



November 2019 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



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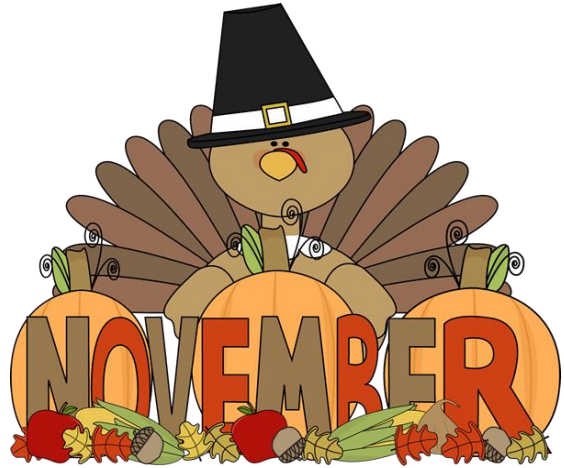
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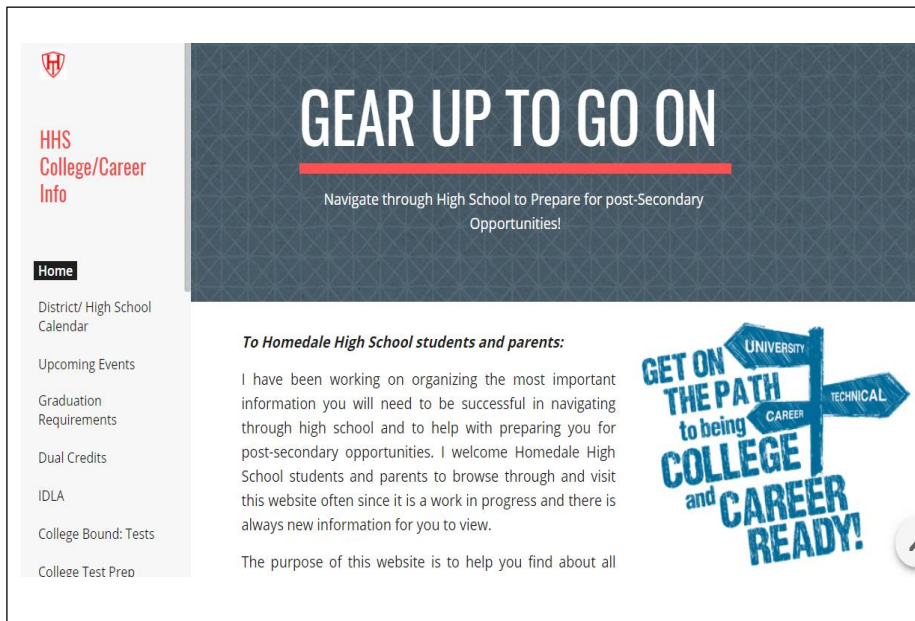
A Word from Principal Mr. Matt Holtry:



It is hard to believe it is already November! With that we are looking forward to the Holiday season 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 "Respect". Teachers and staff will be identifying students throughout the month that are demonstrating characteristics of Respect 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 look forward to our upcoming parent teacher conferences on November 18th. Thank you for your continued support of Homedale High School!

Mr. Matt Holtry

Gear Up to Go On Website for all Homedale High School Students & Parents!



[Click Here to Visit the Gear Up to Go On Website](#)

Directions for finding the Website:

Mrs. Debbie Flaming has updated the Gear Up Go On Website for the 2019-20 school year! You can find it by visiting the Homedale School District Homepage and clicking on the red high school tab at the top of the page. On the high school webpage, scroll down to the Idaho Go On Logo and click on the College and Career Website Link below it.



[College and Career Website](#)

College Fair at HHS Monday September 30th a Huge Success!



On Monday September 30th Homedale High School students and parents were invited to a college fair from 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. This event was hosted in the high school library. This event showcased Homedale High School's academic programs, college representatives were available to talk to parents and students about post-secondary opportunities, and guest recruiters from the military and trade schools were also represented. C of I, NNU, LCSC, U of I, ISU, CWI, TVCC, Oliver Finley and the military branches were present. The principal for IDLA, Jeff Farden, TriO rep Ivonne Martinez, and HHS dual credit instructors also came to answer questions. Pizza was served at 6:00 p.m. and there was plenty for all! If you missed the event, be sure to view the power point presentation by clicking the link:

The next event planned is November 18th during parent/teacher conferences. College representatives will be helping seniors and their parent's complete FAFSA applications in the library/media center from 4:15-7:45 p.m.

[HHS College Career & FAFSA Information](#)

[Tools to Discover Future Careers](#)

PSAT/NMSQT Test

Wednesday, October 16th 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 26th was ACT test day at HHS. Seniors will have another opportunity to take the ACT on December 14th. The registration deadline for this test is November 8th. 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.



[ACT Registration Log In](#)

Homedale High School Crop Management Class Lends a Helping Hand at a Lavender Farm



On Wednesday October 3rd, the crop management class had the opportunity for a real, live hands on experience moving lavender plants from a greenhouse and planting them in a 5-acre field. By the end of the day over 4000 lavender plants were planted!

It will take two-three years for the plants to mature. At that point the lavender could be harvested for dried flowers, buds or the oil. The farm is located west of Caldwell.

HOMECOMING



Homecoming Week was October 7th-12th. Theme days were selected by each class. The Homecoming football game was Friday October 11th against Parma which we won! The Homecoming Dance was Saturday October 12th.

HHS 2019 Homecoming Royalty

Freshman Princess & Prince:

Maite Frank is the daughter of Mike and Carla Frank.

Andres Waters is the son of Brent and Sacha Waters.

Sophomore Princess & Prince:

Cassandra Guzman is the daughter of Antonio and Sabrina Guzman.

Landen Wilson is the son of Joel and Kim Wilson.

Junior Princess & Prince:

Caitlyn Pate is the daughter of Ed and Christy Pate.

Jace Love is the son of Josh and Lindsey Love.

Senior Queen & King Candidates:

Silvia Cherchi is a foreign exchange student from Italy. Her host parents are Jason and Tasha Miller. After Silvia's stay here in Homedale she plans on going back to Italy and attending college with the hopes of becoming a doctor.

Nelson Lomeli is the son of Nelson and Gloria Lomeli. Nelson plans on playing college basketball and continuing to make music.

Gracie Dines is the daughter of Brad and Erica Dines. Gracie plans on attending college to pursue a degree in speech therapy.

Jake Collett is the son of Dan and Melinda Collett. Jake plans on attending college after high school.

Maggie Johnson is the daughter of Karlin and Sonya Johnson. Maggie plans on attending either BYU Provo or Utah State to pursue a degree in accounting.

Jake Beebe is the son of Kevin and Shauna Beebe. Jake's future plans are to attend college to obtain a degree in elementary education.

2019 Homecoming Queen Maggie Johnson & King Nelson Lomeli

College Application Week was October 21st-24th:

October 14th-17th was College Application Week at Homedale High School. Mrs. Flaming and the TriO representative Ms. Martinez visited the government classes to help seniors apply to colleges. Students who are considering the military, are encouraged to apply to at least one college. In order to apply to college's, student will need their social security number and need to know the exact spelling of their legal name. The Idaho State Board of Education through the Next Steps website has created an online application where seniors can apply to 10 Idaho colleges at once without needing to pay the application fee.



This is the link to the website. <https://apply.nextsteps.idaho.gov/> Seniors' planning to attend an out of state college should check to see if the school offers Idaho students in-state tuition by visiting the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education website at <http://wiche.edu/wue> .

Red Ribbon Week October 28th-31st

Red Ribbon Week theme days at HHS were planned by Sources of Strength (S.O.S.) senators and the HHS student body & class officers. **Monday** was Mentor Day and the Red Ribbon theme was *Be Smart, Just Say "No" to Drugs*. For fun students dressed up as nerdy as possible. Mr. Swallow and Mr. Lyons character time during advisory focused on drug awareness messages all week with a presentation by Mr. Swallow in the cafeteria. On Monday during lunch students enjoyed the movie *Napolean Dynamite*. All the student officers went to a leadership conference at WaHoo's Galaxy Center in Meridian. At the workshop students learned about helping to promote school spirit, how to do pep rallies, dances and fund raising campaigns. **Tuesday** was Positive Friends Day and the Red Ribbon theme was Hawaiian with the message "*Lei off Drugs*". Students were invited to Mrs. Forsberg's art room to make reverse tie dye

t-shirts to wear for Wednesday's theme day. **Wednesday** was Spirituality Day and the Red Ribbon theme was *Peace Out to Drugs*. For fun students dressed up in tie dye. During advisory SOS student leaders taught a lesson in advisory using a tower building activity with marshmallows and dried spaghetti, which encouraged working together and cooperation. Students competed in small groups to build the tallest structure in 7 minutes. During lunch a game was set up to encourage students to get to know one another better called "Two Truths and a Lie".



Thursday was Healthy Activity Day and the Red Ribbon theme was "Be of Good Character, Be Drug-Free". Students were encouraged to dress up as their favorite character to celebrate. The day kicked off with SOS peer leaders serving free hot chocolate and apple cider before school in the morning. The HHS teachers and staff got into the spirit of it by

dressing like zoo animals and Mr. Holtry dressed up as the zookeeper. During lunch the old gym was opened for students to come and listen to music provided by Mr. Lee and to get their photo taken. After lunch, Red Ribbon Week activities concluded with an assembly with guests who shared personal stories from their experience about the importance of having mentors in preventing suicide. A very emotional presentation was given by a Homedale High School parent whose son graduated from HHS a few years ago, who just entered a drug rehab center for the 6th time. She explained how drug abuse impacts families and the community and why it is important to stay away from drugs.



It was a great week. Positive SOS messages about Help, Hope and Strength will continue to be spread at throughout HHS with other upcoming campaigns in November and December.

November 18th-21st is "Thankfulness" week at HHS. Wednesday we will have a special lunchtime planned for new students and the exchange students to help make them feel welcomed and appreciated at HHS.



[HHS Sources of Strength Webpage](#)

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.



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](#)

Upcoming Events

Parent/Teacher Conferences Monday November 18th, 4:15-8:15 in the cafeteria.
FAFSA Support Monday November 18th 4:15-7:45 p.m. in the library/media center

FAFSA Support for HHS Seniors & Parents

WHEN? Monday November 18th during Parent/Teacher Conferences

WHERE? In the computer lab & library 4:15-7:45 p.m.

Come & receive one on one help with the FSA ID & FAFSA Application!

[6 Things Needed to Fill Out the FAFSA](#)

The FAFSA application website opened October 1st. While the deadline to be considered for federal student aid is June 30, it is recommended that students complete the application before priority deadlines for colleges and universities. These deadlines typically fall between December 1st and March 31st, for fall admission dates. Meeting priority deadlines means that students will be considered for the widest array of financial assistance (loans, grants, scholarships). In addition, the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship requires applicants to complete the FAFSA by March 1st. **On November 7th seniors will have the opportunity to start their FAFSA applications during Government** and all day during elective classes in the computer lab by the library. **Thursdays all throughout the month of November are senior support days for college applications, scholarships in the computer lab by the library.**



[FAFSA Information Dept of Education](#)

[Click Here for FAFSA Website](#)

[Click Here for Video about FAFSA](#)



Sources of Strength Thankfulness Campaign Week November 18th-21st

Sources of Strength is sponsoring a Thankfulness Campaign the week before Thanksgiving break during Character Time for advisory. All HHS students will be given Thankfulness journals and will be encouraged to find 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. Special lunch for all new students and exchange students will be hosted by SOS on Wednesday November 20th!

THANKSGIVING BREAK NOVEMBER 22nd-December 1st



Coming in December

Canned Food Drive

Senior Leadership Presentations December 10th, 11th & 12th

ACT Test for Seniors December 14th

The next ACT will be on Saturday **December 14th**. The **registration deadline is Friday November 8th**. 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.

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 Counseling Website](#) or e-mail dflaming@homedaleschools.org or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.