



October 2018 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:

It's hard to believe that we are already in October. Time really does fly when you are having fun! The school year has been a very positive one thus far and we feel that through the work of PBIS and our Sources of Strength program we are continuing to build on our great culture here at HHS! Homecoming this year was one of the best that I have been a part of in my ten years here in Homedale and it was that way because of our awesome



community support and our positive student body as they showed their school spirit all week/month! The PBIS theme for the month of October is "Super Hero's-Positive Role Models!" We are encouraging our students to identify who their positive role models are in their life and to work towards being a positive role model for others. The first quarter of our school year wraps up on Wednesday October 10th 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*

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

HOMEcoming 2018

Community support for Homecoming was evident this year...with merchants decorating their storefronts to show their Trojan Pride. Thank you Hometown!



College Fair

A College/Career Fair for ALL HHS Students & Parents was **MONDAY** September 24th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.:

On Monday September 24th all Hometown High School students and parents were invited to a college fair from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This event was in the high school foyer outside the cafeteria. This event showcased Hometown High School's academic programs and featured a college fair to learn about post-secondary opportunities. Representatives from C of I, NNU, BSU, U of I, ISU, CWI, TVCC and the military came to visit with students and parents and provide information. The principal for IDLA, the region three Advanced Opportunity representative from the State Department of Education also came to the fair.

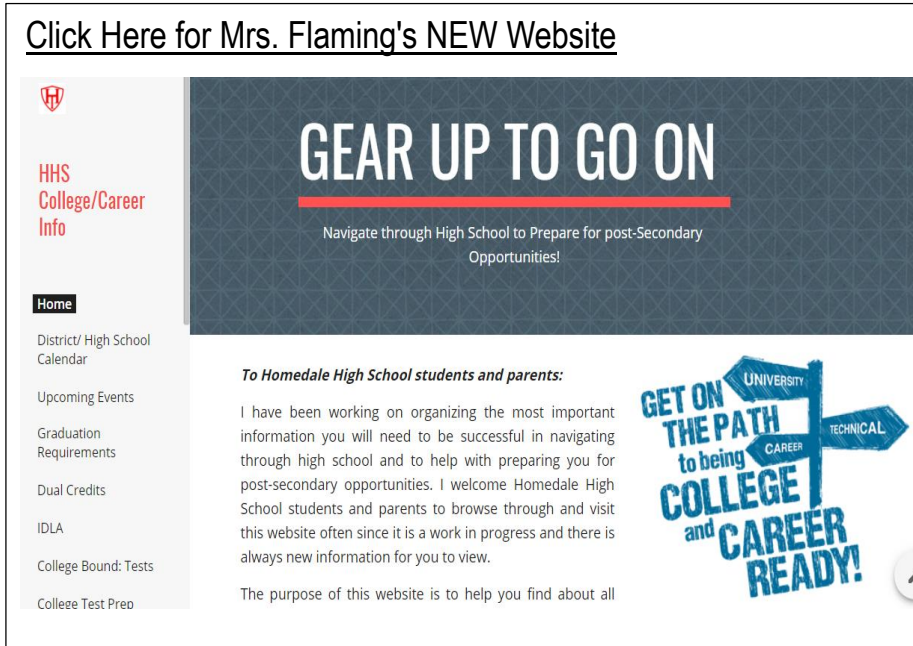
The next event planned is November 26th during parent/teacher conferences. College representatives will be helping parents of seniors with FAFSA applications in the library/media center from 4:15-8:15 p.m.

[HHS College Career & FAFSA Information](#)



Important New Website for all Homedale High School Students & Parents!

[Click Here for Mrs. Flaming's NEW Website](#)



The screenshot shows a website titled "GEAR UP TO GO ON" with the subtitle "Navigate through High School to Prepare for post-Secondary Opportunities!". The left sidebar includes a navigation menu with "Home" selected, and links for "District/ High School Calendar", "Upcoming Events", "Graduation Requirements", "Dual Credits", "IDLA", "College Bound: Tests", and "College Test Prep". The main content area features a message from Mrs. Flaming: "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". To the right of the text is a graphic that says "GET ON THE PATH to being COLLEGE and CAREER READY!" with arrows pointing to "UNIVERSITY", "TECHNICAL", and "CAREER".

Directions for finding the New Website:

Mrs. Flaming now has a New Updated Website. You can find it by visiting the Homedale School District Homepage/ 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. (See Example Below).



[College and Career Website](#)

Sources of Strength Booster: A Great Success!



2018-19 Sources of Strength Members

The fourth annual Sources of Strength Suicide prevention booster training event at HHS was Wednesday September 26th. Mrs. Debbie Flaming 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 fellow students, 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 for the new school year are Mr. Lee, Miss Renner, Mr. Grove, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Haylett, and Mrs. Forsberg.



The next S.O.S. Campaign planning meeting is Friday October 5th 10:00-noon in the library/media center. The S.O.S. Harvest Party is Saturday October 20th 7:00 p.m. at Mrs. Flaming's.



Cossa Risky Behaviors Symposium Thursday September 27th: Sources of Strength peer leaders went on a field trip to the Risky Behaviors Symposium at COSSA. Students participated in workshops sponsored by the Healthy Family Support Network, the Truth Project, MADD and they participated in a workshop about how to put a stop to bullying.

FAFSA opened October 1st and seniors' will have help starting the FAFSA application process during the month of October. The following is the link to the FAFSA application www.fafsa.gov

[HHS College Career & FAFSA Information](#)

FAFSA Support for Parents will be November 26th on the library during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

A screenshot of the FAFSA website homepage. The header includes the Federal Student Aid logo, the text "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND", and the FAFSA logo with "Free Application for Federal Student Aid". Below the header is a navigation bar with icons for Home, About Us, PIN Site, StudentAid.gov, and Help. A search bar is on the right. The main heading is "Get help paying for college" with the subtext "Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)". Below this is a banner image showing several students. At the bottom, there are two sections: "New to the FAFSA?" with a "Start A New FAFSA" button, and "Returning User?" with a "Login" button and a list of actions: "Make a correction", "Add a school", and "View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...".

Wednesday, October 10th, End of 1st Quarter

The **PSAT test** for all sophomores is on Wednesday October 10th. The PSAT will be given statewide for all sophomores. Click the following link for information. <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> about the test. The test will start at 8:00 a.m.

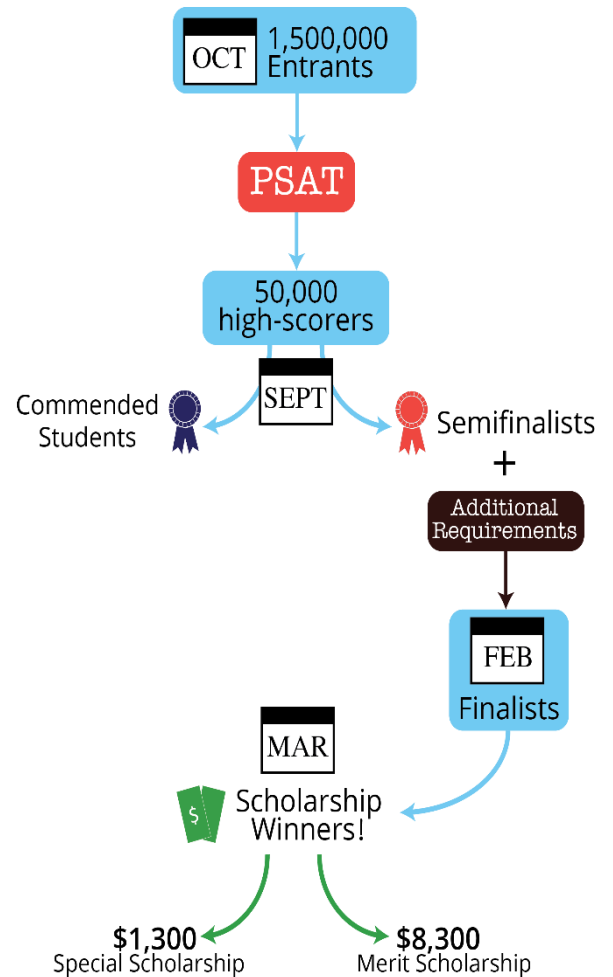
The **NMSQT** is on the same day, and 26 HHS juniors will be competing for national merit scholarship. The following is a link about the NMSQT <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>. Students will check into first period for attendance then we will do an all-call. The test will be periods 1-3.

PSAT

- ▶ The PSAT/NMSQT measures
 - Critical reading skills
 - Math problem-solving skills
 - Writing skills

Scholarships

- National Merit Scholarship
- National Hispanic Recognition Program
- National Achievement Scholarship Program

Homedale High School 2018-19 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 state aid to pay for dual credit and advanced opportunity courses.

[Fast Forward Information](#)

ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES:



[ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE](#)

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 8th-12th grade outlining what preparations and planning is necessary as graduation nears. It has links to scholarships, and important financial information.

[Next Steps Idaho](#)



College Application Week October 22nd-25th:

October 22nd-25th is College Application Week at Homedale High School and throughout the state of Idaho. Mrs. Flaming and TriO representative Ms. Martinez will be visiting 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 8 Idaho colleges at once. This is the link to the website. <https://apply.nextsteps.idaho.gov/> Most Idaho colleges are waiving the application fee during this week so seniors should not procrastinate to apply. 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> .

Homedale High School Red Ribbon Week Events October 22nd-25th

Sources of Strength Sponsored Dress Up Days

Monday October 22nd is Dress Up like your Favorite Mentor or Superhero Mentors/Trusted Adults

Celebrate your favorite teacher, coach, trusted adult or super-hero by dressing up to look like them today!

Thank-You Cards are available to give to Trusted Adults who have made a difference in your life. Take a “selfie” with your mentor and send it to Mrs. Flaming to be posted on the wall!



Tuesday October 23rd is Buddy Up Day.

Positive Friends

During Advisory Freshmen/Juniors and Sophomores/Seniors will “Buddy Up”. To celebrate Buddy Up Day, upper classmen and their younger “buddy” will dress alike. Be a role model and make a difference in someone’s life!

A photo booth will be set up in the foyer by the cafeteria.

School-wide: Take “what is your true color” personality test during advisory for Wednesdays activities.



Wednesday October 24th is “Show Your True Colors” Day

Spirituality

What color reflects your personality the best?

Are you GREEN, ORANGE, GOLD or BLUE? Or are you a combination?

Wear the colors that match you or tag up with your color.



Fill out a color wheel with signatures of students of every color. Students with the most signatures on their color wheels will win free Dutch Bro’s cards!

Thursday October 25th Spirit Day (Wear Red & White)

Healthy Activities

Pep Assembly. Show school spirit!



ACT Test for Senior's: Fall 2018 ACT for Juniors Spring 2019



September 28th was the registration deadline for the **October 27th ACT**. Seniors registered for the test during Senior Leadership and Economics classes. Fee Waivers are available for the cost of the test. The test will be proctored at Homedale High School. The next ACT test is December 8th. The registration deadline for the test is November 2nd. On test day 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](#) . [HHS College Entrance Exam Information](#) [HHS College Test Prep Information](#)

AVID at HHS: For the 2018-19 school year, Homedale High School will have three AVID classes. One class for freshmen, sophomores and on combined class of juniors and seniors. 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. [View the AVID Snapshot](#).

Envision at the University of Idaho October 26th

At Envision, students will have the chance to explore the University of Idaho campus, learn about student life and discover signature research and learning programs at UI. To register click the link below.

<https://www.uidaho.edu/events/envision/register>



Coming in November

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

Thanksgiving Break November 19th-25th

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 or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.