



November 2020 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
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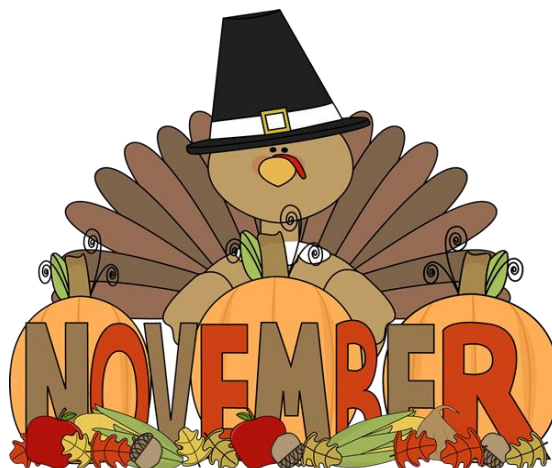
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A Word from Principal Mr. Matt Holtry:



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 six 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

PSAT/NMSQT Test

Thursday, October 29th 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](#)

SAT & ACT Test for Senior's

Wednesday October 14th was SAT day & Saturday October 24th was ACT test day at HHS for the seniors. Seniors will have another opportunity to take the ACT on December 12th. The registration deadline for this test is November 6th. The December ACT will be at Caldwell High School or the College of Idaho. HHS does not host the December test.

Students may prepare for the ACT by creating a march 2 success account at <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.



Homecoming Week was October 5th-9th. Dress up days were selected by each class with Horns & Halos as the Homecoming Theme. Hallway decorations were amazing this year as well as the floats for the parade. The parade was on Friday at noon featuring Gheen & Devra Christoffersen as Grand Marshalls, Homecoming Royalty Homedale and class floats. The Homecoming football game Friday night was against the Payette Pirates and was a blow out! It was a great Homecoming week!



HHS 2020 Homecoming Royalty

Freshman Princess & Prince:

Dillon Fine & Jocelynn Roseborough

Junior Princess & Prince:

Willy Haun & Destiny Castellanos

Sophomore Princess & Prince:

Trenton Fisher & Olivia Smith

Senior Queen & King Candidates:

Erik Hernandez & Emily Craft

Joseph Egusquiza & Ainslee Evans

2020 Homecoming Queen Gracie Rotter & King John Breshears



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

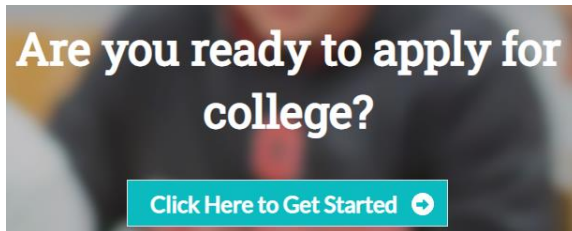


College Application Week is a nationwide program to encourage every high school student to apply for postsecondary training. At Homedale High School, Mrs. Flaming visited the senior leadership and economics classes to provide an opportunity for every senior to apply to at least one college, university,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

Red Ribbon Week at HHS was October 26th-29th



Red Ribbon Week

Drug-Free America



[HHS Sources of Strength Webpage](#)

Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off WEAR RED DAY: "We're RED-y To Make A Difference!" Wear Red - LOTS of it!	College Day: "Committed to a BRIGHT future!" Wear gear or colors from your favorite college!	Pajama Day: "I Believe I can achieve my dreams!" Wear your pajamas to school! Remember, the school dress code still applies.	Jersey Day: "Team Up Against Drugs" Rep your favorite team or sport! SPECIAL EVENTS:
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Red Ribbon Week was observed at Homedale High School promoting Drug Free themes and dress up days all week long!



Senior Alvaro Villa organized a community clean-up day for his senior project on Thursday October 29th. Teams of students went throughout the town and raked leaves and picked up trash. Thank you Alvaro for doing such a great job putting the event together!



Hot Chocolate & Cookies were served to students & teachers after the Clean Up the Town Event.

FAFSA Help & Support

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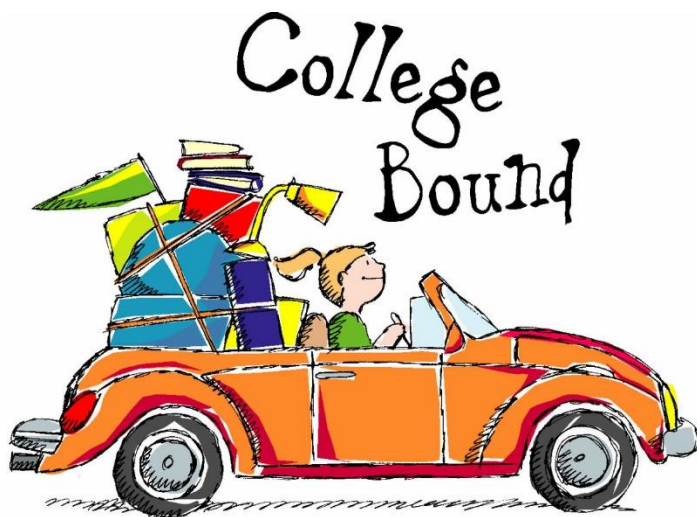
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Seniors will receive assistance in starting their FAFSA applications at HHS. This application is required by colleges to award financial aid and scholarships and also will make it possible for students to access grants from the state and federal government. Parents who need help and support with FAFSA are encouraged to make an appointment with Mrs. Flaming. If parents have their 2019 Federal Tax returns and W2's, it will take less than 30 minutes to complete the FAFSA!



College Bound Senior Event at HHS

(Parents are Welcome to Come)

When? Thursday November 19th

Periods 3-5 10:10 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Where? In the HHS Library & Computer Lab

- Idaho College Reps will be coming to the HHS campus or checking in virtually during the event to visit with seniors.
- Seniors & Parents will have help with College Applications, Scholarships, FAFSA & More!

Make a plan to come. U of I Priority Deadline is December 1st!



College & Military Visits to HHS:

College of Western Idaho November 5th, 12th & 19th

Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2020):

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](#).

- 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.

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



[Next Steps Idaho Scholarship Search](#)

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

2020-21 application reopened 11/1/2019. Career/Technical Deadline 2020-21 application opened 11/1/2019.

- 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](#)

Upcoming Events

Sources of Strength **Thankfulness Campaign Week** November 16th-19th

Sources of Strength is sponsoring a Thankfulness Campaign the week before Thanksgiving break during Thankfulness journals and will given to the entire student body. They will be asked to list three things they are grateful for each day for 21 days. Research has shown that an attitude of gratitude can actually change brain chemistry to be most positive and joyful over time.

THANKSGIVING BREAK NOVEMBER 20th-November 29th

Coming in December

Canned Food Drive
Senior Leadership Presentations
Start of Winter Sports



ACT Test for Seniors December 14th

The next ACT will be on Saturday **December 12th**. The registration deadline is **Friday November 6th**. 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 19th, 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.


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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

