



September 2021 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



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

We are excited about the start to another great school year here at HHS! The first weeks of school are always exciting as we get to see the faces of our students and they get to reunite with their classmates. Thank you for entrusting our staff and administration with the education of your child this school year. Together with the efforts of community, parents, family, and staff alike we feel that we can provide a topnotch education for each and every one of our students! This will be our fourth year in which we have been afforded a fantastic opportunity to work with PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) through a multimillion-dollar grant that was received by Boise State University. In working with our PBIS



trainers and as we implement PBIS in our schools, district wide I would encourage everyone to ask about PBIS and to become more familiar with what PBIS is all about. We feel that to create a welcoming, inclusive culture of family. Our staff and student body will emphasize the characteristics of respect, responsibility, safety, and keeping a positive attitude. The "Homedale Way" will be our guiding slogan as we work to build on our existing Homedale traditions with a new commitment to emphasize our community's core values! With the help of PBIS we hope that this school year is representative of what our commitments are as a school and as a district! I strongly encourage all parents to be sure and engage in your students learning here at HHS. Please make sure you have access to grades through Lumen and access to our communication tool Remind. We look forward to our work together in making your child's learning experience the best possible. Let's make this the best year yet here at HHS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Holtry

Schedule Changes are now closed for 1st Semester Classes

2021-22 Homedale High School Election Results

The campaigns for student leadership positions at Homedale High School kicked off the first week of school.

Student Body Officers:

President- Willie White
Vice Pres- Destiny Castellanos
Secretary- Amaia Aberasturi
Treasurer- Tea Uranga
Sgt. At Arms- Laney Swallow
Historian- Corey Romriell

Seniors:

President- Belisia Larzelier
Vice Pres- Jacqueline Rosas Perez
Sec/Tres- Brooklyn Ashliman
Sgt. At Arms- Alexa Durrant

Juniors:

President- Sydney Davis
Vice Pres- Maite Frank
Sec/Tres- Jacy Parker
Sgt. At Arms- Trenton Fisher

Sophomores:

President- Bobby Christensen
Vice Pres- Kinlee Garrett
Sec/Tres- Isana Larzelier
Sgt. At Arms- Brock Johnson

Freshman:

President- Gwen Parker
Vice Pres- Tayler Trout
Sec/Tres- Allie Bell
Sgt. At Arms: Todd Thatcher



HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FAIR

WHEN:

**Friday, September 10, 2021
6:30—9:00 PM**

WHERE:

Deward Bell Football Stadium

**HHS Football Field
HHS Trojans vs Baker City Bulldogs**

COLLEGES:

Idaho State University
Treasure Valley Community College
Lewis - Clark State College
College of Southern Idaho
College of Idaho
College of Western Idaho
University of Idaho
Northwest Nazarene University
Paul Mitchell The School
Boise Bible College
and more...

For all HHS students, parents, & community members! What an awesome opportunity to meet, talk with, & ask questions about college options, degree programs, & financial aid with college reps. *All HHS students will be able to get into the game for FREE.* HHS students will be given a College Fair Passport at the entrance gates which will then be stamped by each college rep that they talk to. *Students with completed passports* will turn passport into the concession stand where they will receive a *free hamburger or hot dog and drink. (this is only for HHS students)*





Grade Checks Started Tuesday September 7th...Next Check is September 20th

Next Steps Idaho:



Next Steps Idaho is a very helpful website with information for students and parents interested in information about going on to college. It has checklists, scholarship information, college application support and so much more. [Next Steps Idaho](#)

College Bound Student Checklists:

[9th Grade](#) [10th Grade](#) [11th Grade](#) [12th Grade](#)

What you will find on the Next Steps Website:

- Insightful [quizzes](#)
- National and local [scholarship searches](#)
- Information about [Direct Admissions](#)
- Access to [Apply Idaho](#)
- A directory of public [Idaho colleges and universities](#)
- A directory of Idaho [workforce training centers](#)
- A [calendar](#) of upcoming continuing education opportunities around the state

Homedale High School 2021-2022 Dual Credit Information

Ms. Johnson HHS IDLA Coordinator

Homedale High School welcomes back Ms. Chelsee Johnson as the 2021-22 HHS IDLA coordinator.

The early fall session started for IDLA on August 23rd and the late fall session starts on September 13th. Registrations for IDLA fall sessions close on September 9th. To check out the classes offered in the fall and spring for IDLA and a registration form, click on the links below:

[Fall 2021 IDLA Flyer](#) [Spring 2022 IDLA Flyer](#) [IDLA Registration Form](#)

If you have any IDLA questions, contact Mrs. Johnson's at

cjohnson@homedaleschools.org





Advanced Opportunities & Fast Forward

The Advanced Opportunities program provides every student attending an Idaho public school an allocation of \$4,125 to use towards Advanced Opportunities in grades 7-12. Mrs. Flaming will help students with applying for this state aid. The funds can be used for a variety of offerings:

Overload Courses

An overload course is a high school level course that is taken in excess of the student's regular school day. These courses are offered online, during the summertime, and before/after school. In the event that student incurs a cost for such courses, the Advanced Opportunities program can pay up to \$225 for the cost of the course. Overload courses must be above and beyond the full course load (minimum of 12 credits) offered by the student's local school.

Dual Credits

Dual credit are courses taken by high school students that are transcribed on their high school and college transcripts. The Advanced Opportunities program can pay up to \$75 per credit. Dual Credit courses can be taken online, by virtual conferencing, or in some cases students can go directly to the college/university campus. More information on specific Idaho colleges and universities can be found in the Links tab below.

[ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE](#)

[PARTICIPATION FORM](#)

Direct Admission Letter News



[Direct Admissions Information](#)

ATTENTION SENIORS: Each fall, Idaho high school seniors are notified by letter which Idaho public colleges and universities they are pre-qualified to attend in the fall of 2022. Seniors are encouraged to research the academic and professional-technical programs offered throughout the state's community colleges and four-year institutions.

Interested students **MUST** complete an admission application to the institution of their choice by June 30. Applications are free when students use [Apply Idaho](#). Through Apply Idaho, seniors are able to fill out one application and send it to as many as 10 Idaho school at the same time saving both time and money.

Mrs. Flaming will be helping seniors set up their Apply Idaho accounts next month during College Application Week at HHS October 11th-14th and will walk them through the college application process.

FALL 2021 State & National Testing Opportunities for HHS Students

ACT & SAT Information

The SAT and ACT are college entrance tests for students planning to enter 4-year colleges and universities. Most colleges will accept either exam but check the college admissions requirement to verify. These tests should be taken spring of the junior year and fall of the senior year. Registration materials, test dates, locations, test strategies and practice tests are available through the [HHS College & Career Website](#) and the [College Bound Test Information](#) webpage

Differences between the SAT and ACT:

The **SAT** is an aptitude test and is composed of ten-sections: three Critical Reading, three Math, three Writing, and one Experimental. The test is scored as 200-800 for each subject with 2400 being the highest possible score. The test is 3 hours and 45 minutes long.

The **ACT** is curriculum based and is composed of four sections: English, Math, Reading and Science. The essay component is optional. The test is scored as 1-36 with 36 being the highest possible score. The test is approximately 3 hours long (add a half-hour if taking the optional essay component).

ACT for SENIORS Fall 2021:



ACT Test October 23rd

September 17th is the registration deadline for the Saturday **October 23rd ACT**. Seniors will be helped to register for the test. Fee Waivers are available for the cost of the test. The test will be proctored at Homedale High School October 23rd. When the HHS test center is filled, students may test at other test centers such as Caldwell or Skyview High School on the same day. For all test centers, 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 taker 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>

PSAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifier Test NMSQT

Fall 2021 for High Achieving Juniors:



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 actually 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](#)

PSAT for SOPHOMORES Fall 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

AVID at HHS 2021-22



[What is AVID?](#)

AVID at HHS: For the 2021-22 school year, Homedale High School has two AVID classes. One class for freshmen/sophomores taught by Mr. Dave Correa and one class for juniors/seniors taught by Mrs. Kristie Dorsey. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, and it is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary opportunities. Established more than 35 years ago with one teacher in one classroom, AVID today impacts nearly 1.5 million students in 46 states and 16 other countries/territories.



September 27th-October 2nd

Homecoming Football Game Against Parma Friday October 1st

Homecoming Dance Saturday October 2nd

Homecoming Week will start September 27th. Theme days will be announced on the District Calendar following class meetings. The Homecoming football game is Friday October 1st against Parma with kick off at 7:00 p.m. & the Homecoming Court announcements before the game so come early.

Coming in October



Sources of Strength Peer Leadership Training Time/Date TBA

Friday October 1st: Student Support Day at HHS

Monday October 11th -Thursday October 14th is College Application Week at HHS

Wednesday October 13th NMSQT/PSAT for HHS Juniors Periods 1-4

Wednesday October 13th PSAT for HHS Sophomores Periods 1-4

Thursday, October 14th, End of 1st Quarter & Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:15-8:15 p.m.

Saturday, October 23rd ACT Test at HHS & other Test Centers

Tuesday October 26th-Idaho/Oregon Border College Fair Field Trip for 9th & 10th Grade



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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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