



April 2021 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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Greetings from HHS!

I hope everyone had a great spring break and that everyone is ready to attack the 4th quarter with a positive attitude! April's theme this month will be "Positive Attitude!" Considering everything that has gone on this past year we can always choose our attitudes and this month we will focus on choosing a positive one! As we reflect on our pillars for PBIS Respect, Responsible, Safe, and having a Positive Attitude let's be sure to emphasize the Positive this month as we start off the right way for our 4th quarter!

This month is a big month for our school regarding ISAT, SAT, and ACT assessments

going on. PLEASE be sure to utilize your time wisely and prep for these assessments.

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

C.S. Lewis

Looking forward to another great month at HHS

Sincerely, *Mr. Matt Holtry*



Resources for Building 3, 2 & 1 Year Plans

The first week back from spring break has been a busy one for HHS students! Mrs. Flaming has been visiting classes to help students build their plans for classes for the year(s) to come. Students can find their individual plans as an assignment in Gear Up to Go On Class of _____, in Google Classroom. Even though students are asked to submit their plans, they can still go back and edit or update at any time. Parents, you are invited to review your students plan with them to help guide their decisions. Ask them to show you their plans in Google Classroom.

[Graduation Requirements](#)

Courses Available by Grade Level (Subject to Change):

[10th Grade Courses](#)

[1 Year Plan Video](#)

[11th Grade Courses](#)

[2 Year Plan Video](#)

[12th Grade Courses](#)

[3 Year Plan Video](#)

4 Year Plans for 8th Graders

Mr. Holtry & Mrs. Flaming will be visiting the middle school to meet with the 8th graders on April 7th to help get them started on their 4 year plans. They will start with a paper copy to bring home to parents. Follow up to the middle school is planned later in April, early May to help answer the 8th graders questions about high school...8th graders parents who would like information about 4 year plans and upcoming events, please email Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org

[9th Grade Courses](#)

New HHS Course Catalog

A brand new HHS course catalog has been drafted for the 2021-22 school year. This catalog is accessible from the HHS College and Career website on the [Graduation Requirements](#) web page. You may click on the links below to access the specific department course descriptions as well. Classes can vary from year to year especially for agricultural courses. The time slots for the various classes will not be available until a master schedule is finalized, just before registration due to staff changes...

[1\) A Letter From the Principal: Mr. Holtry](#)

[2\) Graduation Requirements](#)

[3\) Language Arts \(English & Speech\)](#)

[4\) Math](#)

[5\) Science](#)

[6\) Social Studies](#)

[7\) Health, Fitness, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Spanish](#)

[8\) Vocational, Ag, Business & COSSA](#)

[9\) Misc](#)

COSSA CTE Certifications

COSSA offers students the opportunity to earn certifications in Auto or Diesel Mechanics, Welding, Engineering Design, Building Construction, Culinary Arts, Health Professions such as Nursing (CNA or EMT certifications). HHS students who begin these programs their sophomore year are eligible for the certifications with the exception of CNA & EMT which are only one year programs and are open only to juniors and seniors. These classes require three periods a day and include a technical math credit.

A Field Trip is Planned for HHS 9th & 10th Graders Interested in COSSA Courses April 27th!

On Tuesday April 27th, HHS 9th & 10th graders interested in COSSA course offerings will be going on a field trip to learn more about the various programs.

For more information about COSSA's CTE program visit the links below.

[COSSA CTE Website](#)

[COSSA CTE Course Descriptions](#)

Ag Department Offers Three Certification Pathways

The Homedale High School Ag Department, headed by Ms. Rheuby and Mr. Wetzel have put together three pathways for students which will lead to useful and powerful ag certifications. The three pathways are as follows:

Agriculture Mechanics with possible certifications in a Home Builders Association Certificate or a EETC Small Engines Certification.

Plant and Soil Science with possible certifications in Advanced Floral Certification or BASF Advanced Plant Certification.

Animal Science with certifications in Livestock Repro State Certification in the fall and the ELANCO Vet Science certification in the spring.

Student need to review the Ag Pathways document to make sure they are taking all the right courses for these important certifications.

[Ag Pathways](#)

IDLA Courses

Taking IDLA classes is a great way for HHS students to enhance and supplement their educational experience. Over fifty dual credit classes are available through IDLA which provide both high school and college credit courses at the same time. Fast Forward funds are available to all Idaho students to pay for the college credits and the high school credit is free! [IDLA Dual Credit Course List](#) IDLA classes can be a way for students to meet the two credit technology requirement at HHS. IDLA classes may be taken for elective

credit, or foreign language class, or for required classes. Students may register for a maximum of two IDLA classes/semester. The \$75.00 fee must be paid before the student can be enrolled in the class. Students may have the \$75 fee waived if the class is an overload or 8th period class. Ms. Johnson is the IDLA coordinator and has a classroom dedicated to IDLA students taking courses. To contact Ms. Johnson email cjohnson@homedaleschools.org.

[IDLA Fall 2021 Course List](#)

[IDLA Spring 2022 Course List](#)

IDLA Summer Courses

HHS students can enroll in IDLA summer courses. Keep in mind that in the summer the time to complete courses is condensed and students will need to be able dedicate a minimum of 8-10 hours to do classwork each week (even during vacation time). Dual Credit courses have a DC designation. For courses which are not dual credit, the cost is \$75. Checks are to be made payable to HHS and must be brought to the front office before enrollment will be complete. For financial questions, please call the school office (208) 337-4613 and ask for Mrs. Sherri Romriell or email Sheri at sromriell@homedaleschools.org To get started, please fill out the IDLA Registration Form and email it to Ms. Johnson at cjohnson@homedaleschools.org

[IDLA Summer 2021 Course List](#)

[IDLA Registration Form](#)

SAT test for Juniors is April 13th

The statewide SAT for juniors is **Tuesday April 13th** and will be proctored during the school day at HHS. Do you want to know more about college entrance exams, dates, deadlines for Homedale High School students? Visit the links below.

[HHS College Bound Test Information](#)

[HHS College Bound Test Prep Information](#)



Next ACT Test Day at HHS Saturday is April 17th

The next ACT test day at HHS is on Saturday **April 17th**. The registration deadline for the April 17th test was March 12th. 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.



ACT Test Day Protocols:

On ACT test day, the HHS library entrance is open for students at 7:30 a.m. Students should arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. for check in. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator, a photo ID. Students are encouraged to prepare for the ACT by visiting <http://march2success.com>. Idaho students have free access to the online ACT test prep course and may access that by logging into the ACT account they set up when they registered for the ACT. Another test prep option is to visit the new test prep site is for ACT and SAT called the Prep Factory. Students may access it by visiting [ACT & SAT Prep Factory](#)

ISAT Testing this Spring



The 10th graders will be starting Interim ISAT testing on April 14th. At HHS we are continuing to utilize ISAT Interim Assessments to help students fill in the blanks or to help them build on prior knowledge in preparation for the ISAT state assessment. 10th graders will take English and Math tests. The 11th graders will take the science test on April 20th. Make up days are scheduled for later in April. If you have any questions about the ISAT tests, contact Mr. Holtry at mholtry@homedaleschools.org.

ISAT Testing Schedule:

All 10th graders test for Math and English

All 11th graders test for Science

April 14 and 15 English CAT testing

April 19 & 20 English PT testing and Science testing

April 21 & 22 Math CAT testing / April 26 & 27 Math PT testing

Make Up Test Days April 28 & 29

ELA testing April 14 & 15/ 19 & 20

[State Website ISAT Information](#)



HHS PROM Saturday April 24th

Where: At the Garrett Barn

Time: 9-12

\$7 for Singles

\$11 for Couples

Sophomores are Welcome

Freshmen have to be asked by upper
classmen

National Guard Sponsored Lunchtime Event April 28th!



The Army National Guard is sponsoring a lunchtime event on Wednesday April 28th. They will be bringing a Taco Truck to campus and offering FREE taco's for all HHS students! They will have fun activities such as a punching bag...They will provide interested students with military information and be available to answer any questions. The event will be on the lawn between the ag & main building.

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Attention College Bound Seniors & Parents!

APRIL 29th CWI Returns for Placement Testing

On Thursday April 29th, seniors planning on attending CWI in the fall of 2021 have the opportunity to take the math and English placements tests at Homedale High School as retakes or for the first time. Testing will start at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until the end of 5th period. Testing will take place in the computer lab by the library.



If you need help completing FAFSA applications, Eddie from CWI will be available from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Thursdays in the computer lab by the library. If these dates & times do not work, you may make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Debbie Flaming by emailing dflaming@homedaleschools.org . To complete the FAFSA you will need to bring your 2019, 1040 Federal Tax Returns and W2's. Visit Mrs. Flaming's FAFSA webpage with information about the FAFSA application process and the FSA ID.

[HHS FAFSA Webpage](#)

[List of Information Needed for FAFSA \(English\)](#)

[List of Information Needed for FAFSA \(Spanish\)](#)



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 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 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!

College Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines

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 website? **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](#)

College Application Fee Waivers: Please visit Mrs. Flaming's office for forms and help sending in fee waiver forms to college admission departments. The priority college application deadline for most schools was February 15th BUT, it is not too late to apply!

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 Senior Year Transcript Request (7th Semester) 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](#)

Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2021):

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.

**Homedale High School LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Deadline April 15th!**

Homedale High School receives many generous scholarship donations from local businesses and individuals interested in giving Homedale High School students a financial boost. These local scholarships have eligibility requirements and an easy to fill out application process. You can find all the local scholarship information by clicking the HHS Scholarship link or by clicking the document links to the descriptions and application below.



[HHS Scholarship Information](#)

[Local Scholarship Descriptions](#)

[Local Scholarship Application pdf](#)

THE LIGHTFOOT FOUNDATION

The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Deadline is April 15th!

The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship assists students in the Treasure Valley who wish to go to college and further their education. **THEY ARE ONLY AWARDING THIS SCHOLARSHIP TO THE FIRST 500 APPLICANTS!**

What are the Lightfoot Foundation's scholarship requirements?

1. The Lightfoot Foundation requires students to have a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Students must be graduating from a high school from one of the approved 58 towns or cities listed on website. (Homedale is on the list).

3. A student's family's household gross income must not exceed over \$110,000 a year.
 4. Students must plan on enrolling in 12 or more college credits each term/semester/quarter.
 5. Students must submit a COMPLETE online scholarship on or before April 15th each year.
- The Foundation funds are distributed at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The amount received by qualifying students may vary year by year.

THE SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE OPENS ON 3/1/2021 AND CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT MST ON 4/15/2021

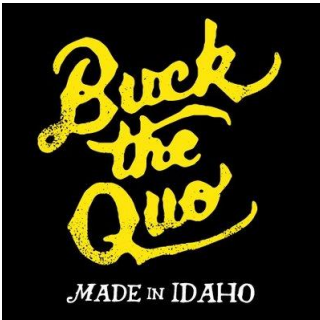
Students should visit the Lightfoot Foundation webpage at the following link:

[Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Webpage](#)

MARCH 1st was the DEADLINE for APPLYING for the Idaho Opportunity & Governors Cup Scholarships

The Opportunity Scholarship awards eligible applicants up to \$3,500 per year and is **renewable for up to four years**. The Governor's Cup Scholarship awards eligible applicants up to \$3000 per year and is **renewable for up to four years**. To be eligible students had to have their FAFSA submitted by March 1st. Both the Idaho Opportunity and Governors Cup Scholarships must be applied for each year. Students will be notified in April about scholarship offers for the 2021-22 school year.

Visit Mrs. Flaming's FAFSA webpage with information about the FAFSA application process and the FSA ID.



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

Upcoming Events

Student Support Day Friday May 7th

Last Day for Seniors May 26th

Graduation Thursday May 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Semester Tests June 1st & 2nd

End of 4th Quarter June 2nd

Summer BREAK Begins June 3rd



Debbie Flaming

Student Support Specialist
College & Career Counselor
College & Military Test Coordinator

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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GEAR UP TO GO ON

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

GET ON THE PATH to being COLLEGE and CAREER READY!

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