



March 2019 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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FAFSA & Student Support Day at HHS Friday March 8th



Greetings from HHS!

March hopefully will bring some more “Spring Time” weather for us as spring sports are in full swing and students get geared up for a strong finish. Our staff continues to prepare students for several upcoming assessments in the coming months. Those assessments include the ACT, SAT, MAP and ISAT. We are continuing to utilize Khan academy and other review materials in our advisory periods as well as in our classrooms to help students fill in the blanks or to help them build on prior knowledge.

Our PBIS theme of the month for March is “Spring into Action” as we encourage students to get going on setting their future goals and what they want to accomplish in their lives. 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!

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Holtry

Attention College Bound Seniors & Parents! Help is available for finishing FAFSA applications, writing scholarship essays, & applying to colleges on **Friday MARCH 8th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** TriO



rep Ivonne Martinez and Mrs. Flaming will be available in the computer lab by the library to help seniors and parents get FAFSA applications completed...If you are unsure how to complete the FAFSA, bring 2017, 1040 Federal Tax Returns and W2's...and you will receive one on one help through the process.

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

[HHS FAFSA Webpage](#)

[HHS College Information pdf](#)

SAT (College Board) and Khan Academy have partnered!

All HHS sophomores and juniors have a "personalized" test prep program through Khan Academy! Your students PSAT/NMSQT scores were linked with Khan Academy's SAT test prep program. What this does it eliminates the need for your student to work on areas they are already strong in and helps your student focus on what they need to work on. If your student did not take the PSAT, no problem. There is a math and English diagnostic test for them to take. This is a great opportunity for HHS students to prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT. The average improvement in test scores for those students who spent time preparing for the SAT through Khan Academy was 115 points! Please encourage your student to spend time each week preparing. It is never too early to start! How do students access the test prep site? They type SATpractice.org in the address bar of their phone, Chromebook or computer browser and log in through their Google account and they are ready to go!



[SAT /Khan Academy Test Prep Log In Page](#)



SAT Test Day: The statewide SAT for juniors is **Tuesday April 9th** 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](#)

[SAT Test Prep Day at BSU](#)

ACT Test Day at HHS Saturday April 13th

Juniors & seniors, if you are registered to take the ACT April 13th the HHS library entrance is open for students at 7:30 a.m. Students should arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. for check in. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator, a photo ID. Students are encouraged to prepare for the ACT by visiting <http://march2success.com>. A new test prep site is for ACT and SAT is called Prep Factory and students may access it by visiting <https://www.prepfactory.com/u/z594A>



Sources of Strength Sponsored Spirit Week March 18th-21st:

Sources of Strength peer leaders are planning Spirit week with theme days, a lunchtime concert, a staff talent expo, a bake sale and a high school visit from the 8th graders for an extra-curricular fair and tour. Sources of Strength will be promoting the eight strengths throughout the week and messages that encourage Hope, Help and Strength.

Sources of Strength

Spirit Week March 18th-21st

Sources of Strength Sponsored Dress Up Days



Monday March 18th Wear Your Shades

Healthy Activities

Lunchtime...Concert in the Old Gym

Tuesday March 19th Hat Day

Trusted Adults (Mentors) Matter

Lunchtime: HHS Staff Talent Expo in the old gym



Wednesday March 20th Crazy Socks

Spreading Messages of Hope Help & Strength

SOS Bake Sale in the Foyer by the Cafeteria

Thursday March 21st SPIRIT DAY

Generosity

8th Graders Visit HHS for Tours, Extra-Curricular Fair
& High School Orientation Presentation

Reach out to the upcoming freshmen!



HIGHER ED DAYS for Junior's was Wednesday February 13th

Juniors participated in Higher Ed Days with a college fair Wednesday February 13th. College representatives from all public and private Idaho colleges and universities were represented.



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College Fair for ALL HHS College Bound Students was MONDAY February 25th

There was college fair at HHS on Monday **February 25th** in the foyer during parent teacher conferences. Visit the link to view the a pdf of the HHS College Information presentation: [HHS College Information pdf](#)



[HHS College Bound Student Information Webpage](#)

[College Admission Timelines](#)

Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2019):

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](#).

- **The Career Information System or CIS** is a website that parents and students may log into and do scholarship searches and sorts. Click the following link to the CIS website: [CIS log in page](#). Use the generic user name and password which is the following:
User Name: homedalehs **Password:** Homedale4cis (The password is case sensitive).
- 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.

HHS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

Each year local businesses and Homedale alumni generously offer Homedale High School seniors scholarships. These scholarships are competitive and require students to take the time to fill out a scholarship application or write an essay. It is important to read the descriptions and to apply for those scholarships that are applicable to the student applying. The deadline for the scholarships is **April 15th** and this date is firm! Seniors, please get your local scholarship application(s) handed in to Mrs. Flaming before the April deadline.

[HHS Local Scholarship Description](#)
[HHS Local Scholarship Application](#)

[Deward Bell Scholarship Application](#)
[Homedale Lions Club Scholarship Application](#)

MARCH 1st is the DEADLINE to APPLY for the 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](#)

THE LIGHTFOOT FOUNDATION

The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Opens March 1st, 2019

The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship assists students in the Treasure Valley who wish to go to college and further their education.

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 3/1/2019 AND CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT MST ON 4/15/2019.

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

[Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Webpage](#)

College Application Fee Waivers: Please visit the guidance counselor office for forms and help sending in fee waiver forms to college admission departments. The priority college application deadline for most schools was February 15th BUT, it is not too late to apply!

Help with College Applications Available: The state of Idaho has made applying to Idaho schools an easy process with seniors able to apply to all of the Idaho colleges through one application. Seniors can select the Idaho schools they are interested in or apply to or apply to all ten!

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/>

Seniors will need their State EDUID number to apply through this site which can be requested from Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org.

College Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines

[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 for Senior's:

After applying, seniors must request that their transcripts and test score 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 **7th 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 Bound Student Information](#)

Dual Credit Classes & FAST Forward Funding:

Each Idaho student has a credit of **\$4125.00** to apply towards their dual credit classes.

College of Western Idaho: Homedale High School Classes, Credits & Instructors

Mrs. Gosner ENG101 English Composition 3 Credits (Honors English 11)

Mr. Thatcher MATH170 Calculus 5 Credits (Calculus)

Mr. Lee ENG 101 English Composition 3 Credits (Honors English 12)

Mr. Lyons POLS 202 American State and Local Government 3 Credits (Government)

Mr. Olsen MATH 143 College Algebra 3 Credits/MATH 144 Trigonometry 2 Credits (Pre-Calculus)



Friday March 8th

Student Support Day & FAFSA Support 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

End of 3rd Quarter March 14th

SPRING BREAK March 22nd –March 31st

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.