

Memo

To: Board of Trustees

From: Matt Holtry, Principal

CC: R. Sauer, Superintendent

Date: 11/4/2025

Re: High School Principal Report November 2025

Greetings from HHS!

We are headed down the final weeks of the long fall stretch here at HHS. Thanksgiving break is just around the corner and students/staff have been very busy this past month. From College/Career Fairs, Senior meetings, Blood Drives, PSAT/NMSQT assessments, to District Competitions and National FFA Convention just to list a few...it has been jam packed. With that said, it has been a very successful month as well!

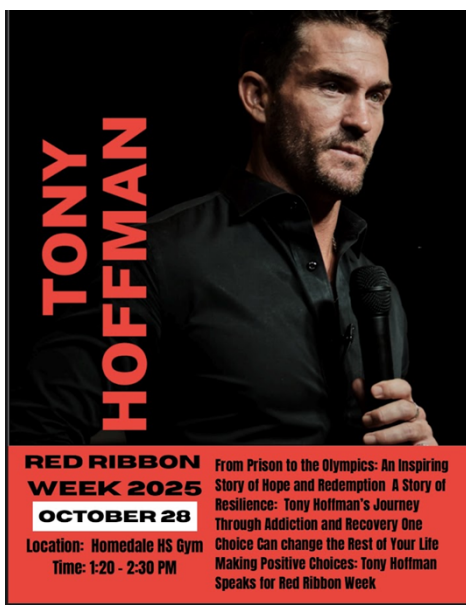
We continue to see great progress with our students that are working in Tier Time to help fill in learning gaps that they may have. Working through this program allows students to fill those missing gaps and helps prepare them for work at grade level and beyond. We are looking forward to seeing how this skill improvement has an impact on our assessments this fall and next spring.

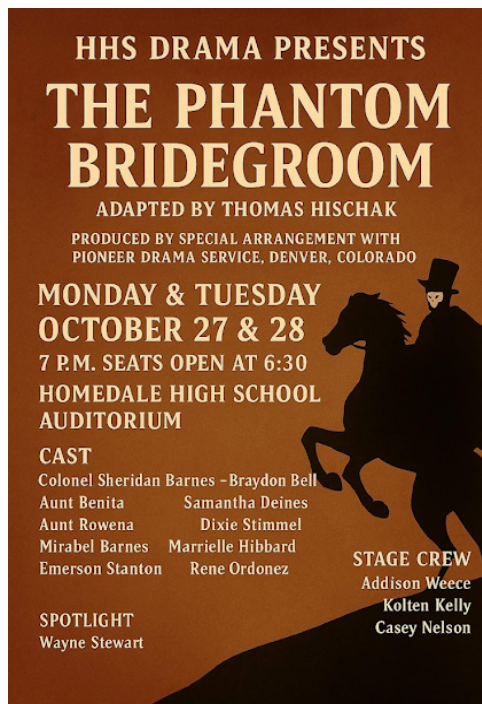
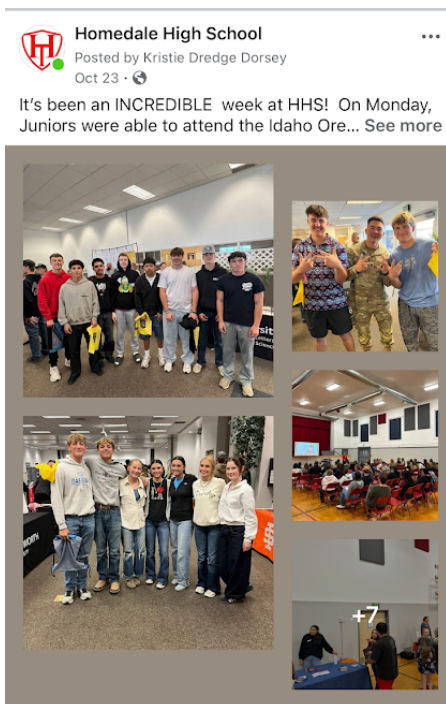
This month we are focusing on the PBIS theme of "Safe". We have had two guest speakers so far this month. Tony Hoffman was our first guest speaker who was well received by our students and staff. He is a former Professional BMX rider that lost his way in life and came back to be an Olympic coach. It was an inspirational story to hear and learn from. Then recently we also had more of a local connection, Jim Ash, come speak to our students about avoiding drugs and alcohol to make their lives easier. Both speakers helped drive home the idea of being safe with their life's decisions and gave them tools to help them navigate the challenges they face.

As always, we are truly blessed to be here and to be a part of HHS!

Matt Holtry

FFA Update- Mrs. Hille





Teacher Corner- Mrs Gonser- Socratic Seminar “Smackdown”

Ms. Gonser engages students in deep literary analysis through her innovative “Smackdown” discussions, a lively adaptation of Socratic Seminars. Students read passages from *The Book Thief* and explore open-ended questions, using textual evidence to support their interpretations.

In one “Smackdown”, students debated why Rudy didn’t win a race, examining multiple possibilities based on the text. In another, they discussed the complexities of kindness in

challenging situations, considering both moral and practical consequences. Students rotated roles as Participants, Coaches, and Judges, fostering active engagement, accountability, and peer evaluation.

The lesson concluded with self-reflections and submission of rubrics, reinforcing metacognition and preparation for future reading. Ms. Goner's Smackdowns provide a structured yet flexible environment that cultivates critical thinking, thoughtful discussion, and confidence in literary analysis.



Skills, Skills and Skills

9 th Graders	Subject	Assessed	Mastered	Not Mastered
	Math	178	732	46
	Readings	347	267	80
	Language Arts	307	178	129

10 th Graders	Subject	Assessed	Mastered	Not Mastered
	Math	137	95	42
	Readings	402	60	42
	Language Arts	97	51	46

11 th Graders	Subject	Assessed	Mastered	Not Mastered
	Math	69	50	19
	Readings	133	90	43
	Language Arts	136	94	42

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Enrollment- 10-30-25

Freshman- 94 91.13%

Sophomores- 99 95.19%

Juniors- 94 93.79%

Seniors- 102 94.6%

Total 93.69%

Past Events

October 4th- Caldwell Showcase Marching Band
October 8th- State Soils Land Eval
October 9th- Parent Teacher Conferences
October 11th- Kuna Marching Band Invite
October 13th- Monthly Chapter Meeting, Pumpkin Carving
October 14th- PSAT/NMSQT Test for Soph. and Juniors
October 20th- Parma Marching Band Invite
October 22nd- Senior Parent Meeting
October 25th- District 3 Marching Band Competition @ BSU
October 28th- Red Ribbon Guest Speaker Tony Hoffman
October 28th- Blood Drive
October 29th-1st- FFA National Convention
November 3rd- Jim Ash- PBIS Assembly Guest Speaker

Upcoming Events

November 7th- SPFIT- Suicide Prevention Training
November 8th- Idaho Veterans Parade Marching Band
November 11th- Veterans Day Assembly
November 17th- Drug Awareness Presentation Homedale PD
November 29th- Boise Holiday Parade Marching Band
December 4th- Winter Music Concert- Auditorium