



November 2021 Newsletter

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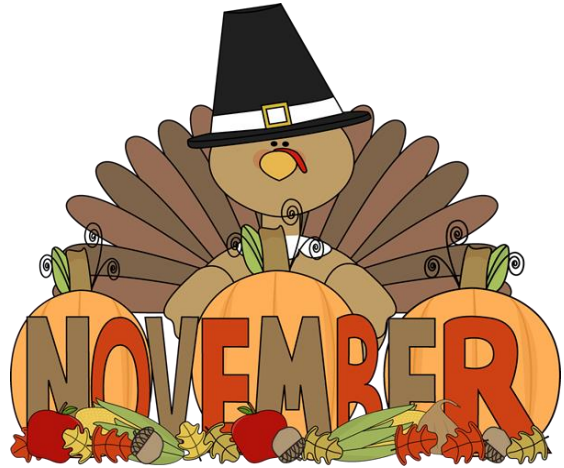


Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
Aim High, Make a Plan, Get Ready, GO ON

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A Word from Principal Mr. Matt Holtry:

I am excited to say that we are officially in November! With that we are once again looking forward to the Holiday seasons and time with family. As Thanksgiving time approaches it is critical to the academic success of our students that they stay on top of their studies and have all work turned in so that time spent with family and friends over break can be truly enjoyed. With Thanksgiving break this month it leaves us with only five weeks left in the 2nd quarter so we must make the most of each and every day we have.

The PBIS theme of the month for November is "Safe". Teachers and staff will be identifying students throughout the month that are demonstrating characteristics of being Safe while here at school. 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. We encourage everyone to continue to promote the ideas of being Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and having a Positive Attitude throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support of Homedale High School!

Mr. Matt Holtry



End of 2nd Quarter December 16th

PSAT/NMSQT Test

Tuesday October 13th was PSAT test day for all HHS sophomores. This test is a statewide and national test. Juniors competing for national merit scholarship took the NMSQT the same morning. Test results will be available online in the next few weeks and for the school results come in January. The links below provide information about the PSAT & NMSQT.



[Information about the PSAT](#)

[Information about the NMSQT.](#)

ACT Test for Senior's

Saturday October 23rd was ACT test day at HHS for the seniors. Seniors will have another opportunity to take the ACT on December 11th. The registration deadline for this test is November 5th. The December ACT will be at Caldwell High School or the College of Idaho. HHS does not host the December test. 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 driver's license or official DMV photo ID is mandatory) and test takers need an ACT test admission ticket.



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>

College Application Week at HHS was October 12th-15th

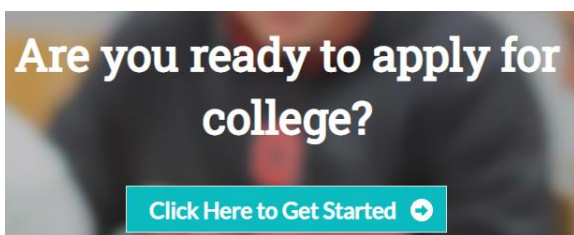


College Application Week is a nationwide program to encourage every high school student to apply for postsecondary training. At Homedale High School, Mrs. Flaming visited the senior leadership and economics classes to provide an opportunity for every senior to apply to at least one college, university, 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!

[College Application Week](#)

[College Application Information Needed](#)

[College Application FAQ's](#)



[Next Steps Idaho](#)



College Reps & Military Visits to HHS

- Thursday November 11th & 18th The new College of Western Idaho rep Halley Martell & Trio will be available
- Marine Rep TBA



HHS Community Cleanup Day Wednesday October 20th

Senior Jordan Mullins organized the fall community clean-up day for his senior project on Wednesday October 20th. Teams of students went throughout the town and raked leaves and picked up trash. Hot Chocolate & Cookies were served to students & teachers after the Clean Up the Town Event.

Thank you Jordan for doing such a great job putting the event together!



Sources of Strength Spirit Week Highlights

Sources of Strength Spirit Week kicked off with an exciting assembly on Thursday October 21st. SOS Peer Leaders handed out informational flyers to all the students in the school explaining what Sources of Strength is all about. Students led the Rock Paper Scissors game challenge which involved the entire student body. Students were entertained by a video produced by SOS peer leaders and advisers highlighting the upcoming SOS Spirit theme days and planned lunchtime activities. SOS is student led and provides an opportunity for HHS students to learn essential leadership skills. Public speaking, video production, organizing and planning assemblies are just a few of the ways these students can get involved. Learning to be an influencer spreading messages of HELP, HOPE & Strength among their peers is the central mission of Sources of Strength.



Sources of Strength Poster Campaign

During SOS Spirit Week, a colored poster was circulated through each class where all Homedale High School students were given the opportunity to draw a picture of what gave them strength in their lives. This activity highlights the concept that everyone has something or someone in their lives that they lean on or enjoy that gives them encouragement (or strength).

The SOS Strengths Wheel

Sources of Strength research has identified 8 strengths which contribute to a healthy lifestyle. The Strength Wheel illustrates these strengths and helps students to develop multiple strengths in their lives and spread this message to their peers. A guest speaker Mr. Patrick Conner a national Sources of Strength trainer from the Idaho Lives Project came to the assembly on October 28th to explain the Sources of Strength Wheel to the entire HHS student body and the importance of developing multiple strengths in your life.



SOS Spirit Week Competition Winners

During SOS Spirit Week, each class was in a competition to see who could get the highest level of participation in the lunchtime activities and dress up days. At the end of the week the senior and freshmen class tied for 1st place. As a result, they were rewarded with ice-cream sundaes and floats on Wednesday November 3rd, during lunch.



Monday October 25th Pajama Day
SOS Theme: The Importance of Mental Health
Lunch Activity Cafeteria: Free Hot Chocolate
 Add your artistic flare to the class Strengths poster.
 Spread messages of HELP, HOPE & Strength

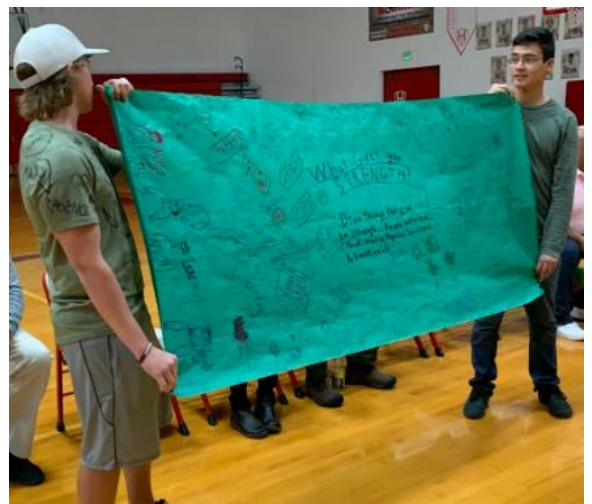
Homedale High School SOS Spirit Week Events
October 25th-28th
Sources of Strength Sponsored Dress Up Days

Class Colors for SOS Spirit Week:
 Freshmen: Yellow Sophomores: Green Juniors: Blue Seniors: Red

Tuesday October 26th Turn up with your Positive Friend for Twin Tuesday
SOS Theme: Positive Friends
Lunch Activity Outside the Cafeteria & Old Gym: Games...Giant Jenga, Cups, Corn Hole...

Wednesday October 27th Save the Day/ Make Their Day. Dress Up like a SUPERHERO
SOS Theme: Mentors=Superhero's /Generosity=Show Appreciation
Lunch Activity Cafeteria: Write a message showing your appreciation to a teacher on a post-it. Each class has post-its in their class color. (Trusted Adult Mentor, Coach or Teacher or Friend).

Thursday October 28th Be YOU and show your colors. Wear your class color.
 Freshmen: Yellow Sophomores: Green Juniors: Blue Seniors: Red
SOS Theme: Spirituality
Lunch Activity Cafeteria: Add your artwork to the to the "What gives me STRENGTH" Poster/ Finish the Mentor Appreciation Poster.
 SOS Sponsored Show Your Spirit Assembly!



Mentor Appreciation

During SOS Spirit Week, HHS students had the opportunity to say "thank-you" to the mentors and teachers who have made a difference in their lives by writing their appreciation messages on post-it notes. The posters were presented to the teachers during the October 28th assembly. The posters have been hung up in the teachers' lounge.



FAFSA Help & Support

Parents who need help and support with FAFSA are encouraged to arrange an appointment with Mrs. Flaming. If parents bring 2020 Federal Tax returns and W2's, it will take less than 30 minutes to complete everything! A Spanish translator will be available to help Spanish speaking parents. 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.

Direct Admission Letter News



Direct Admissions Letter Information

Buck the Quo

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.

[Next Steps Idaho Scholarship Search](#)

ATTENTION SENIORS:

During College Application week, Mrs. Flaming helped seniors to log into Apply Idaho on the Board's Next Steps Idaho website, to create their own account, and open their personalized Direct Admissions letter. This letter shows seniors all the Idaho public colleges and universities which they are pre-qualified for admission. As a follow up, seniors will need to apply to one or more institutions to confirm their interest.



Meet the New HHS Trio Rep Gloria Segura

Hello! I'm super excited to be serving Homedale High School. I have been with TRIO Educational Talent Search for seven years. I enjoy working with students explore the different opportunities available to them after high school. Helping my community has always driven me, primarily assisting the youth in overcoming barriers to continue their educational goals. I consider myself super lucky to be able to work with some fantastic students here in the community. I'm a first-generation student and TRIO alumni. I know first-hand how challenging and scary the college process can be. I graduated from Lewis-Clark State College. I'm currently working on my master's degree at Boise State University and graduating in May 2022. I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, and trying different types of foods in my spare time.

Gloria Segura

Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2022):

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

2021-22 application reopened 11/1/2020. Career/Technical Deadline 2021-22 application will open 11/1/21

- 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 Application](#)

Gear Up Field Trip October 26th



Gear Up coordinator Mrs. Kristie Dorsey planned and organized a field trip for the sophomores to the Oregon/Idaho Border College Fair on October 26th. Seniors were able to attend as well. Students visited with college representatives from the state of Idaho and Oregon, tech schools and military recruiters.



Meet the New HHS Lifeways Counselor

Hello!! My name is Angela Saitta. I have been in the mental health field since 2010. I am a Licensed Masters Social Worker and received my degree from Northwest Nazarene University and have been working towards specialized certifications in trauma care. My career path has led me through being a Community Based Rehabilitation Specialist, Crisis Response and suicide prevention for Mental Health for the State of Idaho, Clinician working with an interdisciplinary team to help reintegrate individuals into the community after significant disruptions in their lives, and finally, currently doing outpatient mental health therapy with Lifeways. Through my experience I have found that I really enjoy working with the high school population. It is my sincere belief that every individual deserves to have a place to be authentic without fear of repercussion or judgment. I work with teens and adults to help them as they process through past traumas, navigate current challenges, identify and set healthy boundaries, and find new ways to better manage their mental health.

In my free time I like to garden, go to concerts, read, and spend time with my family including my spouse, three children, two cats, a dog, 6 ducks, 6 chickens, and 1 pig.

If anyone would like to reach out for individual counseling services, you can contact me at asaitta@lifeways.org or Mrs. Debbie Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org to complete the Lifeways intake packet and I look forward to meeting you!

Angela Saitta





Lifeways Counseling

Homedale High School offers professional counseling services through Lifeways. A Lifeways counselor visits the HHS campus to meet with students on Tuesdays.

Parents must apply for these services. To receive an information packet, email Mrs. Debbie Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org

Lifeways Website

Upcoming Events

THANKSGIVING BREAK NOVEMBER 18th-November 28th

Coming in December

**Canned Food Drive
Senior Leadership Presentations
Start of Winter Sports**



ACT Test for Seniors December 11th

The next ACT will be on Saturday **December 11th**. The registration deadline is **Friday November 5th**. (Unless students have a fee waiver for an extended deadline). The students will be taking the test either at the College of Idaho or Caldwell High School, **not at HHS!**

IMPORTANT: STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR DRIVERS LICENSE or a DMV PHOTO ID & ADMISSION TICKET ***or they will not be allowed to test.*** Arrival time is 7:45 a.m. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator, a **photo ID**. ACT test prep has been planned during advisory classes. Students may begin preparing for the ACT by logging into <http://march2success.com> . A new ACT and SAT test prep website is <https://www.prepfactory.com/u/z594A> Want to know more about college entrance exams, dates, deadlines for Homedale High School students?...visit the link [HHS College Bound Test Information](#)
[ACT Registration Log In](#)

Thursday, December 16th, End of 2nd Quarter.



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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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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