



January 2019 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON

Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs



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Happy New Year! As we move into the Second Semester here at HHS we are looking forward to all of the exciting things that are in store for the new year and upcoming Semester. It is important that as we start into this second semester we are starting off on the right foot academically and socially. So as we begin please keep in mind the important lessons learned through our first semester work and take advantage of the new start to the year and in each course of study.

As we continue to work with PBIS in our school, our math and science department has taken on the theme of the month. This month it will be "Friends not Phones" as we encourage students to spend more time paying attention to those around them and not so much time on their phones. 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



Tribute to Homedale High School Class of 1939!

For her Senior Project, Cindy Cortez-Sanchez took on the challenge of creating a tribute to the class of 1939 to hang on the wall with the other graduating class tributes.

Cindy paid for all the materials; the matting, frame and photos out of her own pocket. To find the photos, she had to go through the archives with yearbooks from the past. Her mentor for the project was Mrs. Danielle Forsberg the art teacher at HHS. Cindy said her help and support was invaluable to her and she learned a lot in the process.

Thank you Cindy for taking the time to do such a meaningful project!

IDLA (Idaho Digital Learning Academy): Most IDLA classes will begin Monday January 14th. The late spring classes will start January 28th. Classes will end May 10th and May 24th. Students taking dual credit classes will have help filling out college registration forms (paper or online). IDLA dual credit college registration forms are due by the middle of February. All dual credit IDLA classes are paid for by state through Fast Forward funds. Regular IDLA classes cost \$75.00. If you have payment questions, please contact Sherri at sromriell@homedaleschools.org. Mrs. Haylett is the IDLA coordinator at HHS. You may contact her at khaylett@homedaleschools.org

To visit the IDLA catalog of classes, visit the following link. <https://idiglearning.net/K12/CourseCatalog>

ACT Test for Juniors: Three ACT test dates are available for HHS juniors taking the ACT 2nd semester. It is important that students register for a test day that will not interfere with other commitments such as sports, FFA, band, drama or work schedules. After a student registers for a test and the date must be changed, a fee is charged to change the test date. The ACT test is on Saturdays on the following dates: February 9th, April 13th and June 8th. Juniors will be registering for the test date of their choice during US History class on Wednesday January 9th. The February 9th test registration deadline is January 11th. If your student is absent on January 9th or does not make arrangements to register with Mrs. Flaming by the end of the school day on January 10th, your junior will need to register to take the test in April or June. Students have two opportunities to take the ACT using a fee waiver. One waiver is used spring of a student's junior year, the other waiver is used the fall of the student's senior year

ACT Test Day Protocols:

On ACT test day, the HHS library entrance is open for students at 7:30 a.m. Students should arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. for check in. Students are to bring two #2 pencils, an approved calculator, a photo ID. Students are encouraged to prepare for the ACT by visiting <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. A new test prep site is for ACT and SAT is called Prep Factory and students may access it by visiting <https://www.prepfactory.com/u/z594A>

SAT Test for Juniors: The statewide SAT for juniors is **Tuesday April 9th** and will be proctored during the school day at HHS. Juniors will be registering for the test in March. Do you want to know more about college entrance exams, dates, deadlines for Homedale High School students? Visit the link below.

[HHS College Bound Test Information](#)

[HHS College Bound Test Prep Information](#)

PSAT Results: The test results from the October 10th PSAT test will be reviewed with the sophomores during their Biology classes on Wednesday January 16th. The sophomores will be encouraged to take the PSAT/NMSQT the fall of their junior year and the state will pay for them to take the SAT the spring of their junior year.

PSAT/NMSQT Results: The test results from the October 10th NMSQT/PSAT test will be reviewed with the juniors during their English Honors 11 class on Tuesday January 15th. In September of 2019, College Board will announce the NMSQT 2018-19 semi-finalists. For more information about the NMSQT, click the following link: [National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](#)

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

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. Students interested in taking the test will be given the opportunity to sign up. ASVAB Interpret will be two weeks later on January 31st. For more information about the ASVAB visit [HHS ASVAB Test Information](#)

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 students 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](#)

College Application Fee Waivers: Please visit the guidance counselor office for forms and help sending in fee waiver forms to college admission departments. Attention Seniors: The priority college application deadline for most schools is February 15th. Please get college applications completed as soon as possible!



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:

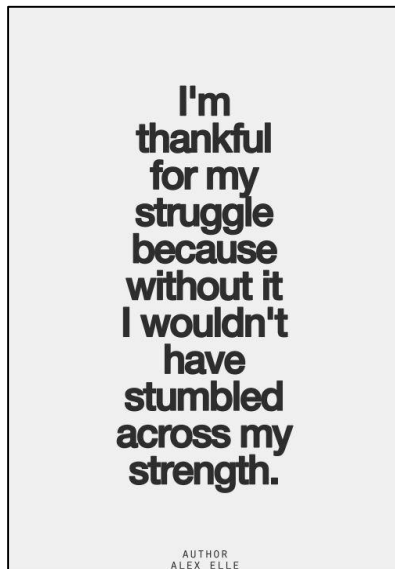
After applying, seniors must request that their transcripts and test score be sent to the colleges they have applied to. Seniors accomplish this by logging into Google Classroom, opening the Gear Up to Go On classroom and finding the Google document named 1st Semester Transcripts shared with them from 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](#)

"I AM STRONGER" CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS AT HHS

**SOURCES
OF STRENGTH**

Homedale High School Sources of Strength sponsored an "I Am Stronger" campaign during the week of December 10th-13th. The S.O.S. peer leaders on the video production team worked with their adult adviser Mrs. Thatcher and HHS 2018 graduate and S.O.S. peer leader Kendra Thatcher to create a high quality video about the power of caring entitled "Share Your Light". This video was shared with the entire student body through advisory, followed by a writing activity where students wrote about what strength from the wheel they felt the strongest in and why.

[Click Here for "Share Your Light" You-tube video](#)



Sources of Strength announces... "New Year New Us" Campaign:

2nd Semester Kick-Off Pizza Party Lunch is scheduled for **Wednesday January 23rd** in the old gym. S.O.S. peer leaders will meet with their advisors to plan upcoming campaigns.



FAFSA Support at Homedale High School:

FAFSA support for college bound seniors & parents' is available by appointment with Mrs. Flaming. Seniors and parents may drop in anytime on Thursdays between **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to meet with Ivonne Martinez from TriO as well to receive one on one help with the FSA ID and with the FAFSA application process. The is based on the 2017 tax returns. The link following is to a pdf with a list of things you will need in order to successfully fill out the FAFSA application. [7 Things Needed to Fill Out the FAFSA](#)

The FSA ID: One parent and the student will need to set up a FSA ID. The FSA ID confirms your identity and is used to sign into the FAFSA application and to provide electronic signatures for the FAFSA when it is submitted. Some important things for you and your student to know or have available to set up the FSA ID is the following: both of you will need your own e-mail account, your social security numbers and the accurate spelling of your names matching what is printed on your social security card. It is important to write down the email used and password and the answers to your security questions.

[FSA ID Log In](#)

Visit Mrs. Flaming's FAFSA webpage with information about the FAFSA application process and the FSA ID.

[HHS FAFSA Information](#)

**Parent Night & Mini-College Fair for HHS College Bound Students is
Monday February 25th during parent/teacher conferences
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

There will be a Parent Night & mini-college fair for parents of college bound students during parent/teacher conferences on **Monday February 25th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** Parents, please plan on coming! A mini-college fair will be set up in the foyer by the cafeteria for students and parents to visit with college representatives. For more information, email dflaming@homedaleschools.org .



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.