



## October 2019 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:

The start of our school year has been unlike any other. I am very proud of how we have rallied together as a staff and student body through a difficult start to our school year emotionally. We find ourselves pushing forward in a positive manner together. It amazes me each and every year just how strong our Homedale community really is. In times of difficulty there is truly no place I would rather be. Through the work of PBIS and our Sources of Strength program we are continuing to build on our great culture here at HHS. I am excited about the class officers and representatives of each of our groups here at HHS working together with our Sources of strength program as we unite our student body. We are looking forward to another great Homecoming week October 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>! Students are busy planning activities for the week and getting plans solidified for the dance. The PBIS theme for the month of September was "Responsible" as we identified students that were caught being responsible throughout the month here at school. During the month of October our theme will be centered on Safety. The first quarter of our school year wraps up on Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> so please encourage your son/daughter to finish the quarter strong. 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 here in Homedale!



*Mr. Matt Holtry*

# A College/Career Fair for ALL HHS Students & Parents

MONDAY September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00p.m to 7:30 p.m.:

## **ATTENTION: HHS College Bound Students**



**Gear Up to Go On at HHS is hosting a  
Parent Night & College Fair  
Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>  
in the high school library  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

**FREE PIZZA!!!!**

- A presentation will start at 6:30 p.m.
- Spanish translators are available.
- BSU, U of I, TVCC, ISU, CWI, LCSC, CSI, NNU, C of I, Oliver Finley, Branches of the Military, TriO, IDLA Principal Jeff Farden, Dual Credit Instructors from HHS |



On Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> all Homedale High School students and parents are invited to a college fair from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. This event will be hosted in the high school library. This event will showcase Homedale High School's academic programs, a college fair to learn about post-secondary opportunities, and guests from the military and trade schools. Representatives from C of I, NNU, BSU, LCSC, U of I, ISU, CWI, TVCC, Oliver Finley and the military branches will be present. The principal for IDLA, Jeff Farden, TriO rep Ivonne Martinez, and HHS dual credit instructors will be available to answer questions. Pizza will be served 6:00-6:30 p.m., FIRST COME FIRST SERVE ☺ Spanish translators will be available.

The next event planned is November 18<sup>th</sup> during parent/teacher conferences. College representatives will be helping seniors and their parent's complete FAFSA applications in the library/media center from 4:15-8:15 p.m.

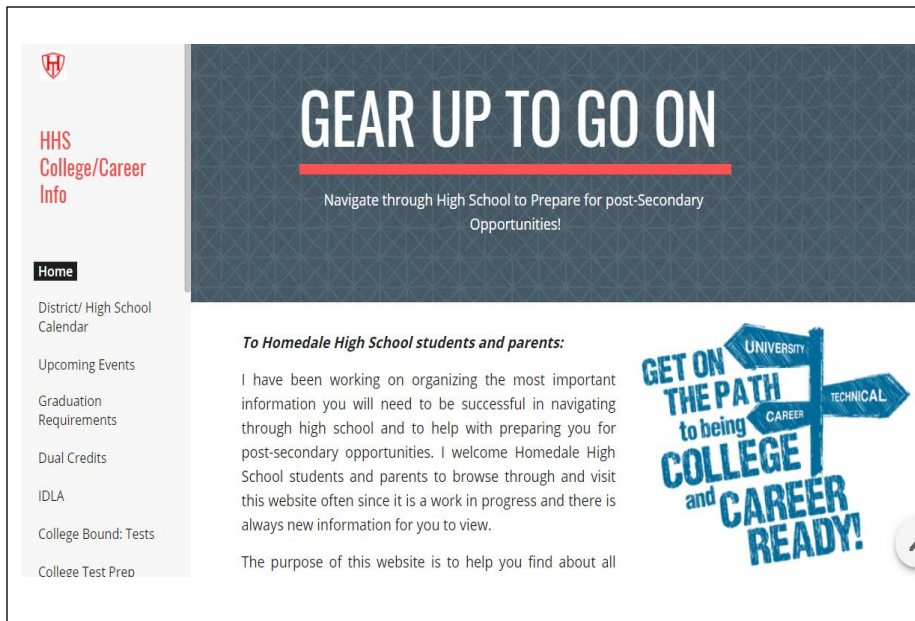
[HHS College Career & FAFSA Information](#)

[College Bound Student Information](#)

[Tools to Discover Future Careers](#)

[College Admission Information](#)

## 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](#)

## Sources of Strength Booster is Coming on October 3<sup>rd</sup>

The fifth annual Sources of Strength booster training event at HHS is planned for Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>! Mrs. Debbie Flaming a state certified trainer for Sources of Strength through the S.P.A.N. Idaho (Suicide Prevention Action Network) will conduct the training along with HHS PBIS/ S.O.S. advisers. Sources of Strength is partnering with the PBIS leadership team to create a leadership training program for students selected to participate in the S.O.S. program this year. To qualify students had to be elected HHS officers or be nominated by teachers, coaches or advisers from the 40 different sports, clubs and extra-curricular activities at HHS. Students selected were considered role-models and leaders among their peers. These students will be given the title "senator" and will have the opportunity to receive leadership training during advisory and will participate in the Sources of Strength Booster Training on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Senators and officers will meet during advisory once a month to plan student-wide activities such as Red Ribbon Week, Sources of Strength Spirit Week and will work together to implement and plan campaigns to spread messages of Help, Hope and Strength at Homedale High School.



S.O.S. is a wellness program that connects students to resources that can help them and the peers they influence to better manage daily life as a teen and will learn about tools to help when going through tough times. One of the themes 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 booster training is that students and the advisers work together to plan campaigns for the school and community. Adult Advisers for the 2019-20 school year are Mr. Lee, Mrs. Dorsey, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Lyons and Mrs. Forsberg.



## Student Support Day is Friday October 4th



### **HOMECOMING WEEK AT HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL October 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

Homecoming Week will start October 7<sup>th</sup>. Theme days will be announced on District Calendar following class meetings. The Homecoming football game Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> is against Parma with kick off at 7:00 p.m. & the Homecoming Court will be announced before the game so come early. The Homecoming Dance is on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter is October 10th**

### **Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> -Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> College Application Week at HHS**



College Application Week is a nationwide program to help every high school senior apply to at least one college or post-secondary program in the fall of their senior year. This year, Homedale High School will be hosting College Application week **October 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**. The College Application Week initiative sought to address a serious need for Idaho in improving college attainment which is critical to the growth of Idaho's economy. As educational attainment increases, income also increases and the percent of the population living in poverty decreases. Moreover, the Governor's Complete College Idaho Initiative asks the state to ensure that 60% of its students will attain a post-secondary certificate or degree by 2020. College Application Month is just one of several initiatives designed to ensure we do our part in reaching the goal.

**Next Steps Idaho:** Next Steps Idaho is a very helpful website with information for students and parents about going on to college. It has checklist for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade outlining what preparations and planning is necessary as graduation nears. It has links to scholarships, and important financial information. [Next Steps Idaho](#)



## Upcoming PSAT/NMSQT Test

**Wednesday, October 16th** PSAT test for all sophomores is on Wednesday October 16th. The following link will provide information about the test. The test will start at 8:00 a.m. This test is a statewide and national test for all sophomores. Juniors competing for national merit scholarship will be taking the same test that morning as well. The links below provide information about the PSAT & NMSQT. There are 25 seats available for juniors wanting to take the NMSQT with a cost of only \$17 fee. (Cash accepted or make checks payable to Homedale High School). Forms and payments are due before test day. Scholarships are available to cover the cos if needed. The test will be periods 1-3 on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October.



[Information about the PSAT](#)

[Information about the NMSQT.](#)

## ACT Test for Senior's

**Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> is the next ACT at HHS.** Arrival time: is between 7:30 & 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. Student may begin preparing for the ACT by logging into their 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](#)



**FAFSA opens October 1<sup>st</sup>** and seniors' will have help starting the FAFSA application process during the months of October-November. The following is the link to the FAFSA application [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

[HHS College Career & FAFSA Information](#)



**FAFSA Support for Parents will be November 18th in the library during Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:15-p.m. to 8:15 p.m.**



## Homedale High School 2019-20 Dual Credit Information & Course Offerings

Starting the 2016-17 school year, each Idaho student was given a credit of **\$4125.00** to apply towards their dual credit and advanced opportunity classes. This is done through the Fast Forward website and Mrs. Flaming will help students with applying for this state aid.

[ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE](#)

[Fast Forward Information](#)

[HHS Dual Credit Course Offering 2019-20](#)

# Homedale High School **Red Ribbon Week Events** October 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

## Sources of Strength Sponsored Dress Up Days

**Monday October 28th Too Smart to Start - Nerd clothes**  
Mentors/Trusted Adults



**Tuesday October 29th Lei Off Drugs - Hawaiian**  
Positive Friends

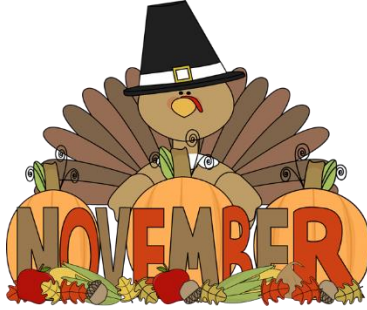
**Wednesday October 30th Peace Out to Drugs - Tie dye**  
Spirituality



**Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> Being Drug Free Never Goes Out of Style-Decades Day**  
Healthy Activities



**S.O.S. Harvest Party at the Flaming Farm Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00 p.m.**



## **Coming in November**

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

**Thanksgiving Break November 22<sup>nd</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup>**

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. Flaming's New Website](#) or e-mail [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.