



December 2018 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



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



Decemburr is here! We are down to the final three weeks of the semester. We have MAP testing for 9th-11th grade students the first week of December. This assessment allows us as a school to identify student needs in Math, Reading, and Language arts. It also allows us to identify areas we can work on as a school in addressing the needs of our student body as a whole. The PBIS theme of the month for December is "The Golden Rule" as we encourage students to show empathy and to consider how they would want others to treat them. 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

Winter Week December 3rd-6th & Winter Formal Saturday December 8th

Homedale High School ASB Officers have planned and organized a Winter Week in the days leading up to Winter Formal which is on Saturday December 8th.

Each day is a different dress up day with fun winter themes.

Monday is “Merry Day”. Students & HHS Staff are encouraged to wear red, white and green that day.

Tuesday is “Slope Day”. Dress up in winter snow gear.

Wednesday is “Snowed in PJ Day”. Dress down in school appropriate PJ's.

Thursday is Ugly Sweater Day.

Saturday Winter Formal Dance



The ASB officers will be selling hot chocolate in the mornings for Winter Week as a fundraiser. The sophomore class is in charge of decorating the Winter Formal Dance.

MAP Testing for Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors: Winter Test in December



Homedale High School MAP tests all freshmen, sophomores & juniors three times during the school year to assess their skills in math, English and reading. The data from this test helps Homedale High School administration and teachers determine where students are strong and what they need to work on to improve academically and what instructional changes need to be made to make this possible. This is not

a federal or state mandated test but simply a skills assessment that the Homedale School District has put into place this year to help both students and teachers improve. If you have any questions, contact Matt Holtry at mholtry@homedaleschools.org

National Honor Society Canned Food Drive in December!

The HHS National Honor Society is sponsoring a canned food drive to help needy Homedale families during the upcoming holidays. 5th period classes are set up to collect the canned food and are in competition. If you have questions about the canned food drive, email the NHS adviser Mr. Ed Lee at elee@homedaleschools.org.

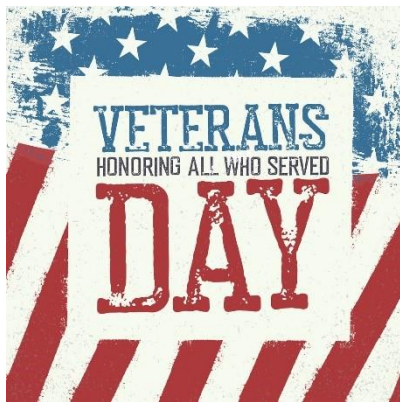


S.O.S. Thankfulness Challenge Week:

November 12th -15th Sources of Strength Sponsored a Thankfulness campaign. Thankfulness week was kicked off with an early morning free hot chocolate outreach event. Encouraging quotes were handed to all students seeking a warm drink. The theme for Monday was "I am thankful for my country". Students wore red, white and blue to demonstrate their appreciation for their country. A Veterans Day assembly was the capstone event for the day. Sources of Strength leadership team Ashlyn Miller, Jadyn Rich, Ashleigh Evans and Jenny Bostrand led presentations with HHS students during advisory highlighting the power of being thankful and expressing gratitude to others. They showed a Kid President "Thankfulness" video and gave a message about the benefits of being grateful. Students were given the opportunity to write three things they were thankful for. Brain research has found that making a conscious effort to think about three new things to be grateful for 21 days can result in a more positive outlook. Students were given a 21 Day Thankfulness Journal to try this out. Tuesday Sources of Strength president Isabella Tamura organized a blood drawing for her Senior Leadership class project. Students were encouraged to give blood in support of the community. Wednesday students were asked to write a thank you card to their friends and were encouraged to be thankful for the positive friends they have at Homedale High School. Also the Sources of Strength Leadership team traveled to the middle school to deliver a message about being a source of strength peer leader and getting involved in spreading messages of help, hope and strength. Thursday was school spirit day with a pep assembly and class competitions as a send-off for the football team who were headed to state finals on Saturday.



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[HHS Sources of Strength Webpage](http://SourcesofStrength.org)



College Application Week was October 22nd-25th BUT IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY TO COLLEGES! College Application Week at Homedale High School and throughout the state of Idaho was in October. Mrs. Flaming and TriO representative Ms. Ivonne Martinez visited the Senior Leadership and Economics classes to help seniors apply to colleges. Now the goal is to help all HHS College Bound Seniors have at least one college application completed and submitted before the end of the semester. 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! Seniors will need their State

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

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/>

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 1st 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 Application Week Webpage](#)

FAFSA HELP NIGHT was Monday November 26th during Parent/Teacher Conferences: Mrs. Flaming, Eddie from the College of Western Idaho and Petya from TriO provided one on one help for seniors and their parents with their FAFSA applications on November 26th. Parents may email dflaming@homedaleschools.org to set up an appointment to receive one on one help with the FAFSA application process. Parents will need to bring their 2017 1040 Federal Tax returns. Please click on the link for more information about items needed.

[Items Needed to Complete the FAFSA Process](#)

[HHS FSA ID & FAFSA Information](#)

[HHS College & Career Information 2018-19 pdf](#)



Buck the Quo

Great website for exploring Idaho Schools, what degrees are offered & the cost/locations...

Website: <https://futurehacker.buckthequo.com/>

Interested in the cost of Idaho colleges?

Click on [Idaho Colleges Cost Comparisons](#) to compare the cost of tuition, room and board for Idaho colleges.



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 student 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.

HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CLASS OF 2019 IS NOW OPEN!

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](#)

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

2019-20 application reopened 11/1/2018. Career/Technical Deadline 2019-20 application opened 11/1/2018.

- 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](#)

PSAT/NMSQT Test Results Coming in December: The test results from the October 11th PSAT/NMSQT test will be reviewed with the sophomores during their Biology Classes sometime during the first two weeks of December. The juniors will be able to see their test result during English Honors 11 in December as well.



If parents would like a copy of their students PSAT or NMSQT test results, e-mail requests to Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org

Information about the ASVAB Test:

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is one of the most widely used, multiple-aptitude tests in the world, developed and maintained by the Department of Defense. More than half of all high schools nationwide administer the ASVAB test to students in grades 10, 11 and 12 (sophomores cannot use their scores for enlistment eligibility). Students may also take the test at another school or through a recruiter and may retake the test at any time.

The ASVAB consists of the following eight individual tests:

- General Science
- Arithmetic Reasoning
- Word Knowledge
- Paragraph Comprehension
- Mathematics Knowledge
- Electronics Information
- Auto and Shop Information
- Mechanical Comprehension



Students are provided with scores on each of these individual tests and three Career Exploration Score composites: Verbal Skills, Math Skills and Science and Technical Skills. The battery takes approximately three hours to complete, and test results are returned to schools in a few weeks.

The Military uses students' ASVAB scores to identify the occupations that best suit their abilities. Junior, senior and postsecondary school students can use their ASVAB scores for enlistment for up to two years after taking the test.

ASVAB Test Prep Workshop Thursday December 6th: There will be an ASVAB test prep workshop on Thursday December 6th during 5th period in the computer lab by the library. Ms Tammi Crnkovich will be the instructor. Students interested in the workshop need to sign up to attend. The sign-up sheet is at the window by the guidance counselor office or see Mrs. Flaming with any questions. [ASVAB Flyer](#)

ASVAB Test Date: Thursday January 17th, HHS will be hosting the ASVAB test. The test will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will finish around 11:00 a.m. The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is one of the most widely used, multiple-aptitude tests in the world, developed and maintained by the Department of Defense. More than half of all high schools nationwide administer the ASVAB test to students in grades 10, 11 and 12 (sophomores cannot use their scores for enlistment eligibility). Test results are available two weeks after the test.

Sources of Strength Booster Training at Homedale Middle School is December 7th



For more information about the national Sources of Strength organization, visit <https://sourcesofstrength.org/>

Friday December 7th, HHS Student Support Day

Senior Leadership Presentations:

Starting on Monday December 10th seniors who have been in the Senior Leadership class 1st semester with instructor Mrs. Kristie Dorsey will be giving their presentations. A link to the presentation schedule is posted below. The community and families of the seniors are encouraged to come. It is important to come at least 30 minutes before the scheduled presenter you want to see.

The presentations will be in the Homedale High School library!

[HHS Senior Leadership Webpage](#)

[Senior Leadership Presentation Presenters, Date & Times](#)

ACT Test for Seniors December 8th:

The next ACT will be on Saturday **December 9th**. The students will be taking the test either at the College of Idaho or Caldwell High School. **THEY MUST HAVE THEIR PHOTO ID & ADMISSION TICKET or they will not be allowed to test.** Arrival time is 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 <http://march2success.com>. A new ACT and SAT test prep website is [College Test Prep Factory Website](#) Want to know more about college entrance exams, dates, deadlines for Homedale High School students?...visit the link below.



[ACT Registration Log In](#)

[HHS College Bound Information](#)

[HHS College Test Prep Webpage](#)

Juniors and the ACT Test in February: The end of December we will be registering all HHS juniors to take the ACT February 9th. Following is a link to an excellent, new ACT test prep website. [ACT Test Prep Website](#) Junior's, please check it out, and start preparing yourself for the upcoming college entrance exams. Every moment you spend preparing is like putting money in a bank account towards your future. Better ACT scores mean better scholarship offers!

1st Semester Test Week December 16th-20th

Thursday, December 20th, End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester.

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 new website at

[HHS College & Career Website](#) or e-mail dflaming@homedaleschools.org or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.