



November 2018 Newsletter

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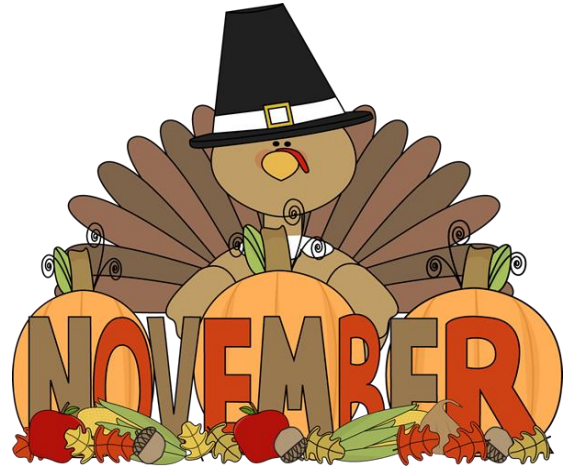
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A Word from Principal Mr. Matt Holtry:



November is upon us and the weather is changing! 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 "Make a New Friend – No Strangers". 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!

Mr. Matt Holtry

Red Ribbon Week October 22nd-25th:

Red Ribbon Week theme days at HHS were planned by Sources of Strength (S.O.S.) peer leaders. **Monday** was Superhero/Mentor day. During this day students were encouraged to write Thank You notes to their mentor/teacher



and to dress up like their favorite superhero. **Tuesday** the theme was buddy up day. In the weeks before this special day, upper classmen were paired with the freshmen and sophomores during advisory and participated activities which encouraged them to get to know each other. They came up with their own dress up theme for buddy day and arranged to eat lunch together. **Wednesday** was "Show Your True Colors" day.

On Tuesday during advisory, students and teachers answered questions in a survey to determine their personality type and identify with a color associated with that personality. Students

and teachers found it fun to discover who had similar personalities and the special characteristics each of them shared. They wrote their names on colored stars which are displayed in the hallway by the guidance counselor office and dressed in the color that matched their personality on Wednesday. Another event that day was an assembly arranged by senior Maribel Calderon about the health risks associated smoking and vaping.

Thursday was Spirit Day with students and teachers wearing school colors. Everyone enjoyed a pep assembly highlighting student athletes that went to state competitions such as Matthew Randall who qualified to run in the state cross country meet, the volleyball team and the varsity football team. It was a great week. Positive messages about spreading Help, Hope and Strength continue on at HHS with a campaign to help all students to find a trusted adult or mentor. Students are encouraged to take "selfies" with their trusted adults or mentors. The goal is for all HHS students to have a trusted adult in their life!



[HHS Sources of Strength Webpage](#)



College Application Week was October 22nd-25th:

October 22nd-25th was College Application Week at Homedale High School and throughout the state of Idaho. Mrs. Flaming and the TriO representative Ms. Martinez visited the Senior Leadership and Economics 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>. Links to important college information:



[College Application Week Information](#)

[Idaho College Cost Comparisons](#)

Buck the Quo is a great website for exploring Idaho Schools such as information about what degrees are offered at all the Idaho colleges and universities and the costs and locations.

Website: [Buck the Quo Website](#)

Upcoming Events

FAFSA Support for HHS Seniors and Parents

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 and 8th, seniors will have the opportunity to start their FAFSA applications during Economics and Senior Leadership classes.

[HHS College Fair Power Point](#)

[FAFSA Information Dept of Education](#)

[Click Here for FAFSA Website](#)

[Click Here for Video about FAFSA](#)



[7 Things You Need to Fill Out the 2019-20 FAFSA](#)

One on One FAFSA Support for Seniors and Parents

Friday November 2nd 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the library/media center.

Spanish Translators are available!



A second FAFSA HELP/Support Opportunity is planned for **Monday November 26th** during Parent/Teacher Conferences in the HHS Library, 4:15-7:15 p.m. TriO & Mrs. Flaming will be available to provide one on one help for seniors and their parents with their FAFSA applications. Email dflaming@homedaleschools.org or drop in during parent/teacher conferences. Translators are available to help **Spanish speaking parents** with the FAFSA Process. Parents need to bring their 2017 1040 Federal Tax returns. Please click on the link with a list of items needed [7 Things You Need to Fill Out the 2019-20 FAFSA](#)

Sources of Strength **Thankfulness Campaign Week** November 12th-15th during Advisory:

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.

THANKSGIVING BREAK NOVEMBER 16th-25th

Parent/Teacher Conferences Monday November 26th, 4:15-8:15 in the cafeteria.
FAFSA Support Monday November 26th 4:15-8:15 p.m. in the library/media center

ACT Test for Seniors December 8th

The next ACT will be on Saturday **December 8th**. The registration deadline is **Friday November 2nd**. 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 20th, 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.