



September 2020 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
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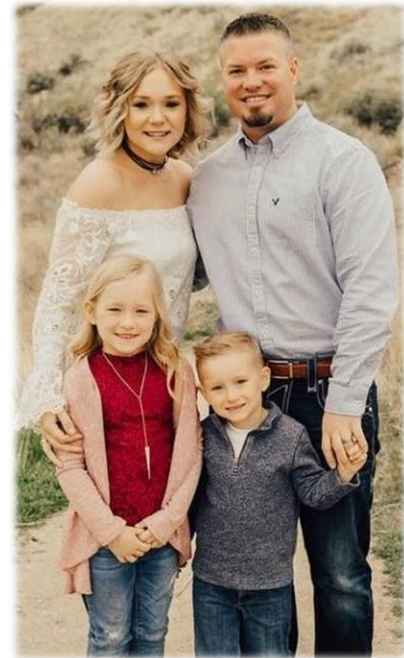
October Upcoming Events

A Word from Principal Mr. Matt Holtry:

We are excited about the start to another great school year here at HHS! Even with some of the new challenges and guidelines that we are faced with this school year we are as grateful as ever for the opportunity to work with your child! Thank you for entrusting our staff and administration with the education of your child. Together with the efforts of community, parents, family and staff alike we feel that we can provide a top notch education for each and every one of our students! This will be our third year in which we have been afforded a fantastic opportunity to work with PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) through a multimillion dollar grant that was received by Boise State University. In working with our PBIS trainers and as we implement PBIS in our schools, district wide I would encourage everyone to ask about PBIS and to become more familiar with what PBIS is all about. We feel that in order to create a welcoming, inclusive culture of family. Our staff and student body will emphasize the characteristics of respect, responsibility, safety, and keeping a positive attitude. The "Homedale Way" will be our guiding slogan as we work to build on our existing Homedale traditions with a new commitment to emphasize our community's core values! With the help of PBIS we hope that this school year is representative of what our commitments are as a school and as a district! Let's make this the best year yet here at HHS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Holtry



HHS Students, please click the link, [GET INVOLVED SURVEY](#) . It will only take a few minutes. Thank you!

Schedule Changes are now closed for 1st Semester Classes

2020-21 Homedale High School Election Results

The campaigns for student leadership positions at Homedale High School kicked off the first week of school. The speeches were done virtually on September 3rd and voting was on September 8th.

Student Body Officers:

President- Emma Parker
Vice Pres- Thomas Symms
Secretary- Belisia Larzelier
Treasurer- Trinity Johnson-Poage
Sgt. At Arms- Tea Uranga
Historian- Anthony Durbin

Seniors:

President- Ainslee Evans
Vice Pres- Keagan Christensen
Sec/Treasurer- Kaitlyn Missamore
Sgt. At Arms- MacKenzie Miller

Sophomores:

President- Rylan Love
Vice Pres- Kambell Garrett
Sec/Treasurer- Maite Frank
Sgt. At Arms- Jacy Parker

Juniors:

President- Amaia Aberasturi
Vice Pres- Laney Swallow
Sec/Treasurer- Amber McBride
Sgt. At Arms- Elizabeth Hergesheimer

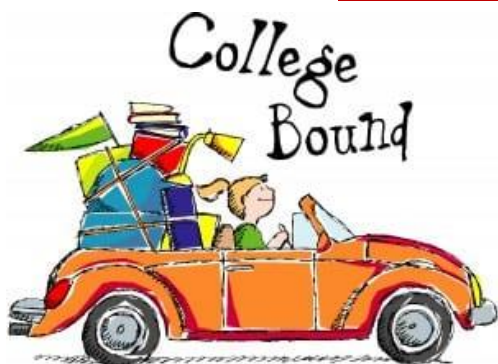
Freshman:

President- Bobby Christensen
Vice Pres- Katie Devise
Sec/Treasurer- Elias Tines
Sgt. At Arms: Corey Romriell



Grade Checks Started Tuesday September 8th...Next Check is September 21st

College Rep Visits to HHS



- Thursday September 24th College of Western Idaho at 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- BSU CAMP (Virtually) September 24th During Lunch in the Computer Lab by the Library
- College of Idaho September 23rd During Lunch in the Library

Next Steps Idaho:

Next Steps Idaho is a very helpful website with information for students and parents interested in information about going on to college. It has checklists, scholarship information, college application support and so much more. [Next Steps Idaho](#)



College Bound Student Checklists:

[9th Grade](#) [10th Grade](#) [11th Grade](#) [12th Grade](#)



Advanced Opportunities & Fast Forward

The Advanced Opportunities program provides every student attending an Idaho public school an allocation of \$4,125 to use towards Advanced Opportunities in grades 7-12. Mrs. Flaming will help students with applying for this state aid. The funds can be used for a variety of offerings:

Overload Courses

An overload course is a high school level course that is taken in excess of the student's regular school day. These courses are offered online, during the summertime, and before/after school. In the event that student incurs a cost for such courses, the Advanced Opportunities program can pay up to \$225 for the cost of the course. Overload courses must be above and beyond the full course load (minimum of 12 credits) offered by the student's local school.

Dual Credits

Dual credit are courses taken by high school students that are transcribed on their high school and college transcripts. The Advanced Opportunities program can pay up to \$75 per credit. Dual Credit courses can be taken online, by virtual conferencing, or in some cases students can go directly to the college/university campus. More information on specific Idaho colleges and universities can be found in the Links tab below.

[ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE](#)

[PARTICIPATION FORM](#)

Direct Admission Letter News



[Direct Admissions Letter Information](#)

ATTENTION SENIORS:

Starting September 15th, seniors, will be able to log into Apply Idaho on the Board's Next Steps Idaho website, to create their own account, and then open and print their personalized Direct Admissions letter. This letter will show all the Idaho public colleges and universities at which the student pre-qualifies for admission. Students just need to apply to one or more institutions to confirm their interest.

Mrs. Flaming will be helping seniors set up their Apply Idaho accounts next month during College Application Week at HHS October 12th-15th.



New IDLA Coordinator

Homedale High School welcomes Mrs. Chelsee Johnson as the new HHS IDLA coordinator. Last year Mrs. Johnson was an E.A. at Homedale Elementary School before she came to Homedale High School

The early fall session started for IDLA on August 24th and the late fall session started on September 14th. Registrations for IDLA fall sessions are now closed. If you are interested in spring classes, open the flyer to view classes and fill out the registration form below and email the registration it to Mrs. Johnson. If you have any IDLA questions, contact Mrs. Johnson's at cjohnson@homedaleschools.org

[IDLA Spring Flyer](#)

[IDLA Registration Form](#)

[IDLA Calendar](#)

FALL 2020 State & National Testing Opportunities for HHS Students

ACT & SAT Information

The SAT and ACT are college entrance tests for students planning to enter 4-year colleges and universities. Most colleges will accept either exam but check the college admissions requirement to verify. These tests should be taken spring of the junior year and fall of the senior year. Registration materials, test dates, locations, test strategies and practice tests are available through the [HHS College & Career Website](#) and the [College Bound Test Information](#) webpage

Differences between the SAT and ACT:

The **SAT** is an aptitude test and is composed of ten-sections: three Critical Reading, three Math, three Writing, and one Experimental. The test is scored as 200-800 for each subject with 2400 being the highest possible score. The test is 3 hours and 45 minutes long.

The **ACT** is curriculum based and is composed of four sections: English, Math, Reading and Science. The essay component is optional. The test is scored as 1-36 with 36 being the highest possible score. The test is approximately 3 hours long (add a half-hour if taking the optional essay component).

SAT & ACT for SENIORS Fall 2020:



SAT Test October 14th

The class of 2021 missed the opportunity to take the SAT as juniors last spring due school closures across the state. Taking a college entrance examine is a state requirement for all juniors. The class of 2021 had this requirement postponed to their senior year. On Wednesday October 14th Homedale High School will proctor the SAT for all seniors during periods 1-4. Pencils and approved calculators will be provided. Test prep for the SAT can be accessed through [Khan Academy](#).



ACT Test October 24th

September 17th is the registration deadline for the Saturday **October 24th ACT**. Seniors will be helped to register for the test during Senior Leadership and Economics classes. Fee Waivers are available for the cost of the test. The test will be proctored at Homedale High School October 24th. When the HHS test center is filled, students may test at other test centers such as Caldwell or Skyview High School on the same day. For all test centers, the arrival time is between 7:30 & 7:45 a.m. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator ([Approved Calculator List](#)), a photo ID. (A drivers license or official DMV photo ID is mandatory) and test taker need an ACT test admission ticket. (For those taking the test at HHS, Admission Tickets will be provided)

Students were given a free online test prep program called Kaplan when they registered to take the ACT. Students access this free test prep tool by logging into their ACT account at [ACT Log In](#). (It is recommended that students log in using their Google account). Another excellent free test prep site is called March to Success and can be found at <http://march2success.com>

PSAT/NMSQT for JUNIORS Fall 2020:



PSAT/NMSQT Test October 29th

Juniors will be given the opportunity to take the PSATNMSQT October 29th during school hours periods 1-4. This test is for high achieving juniors or those juniors who are interested in extra test prep practice for the SAT. All Idaho juniors are required to take the SAT in the spring of 2021. Juniors who take the NMSQT test will have their score entered into a national scholarship competition called the “National Merit Scholarship Qualifier”. The National Merit Process...following the test on October 29th the following may happen for junior NMSQT test takers:

Nothing. Juniors did not score high enough to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship, but it was good practice for the spring SAT.

They Become a Commended Student. In this situation the student is not in the running for the National Merit Scholarship, but since they impressed the selection committee with their score and academic record, they may still qualify for other scholarships sponsored by businesses and corporations.

They qualify as an NMS Semi-finalist. They made the cut...only 16,000 out of the 1.5 million who take the test actually make it this far. The semi-finalists will then be whittled down to 15,000 finalists. From there, 1,500 finalists will receive special scholarships from corporate sponsors, and 8,200 will receive the oh-so-coveted National Merit Scholarship.

[PSAT/NMSQT Prep Information](#)

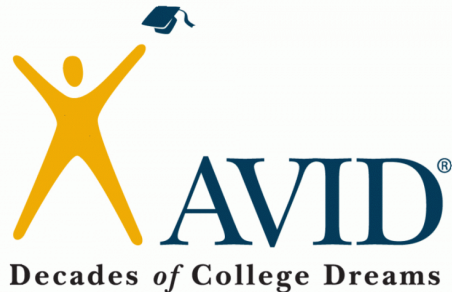
PSAT for SOPHOMORES Fall 2020:



PSAT Test October 29th

Sophomores across the state of Idaho are required to take the PSAT in October and Homedale High School will proctor the test on October 29th during periods 1-4. All testing materials will be provided. Test prep for the PSAT can be accessed through [PSAT Test Prep](#). For more information contact Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org

AVID at HHS 2020-21



[What is AVID?](#)

AVID at HHS: For the 2020-21 school year, Homedale High School has two AVID classes. One class for freshmen/sophomores taught by Mr. Dave Correa and one class for juniors/seniors taught by Mrs. Kristie Dorsey. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, and it 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.

Coming in October



Friday, October 2nd Student Support Day



HOMECOMING WEEK AT HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL October 5th-10th

Homecoming Week will start October 5th. Theme days will be announced on the District Calendar following class meetings. The Homecoming football game is Friday October 9th against Payette with kick off at 7:00 p.m. & the Homecoming Court announcements before the game so come early.

Monday October 12th -Thursday October 15th is College Application Week at HHS

Wednesday October 14th SAT for HHS Seniors Periods 1-4

Thursday, October 15th, End of 1st Quarter

Saturday, October 24th ACT Test at HHS & other Test Centers

Thursday October 29th is the PSAT/NMSQT for volunteer Juniors & PSAT test for all sophomores

Monday October 26th-Thursday October 29th is Red Ribbon Week



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

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Navigate through High School to Prepare for post-Secondary Opportunities!

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

