



December 2021 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:



December is here and we are in the final weeks of the first semester. We will be holding Semester tests during the week of the 13th as we wrap things up for the semester. Please check in with your student and make sure that they are staying on top of their academics to ensure a strong finish to the semester. **Friday December 3rd is a student support day and an extra opportunity to see teachers for help.**

The PBIS theme for the month of December is "Positive Attitude" as we encourage students to stay focused on their goals and push towards doing 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 and we wish you nothing but the best during the Holidays!

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Holtry

REMINDER: Student Support Day at HHS Friday December 3rd

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. If you have questions about the canned food drive, email the NHS adviser Mr. Ed Lee at elee@homedaleschools.org.



Senior Leadership Presentations:

Monday, December 6th, 5:30 - 8:15 PM. Tuesday, December 7th, 4:15 - 8:00 PM



Starting on Monday December 6th through Tuesday December 7th seniors in the Senior Leadership class 1st semester with instructor Mrs. Kristie Dorsey will be giving their presentations. Presentations will be held in the high school library. It is important to come at least 30 minutes before the scheduled presenter you want to see. Below is a link to the presentation schedule:

[Senior Leadership 12-06 Presentation Schedule](#)

[Senior Leadership 12-07 Presentation Schedule](#)

College Application Week at HHS was October 12th-15th

College Application Week is a nationwide program to encourage every high school student to apply for postsecondary training. At Homedale High School, Mrs. Flaming visited the senior leadership and economics classes to provide an opportunity for every senior to apply to at least one college, university, tech school during the week of October 12th. The Next Step Idaho organization has created an online program that allows seniors to fill out one application, and send it to any and/ or all of the schools in Idaho at the same time!

[College Application Week](#)

[College Application Information Needed](#)

[College Application FAQ's](#)



Are you ready to apply for college?

[Click Here to Get Started](#)

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College Reps & Military Visits to HHS

- Thursday December 2nd & 9th The new College of Western Idaho rep Halley Martell & Trio will be available
- Marine Rep TBA

College Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines

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 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 also will make it possible for students to access grants from the state and federal government.

Direct Admission Letter News



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](#)

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.



Sources of Strength **Thankfulness Campaign Week was November 15th-18th**



Sources of Strength sponsored a Thankfulness Campaign the week before Thanksgiving break. S.O.S. sponsored a thankfulness writing activity during English classes. Research has shown that an attitude of gratitude can actually change brain chemistry to be more positive and joyful over time.

[HHS Sources of Strength Webpage](#)

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](#)

PSAT/NMSQT Test Results Coming in December: The test results from the October 13th PSAT/NMSQT test will be distributed to sophomores during their Biology Classes in December. The juniors will be given their test results for the NMSQT/PSAT 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 dflaming@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 20th, 2022 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.

ACT Test Registration for Juniors December 7th:

Two test dates are available for HHS juniors taking the ACT 2nd semester. It is important that students register for a test day that will not interfere with other commitments such as sports, FFA, band, drama or work schedules. After a student registers for a test and the date must be changed, a fee is charged to change the test date. The ACT test is on Saturdays on the following dates: **February 12th**, **April 2nd**. Juniors will have the opportunity to register for the test date of their choice during US History class on December 7th. 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. 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!



ACT Test for Seniors December 11th:

The next ACT will be on Saturday **December 11th**. 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](#)



Meet the New 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

Lifeways Website

Meet the New 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 or Mrs. Debbie Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org to complete the Lifeways intake packet and I look forward to meeting you!

Angela Saitta



Upcoming Events

1st Semester Test Week December 13th-16th
Thursday, December 16th, End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester.



CHRISTMAS BREAK DECEMBER 17th-JANUARY 4th



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

HHS College/Career Info

GEAR UP TO GO ON
Navigate through High School to Prepare for post-Secondary Opportunities!

Home

- District/ High School Calendar
- Upcoming Events
- Graduation Requirements
- STUDY Helps
- Future Career Tools & Helps
- IDLA

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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