



October 2021 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
Aim High, Make a Plan, Get Ready, GO ON

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A Word from Principal Mr. Matt Holtry:

We are closing in on the end of the first nine weeks here at HHS! Homecoming week was a fun filled week with lots of activities and events going on here at the High School. As we wrap up the first quarter of school on October 14th, please be sure to touch base with your child about grades, schoolwork, and ensure they are finishing the first quarter as strong as possible. The PBIS theme for the month of October will be "Responsible" and we will continue to identify students that are displaying the characteristics we desire to see in them being responsible here at school. Along with PBIS we are reigniting our Sources of Strength program here at HHS and this is something we are very excited about. Please see information in this newsletter



regarding our SOS program! We are looking forward to continuing the work of equipping our students with the skills necessary to achieve their dreams! We ask that you stay involved in our school activities throughout the school year, continue to support our students and to continue to build on the rich tradition of school pride we have here in Homedale!

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Holtry

Parent/Teacher Conferences Thursday October 14th 4:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.



HOMECOMING

HOMECOMING WEEK AT HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL October 4th-9th

Homecoming Week was October 4th through the 9th. Competitions begin with hallway decorating. Class competitions included theme dress up days. The Homecoming Week theme this year was Disney. Float building was throughout the week culminating during the parade on Thursday featuring Cary and Marsha Hoshaw as Grand Marshalls and the Homecoming royalty. An assembly with class competitions was Thursday afternoon where classes competed in boys' volleyball, the girls football relay, the tug of war, and the 'infamous' 😊 boys dance competition. Friday's football game kicked off at 6:20 p.m. with the introduction of the Homecoming Royalty and announcement of the Homecoming King, Steele Bullard and Queen, Elizabeth Hergesheimer. The game was against the Parma Panthers. The HHS Trojans won in a blowout 54 to 0. The grand finale was the Homecoming dance Saturday evening. Great Times at HHS!



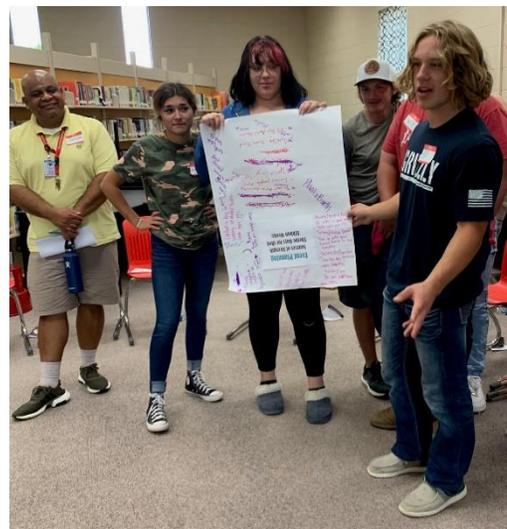
2021-22 Sources of Strength Kicks Off with a Peer Leader Training October 5th



The seventh annual HHS Sources of Strength suicide prevention booster training event was Tuesday October 5th. Mr. Patrick Conner a state certified trainer for Sources of Strength through the S.P.A.N. Idaho (Suicide Prevention Action Network) conducted the training. Homedale High School students were nominated by teachers and staff to participate in the program.

Sources of Strength is a wellness program that connects students to resources that can help them and the peers they influence when they are going through tough times. A theme of Sources of Strength is to break codes of silence that young people may find themselves in and to help them establish relationships with trusted adults. One of the outcomes of the training is that students and the advisors work together to plan campaigns to spread messages of Hope, Help & Strength throughout the school and community.

Adult Advisers are Mrs. Flaming, Mrs. Dorsey, Mr. Correa, Ms. Rheuby, and Mr. Grove and Mr. Shepherd.





College Application Week at HHS October 11th-14th

College Application Week is a nationwide program to encourage every high school student to apply for postsecondary training. At Homedale High School, Mrs. Flaming will be visiting 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 11th. 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 the schools in Idaho at the same time! As a follow up, seniors will receive assistance in starting their FAFSA applications. This application is required by colleges to award financial aid and scholarships and 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 come to Parent/Teacher conferences on October 14th and to stop by computer lab by the library to receive help to complete the FAFSA. If parents bring 2020 Federal Tax returns and W2's, it will take less than 30 minutes to complete everything! A Spanish translator will be available to help Spanish speaking parents.

[College Application Week](#)

[College Application Information Needed](#)

[College Application FAQ's](#)

**YOU ARE INVITED to the
Homedale High School**



Parent Night Event (During P/T Conferences 4:15-8:00 p.m.)

Welcome & Dinner in the Library

WHEN? Thursday October 14th at 6:00 p.m.



**College Info
Dual Credits
Sources of Strength
Q & A**

ATTENTION Seniors:

College Applications, Scholarships & FAFSA

Spanish Translator Available/In the Computer Lab by the Library

During P/T Conferences 4:15-7:15 p.m.



FAFSA Application Support Night



On **Thursday October 14th**, during parent teacher conferences, in the computer lab by the library TriO and several college representatives will be available to help seniors and their parents complete FAFSA applications. This is a drop in style event.

If parents and students bring the needed information, a FAFSA application will not take long to complete. Parents need to bring 2020 Federal tax returns and W2's. If the student worked and filed taxes, they will need their Federal tax returns and W2's as well. Everything is tracked through social security numbers and emails. [FAFSA Checklist English](#) [FAFSA Checklist \(Spanish\)](#)

[HHS College Bound Information](#)

[HHS College Career & FAFSA Information](#)

[Tools to Discover Future Careers](#)

PSAT/NMSQT for JUNIORS October 13th 2021:



PSAT/NMSQT Test October 13th

Juniors will be given the opportunity to take the PSATNMSQT October 13th during school hours periods 1-4. This test is for high achieving juniors or those juniors who are interested in extra test prep practice for the SAT. All Idaho juniors are required to take the SAT in the spring of 2022. Juniors who take the NMSQT test will have their score entered into a national scholarship competition called the "National Merit Scholarship Qualifier". The National Merit Process...following the test on October 13th the following may happen for junior NMSQT test takers:

Nothing. Juniors did not score high enough to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship, but it was good practice for the spring SAT.

They Become a Commended Student. In this situation the student is not in the running for the National Merit Scholarship, but since they impressed the selection committee with their score and academic record, they may still qualify for other scholarships sponsored by businesses and corporations.

They qualify as an NMS Semi-finalist. They made the cut...only 16,000 out of the 1.5 million who take the test make it this far. The semi-finalists will then be whittled down to 15,000 finalists. From there, 1,500 finalists will receive special scholarships from corporate sponsors, and 8,200 will receive the oh-so-coveted National Merit Scholarship.

[PSAT/NMSQT Prep Information](#)

[Information about the NMSQT](#)

PSAT for SOPHOMORES October 13th, 2021:



PSAT Test October 13th

Sophomores across the state of Idaho are required to take the PSAT in October and Homedale High School will proctor the test on October 13th during periods 1-4. All testing materials will be provided. Test prep for the PSAT can be accessed through [PSAT Test Prep](#). For more information contact Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org

[Information about the PSAT](#)

College Reps & Military Visits to HHS



- Thursday October 14th The new College of Western Idaho rep & The College of Idaho
- Marine Rep October 20th During Lunch in the Foyer by the Cafeteria

Direct Admission Letter News



[Direct Admissions Letter Information](#)

ATTENTION SENIORS:

During College Application week, Mrs. Flaming will be helping seniors to log into Apply Idaho on the Board's Next Steps Idaho website, to create their own account, and open and print their personalized Direct Admissions letter. This letter will show all the Idaho public colleges and universities which the student pre-qualifies for admission. As a follow up, seniors will need to apply to one or more institutions to confirm their interest. College Application Week at HHS October is 11th-14th.



ACT Test for SENIORS October 23rd

The ACT test will be proctored at Homedale High School on Saturday October 23rd. The arrival time is between 7:30 & 7:45 a.m. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator ([Approved Calculator List](#)), a photo ID. (A drivers license or official DMV photo ID is mandatory) and test takers need an ACT test admission ticket. (For those taking the test at HHS, Admission Tickets will be provided)

Students were given a free online test prep program called Kaplan when they registered to take the ACT. Students access this free test prep tool by logging into their ACT account at [ACT Log In](#). (It is recommended that students log in using their Google account). Another excellent free test prep site is called March to Success and can be found at <http://march2success.com>



HHS Community Cleanup Day Wednesday October 20th

Senior Jordan Mullins is organizing the fall 2021 community cleanup day. Homedale High School students will be assigned areas of the community to collect trash, sweep sidewalks and to rake leaves. The event will start at 1:00 p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served by S.O.S. peer leaders following the cleanup.

Homedale High School **SOS Spirit Week Events**

October 25th-28th

Sources of Strength Sponsored Dress Up Days

Monday October 25th Be comfy with your mental state – Wear P.J.'s (Pajama Day)



SOS Theme: The Importance of Mental Health

Lunch Activity Cafeteria: Free Hot Chocolate

Get Your Strength Wheel...

Spread messages of HELP, HOPE & Strength



Tuesday October 26th Turn up with your Positive Friend for Twin Tuesday

SOS Theme: Positive Friends

Lunch Activity Old Gym: Games...Giant Jenga, Cups, Corn Hole...



Wednesday October 27th Save the Day/ Make Their Day. Dress Up like a SUPERHERO

SOS Theme: Mentors=Superhero's /Generosity=Show Appreciation

Lunch Activity Cafeteria: Build a Giant Comment Poster to Thank Your Superhero (Trusted Adult Mentor, Coach or Teacher or Friend).



Thursday October 28th Be YOU and show your colors. Wear your FAVORITE color.

SOS Theme: Spirituality

Lunch Activity Cafeteria: Add your color to the to the "What gives me STRENGTH" Poster.

SOS Sponsored Assembly





Gear Up Field Trip Planned October 26th

Gear Up coordinator Mrs. Kristie Dorsey is planning and organizing a field trip for the sophomores to the Oregon/Idaho Border College Fair on October 26th. Seniors are invited to sign up to go as well.



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](#)

Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2022):

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

2021-22 application reopened 11/1/2020. Career/Technical Deadline 2021-22 application will open 11/1/21

- 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:

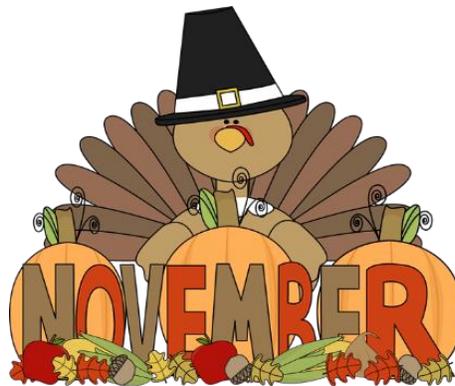
To qualify for the scholarship, a student must meet *all* of the following criteria:

- 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](#)



Coming in November

Sources of Strength Thankfulness Week November 15th-18th

Thanksgiving Break November 22nd –November 28th



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.

HHS College/Career Info

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- 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