



March 2018 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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Attention College Bound Seniors & Parents! Do you need help finishing FAFSA applications, writing scholarship essays, applying to colleges? **Friday MARCH 9th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** TriO rep Ivonne



Martinez will be available in the computer lab by the library to help seniors and parents get FAFSA applications completed...If you are unsure how to complete the FAFSA, bring 2016, 1040 Federal Tax Returns and W2's...and you will receive one on one help through the process.

[HHS FAFSA Help Website](#) [FAFSA Web Worksheet 2018-19](#)

SAT (College Board) and Khan Academy have partnered to create one of the best test prep opportunities offered! All HHS sophomores and juniors have a “personalized” test prep program through Khan Academy! Your students PSAT/NMSQT scores were linked with Khan Academy’s SAT test prep program. What this does it eliminates the need for your student to work on areas they are already strong in and helps your student focus on what they need to work on. If your student did not take the PSAT, no problem. There is a math and English diagnostic test for them to take. This is a great opportunity for HHS students to prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT. The average improvement in test scores for those students who spent time preparing for the SAT through Khan Academy was 115 points! Please encourage your student to spend time each week preparing. It is never too early to start! How do students access the test prep site? They type SATpractice.org in the address bar of their phone, Chromebook or computer browser and log in through their Google account and they are ready to go! [SAT /Khan Academy Test Prep Log In Page](#)



Next SAT Test Day: The statewide SAT for juniors is **Tuesday April 10th** and will be proctored during the school day at HHS.

ACT Test Day at HHS Saturday April 14th

Juniors & seniors, if you are registered to take the ACT April 14th, 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>. A new test prep site is for ACT and SAT is called Prep Factory and students may access it by visiting <https://www.prepfactory.com/uz594A>



Sources of Strength Sponsored Spirit Week March 19th-22nd:

Sources of Strength peer leaders are planning Spirit week with theme days, a carnival, and a high school visit from the 8th graders for an extra-curricular fair and tour. Sources of Strength will be promoting the eight strengths throughout the week. Nalley Gonzalez is the SOS president, Ember Christensen is the Vice President and Alicia Raine is the Secretary/Treasurer.



Sources of Strength

Spirit Week March 19th-22nd



Sources of Strength Sponsored Dress Up Days

Monday March 19th Twin Day

Positive Friends
Dress alike with friends. Make new friends and get everyone involved!



Tuesday March 20th Super Hero Day

Trusted Adults
Get that selfie taken with your super hero (trusted adult)!



Wednesday March 21st Club Day

Healthy Activities
Extended Lunch S.O.S. Everyone Get Involved!
Carnival: Old Gym (Booths provided by S.O.S. students).



Thursday March 22nd SPIRIT DAY

Generosity
8th Graders Visit HHS for Tours and Extra-Curricular Fair
Reach out to the upcoming freshmen!

[Link to HHS Sources of Strength Webpage](#)

Parent Night for all HHS College Bound Students was MONDAY February 26th



There was an informational meeting for college bound students and their parents on Monday **February 26th** in the library/media center during parent teacher conferences. Visit the link to the presentation below:

[Click Here for Parent Night Presentation pdf](#)



HIGHER ED DAYS for Junior's was Wednesday February 28th

Juniors participated in Higher Ed Days with a college fair Wednesday February 28th. College representatives from all public and private Idaho colleges and universities were represented.



College Bound Senior Support & Resources:

HHS Transcripts: It is time for seniors to request 7th semester transcripts and test scores be sent to colleges and universities. All seniors have received a link to the request form through their Gear Up to Go On Google Classroom account.

Scholarships: Applications for Local Scholarships are now available. Copies of applications for scholarships can be made in the guidance counselor's office or printed from the HHS scholarship website. Please visit the HHS scholarship information webpage for scholarship resources, links and deadlines at http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_scholarships.html

All online scholarships can be accessed by clicking on the following link.

<https://sites.google.com/a/homedaleschools.org/homedale-high-school-1/student-resources/scholarships>

College Application Fee Waivers: Please visit the guidance counselor office for forms and help sending in fee waiver forms to college admission departments.

Dual Credit Classes & FAST Forward Funding:

Each Idaho student has a credit of **\$4125.00** to apply towards their dual credit classes.

(The yearlong classes offered by CWI have a spring registration). DEADLINE February 23rd



College of Western Idaho: Homedale High School Classes, Credits & Instructors

Mrs. Gosner ENG101 English Composition 3 Credits (Honors English 11)

Mr. Thatcher MATH170 Calculus 5 Credits (Calculus)

Mr. Lee ENG 101 English Composition 3 Credits (Honors English 12)

Mr. Lyons POLS 202 American State and Local Government 3 Credits (Government)

Mr. Olsen MATH 143 College Algebra 3 Credits/MATH 144 Trigonometry 2 Credits (Pre-Calculus)

ATTENTION Owyhee County Residents:

If you are an Owyhee County resident and your student is taking yearlong or 2nd semester dual credit class(es), please help your student fill out the Certificate of Residency Form. If they do not have a driver's license, they will need a photo of your driver's license. (They can take a photo of it with their phone and email it to Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org). If this documentation is not filled out and submitted to the county seat by May 1st, you will be billed to pay for the dual credits instead of the state Fast Forward fund pool that is available for all Idaho students. The paperwork will be processed by Mrs. Flaming if she receives the form and copies of the license needed before the deadline. If you have any questions about this, please email dflaming@homedaleschools.org.

End of 3rd Quarter March 15th

SPRING BREAK March 23rd-April 1st.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Student Support Specialist services and Gear Up, please visit Mrs. Debbie Flaming's website at <http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/index.html> or e-mail dflaming@homedaleschools.org Homedale High School (208) 337-4613.