



April 2022 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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Greetings from HHS!

I hope everyone had a great spring break and that everyone is ready to attack the 4th quarter with a positive attitude! April's theme this month will be "Positive Attitude!" Even as we face challenging times we can always choose our attitudes and this month we will focus on choosing a positive one! As we reflect on our pillars for PBIS Respect, Responsible, Safe, and having a Positive Attitude let's be sure to emphasize the Positives this month as we start off the right way for our 4th quarter!

This month is a big month for our school regarding ISAT, SAT, and ACT assessments going on. PLEASE be sure to utilize your time wisely and prep for these assessments.

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

C.S. Lewis

Looking forward to another great month at HHS!

Sincerely, *Mr. Matt Holtry*



Resources for Building 3, 2 & 1 Year Plans

The first week back from spring break has been a busy one for HHS students! Mrs. Flaming has been visiting classes to help students build their plans for classes for the year(s) to come. Students can find their individual plans as an assignment in Gear Up to Go On Class of _____, in Google Classroom. Even though students are asked to submit their plans, they can still go back and edit or update at any time. Parents, you are invited to review your students plan with them to help guide their decisions. Ask them to show you their plans in Google Classroom.

[Graduation Requirements](#)

Courses Available by Grade Level (Subject to Change):

[10th Grade Courses](#)

[11th Grade Courses](#)

[12th Grade Courses](#)

4 Year Plans for 8th Graders

Mr. Holtry & Mrs. Flaming will be visiting the middle school to meet with the 8th graders on April 7th to help get them started on their 4 year plans. They will start with a paper copy to bring home to parents. Follow up to the middle school is planned later in April, early May to help answer the 8th graders questions about high school...8th graders parents who would like information about 4 year plans and upcoming events, please email Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org

[9th Grade Courses](#)

HHS Course Catalog

Check out the HHS course catalog. This catalog is accessible from the HHS College and Career website on the [Graduation Requirements](#) web page. You may click on the links below to access the specific department course descriptions as well. Classes can vary from year to year especially for agricultural courses. The time slots for the various classes will not be available until a master schedule is finalized, just before registration due to staff changes...

[1\) A Letter From the Principal: Mr. Holtry](#)

[2\) Graduation Requirements](#)

[3\) Language Arts \(English & Speech\)](#)

[4\) Math](#)

[5\) Science](#)

[6\) Social Studies](#)

[7\) Health, Fitness, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Spanish](#)

[8\) Vocational, Ag, Business & COSSA](#)

[9\) Misc](#)

COSSA CTE Certifications

COSSA offers students the opportunity to earn certifications in Auto or Diesel Mechanics, Welding, Engineering Design, Building Construction, Culinary Arts, Health Professions such as Nursing (CNA or EMT certifications) and Law Enforcement. HHS students who begin these programs their sophomore year are eligible for the certifications with the exception of CNA & EMT which are only one year programs and are open only to juniors and seniors and Law Enforcement. These classes require three periods a day and include a technical math credit.

A Field Trip is Planned for HHS 9th & 10th Graders Interested in COSSA Courses May 5th!

On Thursday May 5th, HHS 9th & 10th graders interested in COSSA course offerings will be going on a field trip to learn more about the various programs.

For more information about COSSA's CTE program visit the links below.

[COSSA CTE Website](#)

[COSSA CTE Course Descriptions](#)

Ag Department Offers Three Certification Pathways

The Homedale High School Ag Department, headed by Ms. Rheuby and Mr. Wetzel have put together three pathways for students which will lead to useful and powerful ag certifications. The three pathways are as follows:

Agriculture Mechanics with possible certifications in a Home Builders Association Certificate or a EETC Small Engines Certification.

Plant and Soil Science with possible certifications in Advanced Floral Certification or BASF Advanced Plant Certification.

Animal Science with certifications in Livestock Repro State Certification in the fall and the ELANCO Vet Science certification in the spring.

Student need to review the Ag Pathways document to make sure they are taking all the right courses for these important certifications. [Ag Pathways](#)

IDLA Courses

Taking IDLA classes is a great way for HHS students to enhance and supplement their educational experience. Over fifty dual credit classes are available through IDLA which provide both high school and college credit courses at the same time. Fast Forward funds are available to all Idaho students to pay for the college credits and the high school credit is free! [IDLA Dual Credit Course List](#) IDLA classes can be a way

for students to meet the two credit technology requirement at HHS. IDLA classes may be taken for elective credit, or foreign language class, or for required classes. Students may register for a maximum of two IDLA classes/semester. The \$75.00 fee must be paid before the student can be enrolled in the class. Students may have the \$75 fee waived if the class is an overload or 8th period class. Ms. Johnson is the IDLA coordinator and has a classroom dedicated to IDLA students taking courses. To contact Ms. Johnson email cjohnson@homedaleschools.org.

[IDLA Fall 2022 Course List](#)

[IDLA Spring 2023 Course List](#)

IDLA Summer Courses

HHS students can enroll in IDLA summer courses. Keep in mind that in the summer the time to complete courses is condensed and students will need to be able dedicate a minimum of 8-10 hours to do classwork each week (even during vacation time). Dual Credit courses have a DC designation. For courses which are not dual credit, the cost is \$75. Checks are to be made payable to HHS and must be brought to the front office before enrollment will be complete. For financial questions, please call the school office (208) 337-4613 and ask for Mrs. Sherri Romriell or email Sheri at sromriell@homedaleschools.org To get started, please fill out the IDLA Registration Form and email it to Ms. Johnson at cjohnson@homedaleschools.org

[IDLA Summer 2022 Course List](#)

[IDLA Registration Form](#)

ACT Test Day April 2nd Relocated

The next ACT test day on Saturday **April 2nd will no longer be proctored at HHS**. Students registered to test must reprint their admission tickets to see where they have been reassigned. Students have two opportunities to take the ACT using a fee waiver. One waiver is used spring of a student's junior year, the other waiver is used the fall of the student's senior year.



ACT Test Day Protocols:

On ACT test day, students should arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. for check in. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator, a DMV issued photo ID. Students are encouraged to prepare for the ACT by visiting <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. Another test prep option is to visit the new test prep site is for ACT and SAT called the Prep Factory. Students may access it by visiting [ACT & SAT Prep Factory](#)

SAT test for Juniors is April 13th

The statewide SAT for juniors is **Wednesday April 13th** 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 links below.

[HHS College Bound Test Information](#)

[HHS College Bound Test Prep Information](#)



ISAT Testing this Spring

The 10th graders will be ISAT testing on April 12th and the 19th. They will take English and Math assessments. The 11th graders will take the science test on April 26th. Make up days are scheduled for later in April and the first part of May.

If you have any questions about the ISAT tests, contact Mr. Holtry at mholtry@homedaleschools.org.

[State Website ISAT Information](#)



HHS PROM Saturday April 30th

Theme: Masquerade

Where: Homedale Community Center

Time: 9-12

Sophomores are Welcome

Freshmen have to be asked by upper classmen

HHS Seniors get in FREE!

Cinco De Mayo Family Fiesta May 5th at HHS

Gear Up, FHLA and the high school are teaming up to provide Homedale High School students, families and upcoming freshmen the opportunity to come for a FREE Dinner with authentic Mexican cuisine with music and activities. Take a tour of the school, and learn about the exciting new things coming to campus for the 2022-23 school year. You will get a sneak-peak at course offerings and extra-curricular activities as well. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served until the food runs out. Plan to bring the whole family!



[Cinco De Mayo Parent Event Information](#)

Student Support Day at HHS Friday May 6th

Attention College Bound Seniors & Parents!



[HHS FAFSA Webpage](#)

If you need help completing FAFSA applications Hailie Martell from CWI will be available from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Thursday March 3rd and March 10th in the guidance counselor's office. If these dates & times do not work, you may make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Debbie Flaming by emailing dflaming@homedaleschools.org.

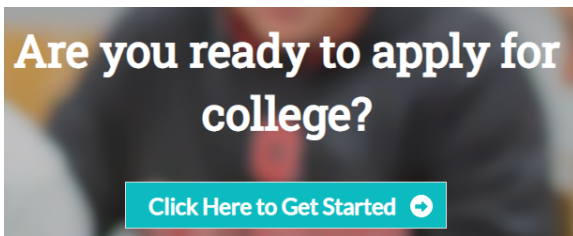
To complete the FAFSA you will need to bring your 2020, 1040 Federal Tax Returns and W2's.

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

[List of Information Needed for FAFSA \(English\)](#)

[List of Information Needed for FAFSA \(Spanish\)](#)

College Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines



[Next Steps Idaho Scholarship Search](#)



[Next Steps Idaho](#)



- Thursdays CWI & TriO
- Army National Guard Lunchtime Visits TBA

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 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:

After applying, seniors must request that their transcripts and test scores 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 6th 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 Application Week Webpage](#)



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.

Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2022):

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.

Homedale High School LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Homedale High School receives many generous scholarship donations from local businesses and individuals interested in giving Homedale High School students a financial boost. These local scholarships have eligibility requirements and an easy to fill out application process. You can find all the local scholarship information by clicking the HHS Scholarship link or by clicking the document links to the descriptions and application below.



[Local Scholarship Descriptions](#)

[Local Scholarship Application pdf](#)

THE LIGHTFOOT FOUNDATION

The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship **Opens March 1st, 2022**

The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship assists students in the Treasure Valley who wish to go to college and further their education. **THEY ARE ONLY AWARDING THIS SCHOLARSHIP TO THE FIRST 500 APPLICANTS!**

What are the Lightfoot Foundation's scholarship requirements?

1. The Lightfoot Foundation requires students to have a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Students must be graduating from a high school from one of the approved 58 towns or cities listed on website. (Homedale is on the list).
3. A student's family's household gross income must not exceed over \$110,000 a year.
4. Students must plan on enrolling in 12 or more college credits each term/semester/quarter.
5. Students must submit a COMPLETE online scholarship on or before April 15th each year.

The Foundation funds are distributed at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The amount received by qualifying students may vary year by year.

THE SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE OPENS ON 3/1/2022 AND CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT MST ON 4/15/2022

Students should visit the Lightfoot Foundation webpage at the following link:

[Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Webpage](#)

MARCH 1st: The DEADLINE for APPLYING for the Idaho Opportunity & Governors Cup Scholarships

The Opportunity Scholarship awards eligible applicants up to \$3,500 per year and is **renewable for up to four years**. The Governor's Cup Scholarship awards eligible applicants up to \$3000 per year and is **renewable for up to four years**. To be eligible students had to have their **FAFSA submitted by March 1st**. Both the Idaho Opportunity and Governors Cup Scholarships must be applied for each year. Students will be notified in April about scholarship offers for the 2022-23 school year.

[HHS Scholarship Information](#)



Meet the 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



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](#)

Meet the 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



Upcoming Events

April 6th-9th State FFA Leadership Conference

Friday April 8th Staff Inservice Day

April 14th Band Festival at Vallivue

April 15th TALENT SHOW at HHS

May 5th Cinco De Mayo Family Fiesta Night

Student Support Day Friday May 6th

Last Day for Seniors May 25th

Graduation Thursday May 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Semester Tests May 31st & June 1st

End of 4th Quarter June 1st

COSSA Summer School Begins June 6th



Debbie Flaming

Student Support Specialist
College & Career Counselor
College & Military Test Coordinator

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

Home

- District/ High School Calendar
- Upcoming Events
- Graduation Requirements
- STUDY Helps
- Future Career Tools & Helps
- IDLA

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