



October 2020 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:

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of October! I want to extend a huge Thank You to all the staff, parents and community members that have helped make the start of this school year one of the best yet. I am continually amazed at the dedication and commitment that is displayed by our community on a yearly basis. We are looking forward to another great Homecoming week here at HHS during the week of October 5th-9th! Although we may not be able to hold some of the traditional activities during the week we are still looking forward to some spirited competitions as well as the parade on Friday the 9th at noon. The PBIS theme for the month of September was "Respect" as we identified students that were caught being responsible throughout the past month here at school. During the month of October our theme will be centered on "Responsible" and we will continue to identify students that are displaying the characteristics we desire in our students. The first quarter of our school year wraps up on October 15th so please encourage your son/daughter to finish the quarter strong. We are looking forward to continuing the work of equipping our students with the skills necessary to achieve their dreams! We ask that you stay involved in our school activities throughout the school year, continue to support our students and to continue to build on the rich tradition of school pride we have here in Homedale!

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Holtry





HOMECOMING WEEK AT HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL October 5th-9th

Homecoming Week will start October 5th. Competitions begin with hallway decorating. Class competitions continue with theme dress up days. The Homecoming Week theme this year is Horns & Halo's. Float building will be throughout the week culminating for the parade on Friday at noon featuring Gheen & Devra Christoffersen as Grand Marshalls and the Homecoming royalty. Friday's game will start at 6:20 p.m. with the announcement of the Homecoming King and Queen and introduction of the HHS royalty. The game Kicks Off at 7:00 p.m against the Payette Pirates. Due to Covid-19 and the current guidelines, the school will not be holding a Homecoming dance this year. We are looking forward to a fun and safe week!

Dress Up Days Competition Theme Days

Monday: Sleepy Day

Tuesday: "Senior" Citizen Day

Wednesday: Favorite TV Show Day

Thursday: Spirit Day (Red/White)

Hallway Decoration Competition

Freshmen Hall (Science Wing)

Sophomore Hall (Math Wing)

Junior Hall (Staff Lounge Hall)

Senior Hall (Cafeteria Hall)

Homecoming Week Activities

Monday

Sleepy Day

Float Preparation for the Parade

Tuesday

"Senior" Citizens Day

Volleyball Homes vs Parma

Wednesday

Favorite TV Show Day

Cross Country SRV @ Fruitland

Float Preparation for the Parade

Thursday

Spirit Day (Red/White) Day

Finish Floats for the Parade

Volleyball @ Weiser

JV Football @ Payette 6:30 p.m.

Friday's Schedule

Parade at Noon (Class Competition)

Royalty Announced at 6:20 p.m.

Varsity Football Game 7:00 p.m.

No Homecoming Dance

College Application Week at HHS 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 will be visiting 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! As a follow up, seniors will receive assistance in starting their FAFSA applications. 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. Parents who need help and support with FAFSA are encouraged to come to Parent/Teacher conferences on October 15th and to stop by computer lab 110 to complete the FAFSA. If parents bring 2019 Federal Tax returns and W2's, it will take less than 30 minutes to complete everything!

[College Application Week](#)

[College Application Information Needed](#)

[College Application FAQ's](#)

[Next Steps Idaho](#)

Parent/Teacher Conferences Thursday October 15th 4:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

ATTENTION: HHS Seniors & Parents

FAFSA Application Support Night

Come & get the help you need with FAFSA

*** Finish in less than 30 minutes! ***



WHEN? Thursday October 15th 4:15- p.m.-7:30 p.m.

During P/T Conferences

WHERE? In computer lab 110

- Bring 2019 Federal Tax Returns & W2's for parents & senior (if they filed taxes in 2019)
- One parent needs an email address
- Social Security numbers for one parent & the college bound senior.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Flaming at
dflaming@homedaleschools.org

[HHS College Bound Information](#)

[HHS College Career & FAFSA Information](#)

[Tools to Discover Future Careers](#)

FAFSA Application Support Night



On **Thursday October 15th**, during parent teacher conferences, the computer lab in the hall next to the teacher's lounge (room 110), Mrs. Flaming and several college representatives will be available to help seniors and their parents complete FAFSA applications. This is a drop in style event.

If parents and students bring the needed information, a FAFSA application will not take long to complete. Parents need to bring 2019 Federal tax returns and W2's. If the student worked and filed taxes, they will need their Federal tax returns and W2's as well. Everything is tracked through social security numbers and emails.

If you have any questions contact Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org.



- Thursday October 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th Western Idaho at 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- TVCC CAMP (Virtually) October 15th During Lunch in the Computer Lab by the Library
- Marine Rep October 28th During Lunch in the Foyer by the Cafeteria

Direct Admission Letter News



[Direct Admissions Letter Information](#)

ATTENTION SENIORS:

During College Application week, Mrs. Flaming will be helping seniors to log into Apply Idaho on the Board's Next Steps Idaho website, to create their own account, and open and print their personalized Direct Admissions letter. This letter will show all the Idaho public colleges and universities which the student pre-qualifies for admission. As a follow up, seniors will need to apply to one or more institutions to confirm their interest. College Application Week at HHS October is 12th-15th.

SAT & ACT for SENIORS October 2020:



SAT Test Wednesday 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

The ACT test will be proctored at Homedale High School on Saturday October 24th. 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 takers 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>

Red Ribbon Week October 26th-29th



Red Ribbon Week

Drug-Free America



THE RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN AND ENRIQUE KIKI CAMARENA

Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. In response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction cause by drugs in America.

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was tortured and killed in Mexico in 1985. When he decided to join the US Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I'm only one person", he told her, "but I want to make a difference."

On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and other drugs, had begun forming coalitions. Some of these new coalitions took Camarena as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory, the red ribbon.

In 1988, NFP sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Celebration. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

HHS Red Ribbon Week Theme Days:

<p>Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off</p> <p>WEAR RED DAY: "We're RED-y To Make A Difference!"</p> <p>Wear Red - LOTS of it!</p>	<p>College Day: "Committed to a BRIGHT future!"</p> <p>Wear gear or colors from your favorite college!</p>	<p>Pajama Day: "I Believe I can achieve my dreams!"</p> <p>Wear your pajamas to school! Remember, the school dress code still applies.</p>	<p>Jersey Day: "Team Up Against Drugs"</p> <p>Rep your favorite team or sport!</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS:</p>
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PSAT/NMSQT for JUNIORS October 29th 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](#)

[Information about the NMSQT](#)

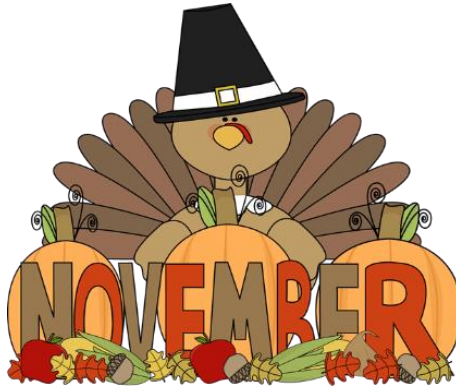
PSAT for SOPHOMORES October 29th 2020:



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

[Information about the PSAT](#)



Coming in November

Thanksgiving Break November 23rd –November 29th



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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