



December 2020 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 we are down to the final three weeks of the semester. We will be holding Semester tests during the week of the 14th as we wrap things up for the 1st semester. **As we finish the Semester here at HHS we will be implementing some safety measures as a district and it will be critical that we all do our part in helping to ensure we can remain in-person with our students.**

The PBIS theme for the month of December is "Positive Attitude" as we encourage students to stay focused on their goals and push towards doing their best work. 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 and we wish you nothing but the best during the Holidays!

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Holtry

REMINDER: Student Support Day at HHS Friday December 4th
Cap & Gown Order Deadline December 15th [Cap & Gown Info](#)
SENIOR PHOTO RETAKES December 16th 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Winter Sports Photos After School December 16th

Important Safety Message:

Starting Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020 Homedale School District is requiring all students and staff to either wear a mask or a face shield when they are not able to physically distance while we are in the red category. The goal is to keep our schools open to offer face to face instruction. This is a very challenging time for everyone, especially our students. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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. If you have questions about the canned food drive, email the NHS adviser Mr. Ed Lee at elee@homedaleschools.org.



College Application Week

was in October 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 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!

College Admission Information, Dates & Deadlines

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 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:

After applying, seniors must request that their transcripts and test scores 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 New 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 DAY was Postponed to January:

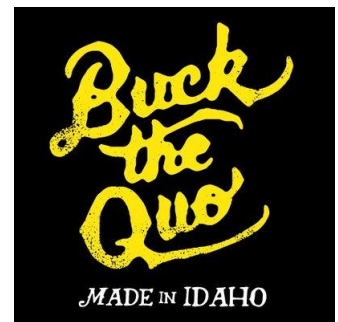
Mrs. Flaming is available to help seniors and their parents with their FAFSA applications. Parents may email dflaming@homedaleschools.org to set up an appointment. Parents will need to bring their 2019 1040 Federal Tax returns.



Buck the Quo: Is a 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

[HHS Scholarship Webpage Information](#)

Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2021):

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

2020-21 application reopened 11/1/2019. Career/Technical Deadline 2020-21 application opened 11/1/2019.

- 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](#)

Sources of Strength **Thankfulness Campaign Week was November 16th-19th**



Sources of Strength sponsored a Thankfulness Campaign the week before Thanksgiving break. Gear Up sponsored a Carmel Popcorn Challenge Activity with the Freshmen Class. During English classes, students were asked to list three things they are grateful for. They also were provided with a Thank You card to give to an adult who had made a difference in their lives. Research has shown that an attitude of gratitude can actually change brain chemistry to be more positive and joyful over time.



PSAT/NMSQT Test Results Coming in December/January: The test results from the October 29th PSAT/NMSQT test will be reviewed with the sophomores during their Biology Classes sometime in December or January. 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 Date: Thursday January 21st, 2021 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.

Senior Leadership Presentations:



Starting on Monday December 7th through Wednesday December 9th seniors in the Senior Leadership class 1st semester with instructor Mrs. Kristie Dorsey will be giving their presentations. Presentations will be held in the high school library. It is important to come at least 30 minutes before the scheduled presenter you want to see. Below is a link to the presentation schedule:

[Senior Leadership Presentation Schedule](#)

Cap & Gown Order Deadline December 15th [Cap & Gown Info](#)

ACT Test for Seniors December 12th:

The next ACT will be on Saturday **December 12th**. 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.

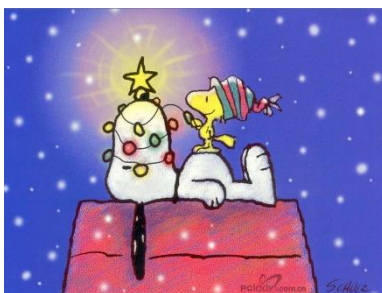
[ACT Registration Log In](#)

[HHS College 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 6th. 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!

Upcoming Events
1st Semester Test Week December 14th-17th
Thursday, December 17th, End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester.




CHRISTMAS BREAK DECEMBER 18th-JANUARY 3rd



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.



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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

