at HHS 6 pm
February 14th Winter Court Introduced at Basketball Game
February 15th- Winter Formal
February 19th- Floral @ Kuna
February 19th- Science Bowl @ Sage International School - Boise
February 21-22 FFA Leadership Team Mid Year Officer Retreat
February 24-27 National FFA Week

From Mr. Shepherd

On Wednesday, February 19th, myself and Mr. Josh Sauer had the pleasure of taking some of our brightest students to a science and math competition at Sage International School in Boise. The regional competition of the National Science Bowl sends one winner to Washington D.C. to compete at the national finals. Our students had the opportunity to compete against some of the sharpest high school minds in the valley from bigger schools like Timberline, Boise, Borah, Centennial, Renaissance, Bishop Kelley, and many more. To be quite honest, I was going into the competition nervous that we would even compete. Not only did our kids compete, but they finished 2nd place out of 5 during pool play, and we were only one game away from bringing home some hardware in the winner's bracket! Much was learned from a coaching standpoint. Mr. Sauer and I are already formulating future strategies and assembling a team together for next year that will give us an even greater chance of victory. Each of the kids had a lot of fun and I think this competition will be a great motivator for kids to study and excel in their classes at Homedale High School - especially those kids that aren't cut from the fold that allows them to excel on the field and on the court in the form of athletics.

In conclusion, it was very encouraging for me as an educator to see our kids take punches from the "big dogs" and throw some right back. They hung right in there - and this was with only 2 weeks of preparation before the competition. I have high hopes for next year and won't take the opportunity lightly!

Students attended:
Carson Bingham
Kinley Balkovetz
Paige VanVliet
Melissa Gonzalez
Gage Brown



Upcoming Events

March 3-4 State BPA
March 4th National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 6:30 pm Main Gym
March 5th Floral CDE Cambridge ID
March 7th Student Support/Staff Inservice
March 10th FFA Chapter Meeting and Scavenger Hunt
March 10th HS Accreditation Review
March 12th TVD Public Speaking Parliamentary Procedure Conduct of Chap
Ag Sales Dist Officer Sifting
March 13th PT Conferences 4:15-8:15
March 18th SAT Test 1st-3rd Periods
March 24th-28th Spring Break