



February 2019 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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Greetings from HHS!

This semester we as a staff have committed to doing everything we can to help our students do great things on the spring assessments. Those assessments include the ACT, SAT, MAP and ISAT. As a staff we review the results of each of these assessments on a yearly basis. The information gathered from these assessments helps guide our instruction and set our lessons to best meet the needs of our students. This semester specifically we are utilizing Khan academy in our advisory periods as well as in our classrooms as a study tool and instructional tool to help students fill in the blanks or to help them build on prior knowledge in hopes to knock these assessments out of the part this coming semester. As we continue to work with PBIS in our school, our English department has taken on the theme of the month for February.

Going along with the Valentines theme this month it will be "Fall in Love with a book" as we encourage students to spend more time reading and engaging in educational texts. 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!

Sincerely, *Mr. Matt Holtry*

Attention All College Bound Seniors & Parents.

Important Drop-In Event from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FRIDAY February 1st



Parents...Do you need help with FAFSA and understanding the college process? Seniors...Do you need help with college applications, scholarships and your FAFSA? **Friday February 1st from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** state TriO director Petya Johnson and I, (Mrs. Debbie Flaming) will be available in the computer lab by the library to help seniors and parents get FAFSA applications completed, help students with scholarships and all things

college. To complete the FAFSA, please remember to bring 2017, 1040 Federal Tax Returns and W2's. You will receive one on one help through the process. **The priority deadline for FAFSA is February 15th!**

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

[HHS FAFSA Information](#)

HIGHER ED DAYS for HHS **JUNIORS**

Wednesday February 13th

Juniors will participate in Higher Ed Days with a college fair hosted at HHS 12:52 p.m.-1:52 p.m. College representatives from all public and private Idaho colleges and universities will be represented. The fair will be in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.



Parent Night & Mini-College Fair for **ALL HHS College Bound Students** is Monday

February 25th during parent/teacher conferences

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

There will be a Parent Night & mini-college fair for parents of college bound students during parent/teacher conferences on **Monday February 25th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** Parents, please plan on coming! A mini-college fair will be set up in the foyer by the cafeteria for students and parents to visit with college representatives. For more information, email dflaming@homedaleschools.org.

ACT Test Day at HHS Saturday February 9th!

The next ACT at HHS is February 9th. The 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/u/z594A>



PSAT Results: The test results from the October 10th PSAT test were reviewed with the sophomores during their Biology classes on Wednesday January 16th. The sophomores will be encouraged to take the PSAT/NMSQT the fall of their junior year and the state will pay for them to take the SAT the spring of their junior year.



PSAT/NMSQT Results: The test results from the October 10th NMSQT/PSAT test were reviewed with the juniors during their English Honors 11 class on Tuesday January 15th. In September of 2019, College Board will announce the NMSQT 2018-19 semi-finalists. For more information about the NMSQT, click the following link: [National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](http://NationalMeritScholarshipCorporation.org)

If parents would like a copy of their students PSAT/NMSQT results, e-mail requests to Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org



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](#)

SAT Test Day: The statewide SAT for juniors is **Tuesday April 9th** 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 link below.

[HHS College Bound Test Information](#)

[HHS College Bound Test Prep Information](#)



ASVAB Test Date: Thursday January 17th, HHS hosted 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). ASVAB Test Score Interpret and Career

Exploration session with Tammi Crnkovich U.S. Army/National Guard was January 31st. For more information about the ASVAB visit [HHS ASVAB Test Information](#)

Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2019):

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. Click the following links for more information about scholarships available for HHS students: [HHS Scholarship Webpage Information](#).

- **The Career Information System or CIS** is a website that parents and students may log into and do scholarship searches and sorts. Click the following link to the CIS website: [CIS log in page](#). Use the generic user name and password which is the following:
User Name: homedalehs **Password:** Homedale4cis (The password is case sensitive).
- We post all scholarships that come to us at [HHS Online Scholarship Posts](#). We update this information frequently as scholarship information comes in through email and fax. We also have a drawer of scholarships in the guidance counselor office of scholarship opportunities that are mailed to us. Students are encouraged to check this out.

HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CLASS OF 2019 IS NOW OPEN!

Each year local businesses and Homedale alumni generously offer Homedale High School seniors scholarships. These scholarships are competitive and require students to take the time to fill out a scholarship application or write an essay. It is important to read the descriptions and to apply for those scholarships that are applicable to the student applying. The deadline for the scholarships is April 15th and this date is firm! Seniors, please get your local scholarship application(s) handed in to Mrs. Flaming before the April deadline.

[HHS Local Scholarship Description](#)
[HHS Local Scholarship Application](#)

[Deward Bell Scholarship Application](#)
[Homedale Lions Club Scholarship Application](#)

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

2019-20 application reopened 11/1/2018. Career/Technical Deadline 2019-20 application opened 11/1/2018.

- 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](#)

College Application Fee Waivers: Please visit the guidance counselor office for forms and help sending in fee waiver forms to college admission departments. Attention Seniors: The priority college application deadline for most schools is February 15th. Please get college applications completed as soon as possible!



College Application Week was October 22nd-25th 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 and TriO representative Ms. Ivonne Martinez 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 of 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!

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 Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines

[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 for Senior's:

After applying, seniors must request that their transcripts and test score 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 1st 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 Bound Senior Information](#)

Sources of Strength announces...

“Pal” en Tine Week February 11th-14th

Sources of Strength is sponsoring Pal-en-Tine Week at Homedale High School, encouraging positive friends and healthy activities. A smile challenge will be launched on Monday February 11th and students will celebrate the week by wearing red or pink on designated days. Monday is freshmen dress up day, Tuesday is sophomore dress up day, Wednesday is junior dress up day and Thursday is senior dress up day. On Thursday February 14th, SOS will sponsor a Pal en Tine Carnival during an extended lunch period promoting positive friends and healthy activities.



**Our healthy activities are
ROCK solid! #SOS**

HHS ASB Sponsored Battle of the Sexes Week February 25th-28th

Mr. HHS Pageant March 1st 7:00 p.m. in the old gym Sponsored by the Senior Class

College Bound Senior Support & Resources:

FAFSA Support at Homedale High School:

FAFSA support for college bound seniors & parents' is available by appointment with Mrs. Flaming. Seniors and parents may drop in anytime on Thursdays between **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to meet with Ivonne Martinez from TriO as well to receive one on one help with the FSA ID and with the FAFSA application process. The is based on the 2017 tax returns. The link following is to a pdf with a list of things you will need in order to successfully fill out the FAFSA application. [7 Things Needed to Fill Out the FAFSA](#)

The FSA ID: One parent and the student will need to set up a FSA ID. The FSA ID confirms your identity and is used to sign into the FAFSA application and to provide electronic signatures for the FAFSA when it is submitted. Some important things for you and your student to know or have available to set up the FSA ID is the following: both of you will need your own e-mail account, your social security numbers and the accurate spelling of your names matching what is printed on your social security card. It is important to write down the email used and password and the answers to your security questions. [FSA ID Log In](#)

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

[HHS FAFSA Information](#)

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.

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

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 new website at

[HHS College & Career Website](#) or e-mail dflaming@homedaleschools.org or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.