



## March 2021 Newsletter

# GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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Greetings from HHS!

March hopefully will bring some more “Spring Time” weather for us as spring sports are in full swing and students get geared up for a strong finish. Our staff continues to prepare students for several upcoming assessments in the coming months. Those assessments include the ACT, SAT, and ISAT. We are continuing to utilize ISAT Interim Assessments to help students fill in the blanks or to help them build on prior knowledge in preparation for the ISAT state assessment. We are in our final two weeks of the 3rd quarter. Please check in with your student and monitor their progress as we finish the 3rd quarter.

As we continue to work with PBIS in our school, we continue to focus on Respect, Responsibility, Safety, Positive Attitudes, and Grit. This month we will be focusing on Safety, both on a personal level as well as school wide. 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*

## HHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>



Students who have met the GPA and character requirements for the National Honor Society, will be inducted during a ceremony on Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only the inductees and Honor Society officers will be present for the ceremony on Thursday. **The event will be hosted in the HHS library and will start at 12:10 p.m.** All inductees are required to pay a \$20 membership fee and must agree to complete 15 hours of community service during the school year. An Idaho Pizza lunch will be provided after the ceremony.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Ed Lee the NHS adviser.

[elee@homedaleschools.org](mailto:elee@homedaleschools.org)

## Attention College Bound Seniors & Parents!



If you need help completing FAFSA applications Eddie from CWI will be available from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> in the computer lab by the library. If these dates & times do not work, you may make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Debbie Flaming by emailing [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org). To complete the FAFSA you will need to bring your 2019, 1040 Federal Tax Returns and W2's. **Visit Mrs. Flaming's FAFSA webpage with information about the FAFSA application process and the FSA ID.**

[HHS FAFSA Webpage](#)

[List of Information Needed for FAFSA \(English\)](#)

[List of Information Needed for FAFSA \(Spanish\)](#)

## Student Support Day at HHS is Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>



The end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Students have an opportunity to come to school on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> to meet with their teachers to get assignments and missing work turned in. Please take a few moments to check your student's grades. If you need to unlock your Lumen account email [lumensupport@homedaleschools.org](mailto:lumensupport@homedaleschools.org) To request a new Lumen account to access your student's grades, click the link below.

[Request Lumen Access Form](#)

## Next ACT Test Day at HHS Saturday is April 17<sup>th</sup>

The next ACT test day at HHS is on Saturday **April 17<sup>th</sup>**. The registration deadline for the April 17<sup>th</sup> test is March 12<sup>th</sup>. 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. Another test prep option is to visit the new test prep site is for ACT and SAT called the Prep Factory. Students may access it by visiting [ACT & SAT Prep Factory](#)

## SAT test for Juniors is April 13<sup>th</sup>

The statewide SAT for juniors is **Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>** and will be proctored during the school day at HHS. Do you want to know more about college entrance exams, dates, deadlines for Homedale High School students? Visit the links below.

[HHS College Bound Test Information](#)

[HHS College Bound Test Prep Information](#)



## ISAT Testing this Spring

The 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be starting Interim ISAT testing on April 14<sup>th</sup>. At HHS we are continuing to utilize ISAT Interim Assessments to help students fill in the blanks or to help them build on prior knowledge in preparation for the ISAT state assessment. 10<sup>th</sup> graders will take English and Math tests. The 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the science test on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Make up days are scheduled for later in April.

If you have any questions about the ISAT tests, contact Mr. Holtry at [mholtry@homedaleschools.org](mailto:mholtry@homedaleschools.org).



[State Website ISAT Information](#)



**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 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](mailto: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](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) )
4. A personal email account

The advantage of using the Apply Idaho website? ***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](#)

**College Application Fee Waivers:** Please visit Mrs. Flaming's office for forms and help sending in fee waiver forms to college admission departments. The priority college application deadline for most schools was February 15<sup>th</sup> BUT, it is not too late to apply!

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)

## Scholarships for Senior's (Class of 2021):

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.

### **Homedale High School LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Homedale High School receives many generous scholarship donations from local businesses and individuals interested in giving Homedale High School students a financial boost. These local scholarships have eligibility requirements and an easy to fill out application process. You can find all the local scholarship information by clicking the HHS Scholarship link or by clicking the document links to the descriptions and application below.



### [HHS Scholarship Information](#)

[Local Scholarship Descriptions](#)

[Local Scholarship Application pdf](#)

## THE LIGHTFOOT FOUNDATION

### **The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Opened March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

The Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship assists students in the Treasure Valley who wish to go to college and further their education. **THEY ARE ONLY AWARDING THIS SCHOLARSHIP TO THE FIRST 500 APPLICANTS!**

**What are the Lightfoot Foundation's scholarship requirements?**

1. The Lightfoot Foundation requires students to have a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Students must be graduating from a high school from one of the approved 58 towns or cities listed on website. (Homedale is on the list).
3. A student's family's household gross income must not exceed over \$110,000 a year.
4. Students must plan on enrolling in 12 or more college credits each term/semester/quarter.
5. Students must submit a COMPLETE online scholarship on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

The Foundation funds are distributed at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The amount received by qualifying students may vary year by year.

**THE SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE OPENS ON 3/1/2021 AND CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT MST ON 4/15/2021**

Students should visit the Lightfoot Foundation webpage at the following link:

[\*\*Lightfoot Foundation Scholarship Webpage\*\*](#)

### **MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> was the DEADLINE for APPLYING for the Idaho Opportunity & Governors Cup Scholarships**

The Opportunity Scholarship awards eligible applicants up to \$3,500 per year and is **renewable for up to four years**. The Governor's Cup Scholarship awards eligible applicants up to \$3000 per year and is **renewable for up to four years**. To be eligible students had to have their FAFSA submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Both the Idaho Opportunity and Governors Cup Scholarships must be applied for each year. Students will be notified in April about scholarship offers for the 2021-22 school year.

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



**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

## Upcoming Events

### End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter March 11<sup>th</sup>

## SPRING BREAK March 19<sup>th</sup>–March 28<sup>th</sup>



*Debbie Flaming*

Student Support Specialist  
College & Career Counselor  
College & Military Test Coordinator

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](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.

A screenshot of the 'HHS College/Career Info' website. The page has a dark blue header with the text 'GEAR UP TO GO ON' in large white letters, and a subtitle 'Navigate through High School to Prepare for post-Secondary Opportunities!'. Below the header is a navigation menu with 'Home' selected. The main content area features a section titled 'To Homedale High School students and parents:' followed by a paragraph of text. To the right of the text is a graphic with a blue background and white text that reads 'GET ON THE PATH to being COLLEGE and CAREER READY!' with arrows pointing to 'UNIVERSITY', 'CAREER', and 'TECHNICAL'.