



October 2017 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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### Sources of Strength Booster Training/Cossa Risky Behaviors Symposium

On Wednesday September 27th, Homedale High School had the third annual Sources of Strength Suicide prevention booster training event. Mrs. Debbie Flaming a state certified trainer for Sources of Strength through the S.P.A.N. Idaho (Suicide Prevention Action Network) conducted the training. Homedale High School students were nominated by fellow students, teachers and staff to participate in the program. One of the goals of the training was to get students into groups with an adult advisor to plan campaigns to spread messages of Hope, Help & Strength throughout the school and community. Another goal was to teach students about strengths and to help them to connect for their friends to resources (such as trusted adults) when they are going through tough times. On Thursday September 28th, Sources of Strength peer leaders went on a field trip to the Risky Behaviors Symposium at Cossa. Speakers from Buckle Up for Bobbie, Anti-Bullying, MADD, and the Truth Project were featured.



**Wednesday, October 11th** PSAT test for all sophomores is on Wednesday October 11th. This test will be given is a statewide and for all sophomores. The following link will provide information. <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

The test will start at 8:00 a.m. 18 HHS juniors will be competing for national merit scholarship and taking the same test that morning as well. The following is a link about the NMSQT <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>. Students will check into first period for attendance then we will do an all-call. The test will be periods 1-3.

**Thursday, October 12th, End of 1st Quarter.**

**PSAT**

- ▶ The PSAT/NMSQT measures
  - Critical reading skills
  - Math problem-solving skills
  - Writing skills

Scholarships

- National Merit Scholarship
- National Hispanic Recognition Program
- National Achievement Scholarship Program



# College Fair



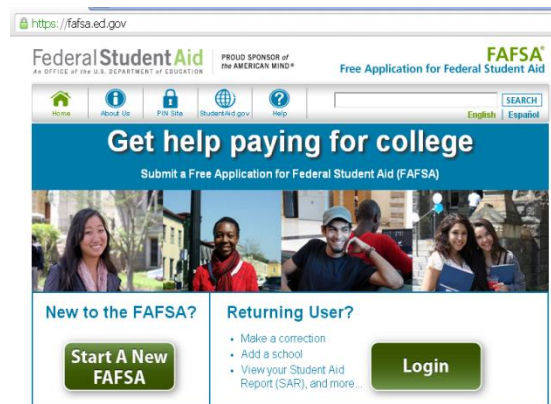
## College & Career Fair Friday October 13th at the Home Football Game!

This event will feature a college/career fair to learn about post-secondary opportunities. IDLA, AVID, dual credits, PTECH, TriO, and college from Idaho and Oregon will be represented. Email Mrs. Debbie Flaming for more details at [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org)

**FAFSA opened October 1<sup>st</sup>** and seniors' will have help starting the FAFSA application process during the month of October. Following is the link to the FAFSA application [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

**FAFSA Support for Parents will be November 13th** on the library during parent/teacher conferences.

[FAFSA & FSA ID Information](#)



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface. At the top, it says 'Federal Student Aid' and 'FAFSA'. Below that, there are navigation links like 'Home', 'About Site', 'File Site', 'Student Aid.gov', and 'Help'. A prominent blue banner reads 'Get help paying for college' and 'Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)'. Below the banner, there are two main sections: 'New to the FAFSA?' with a 'Start A New FAFSA' button, and 'Returning User?' with a 'Login' button and a list of actions like 'Make a correction', 'Add a school', and 'View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...'. There is also a search bar in the top right corner.

## Envision at the University of Idaho is October 14th

At Envision, students will have the chance to explore the University of Idaho campus, learn about student life and discover signature research and learning programs at UI. To register click the link below.

<https://www.uidaho.edu/events/envision/register>

## Homedale High School 2017-18 Dual Credit Information & Course Offerings

Starting the 2016-17 school year, each Idaho student was given a credit of **\$4125.00** to apply towards their dual credit and advanced opportunity classes. This is done through the Fast Forward website and Mrs. Flaming will help students with applying for this state aid.

To view Homedale High School's dual credit offerings, click the link following to visit Mrs. Flaming's Dual Credit webpage.

[http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs\\_dual\\_credits.html](http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_dual_credits.html)

Click the link for Fast Forward Information:

[ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE](#)



## ACT Test for Senior's

The ACT will be proctored at Homedale High School on Saturday **October 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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>. 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. The next ACT is December 9<sup>th</sup>. The registration deadline is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Do you want to know more about college entrance exams, dates, deadlines for Homedale High School students?...visit the link below. [http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs\\_college\\_bound\\_tests.html](http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_college_bound_tests.html)

[ACT Registration Log In](#)

**AVID at HHS:** It is estimated that by the year 2020, two-thirds of all jobs will require some level of postsecondary education. AVID prepares students for 21st century careers each day by providing the academic and behavioral skills necessary to succeed in the workplace. Organization, time management, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving are strong components of the AVID System. AVID includes career exploration in its secondary curriculum, develops partnerships with organizations to help students find [pathways to careers](#), and supports and prepares students in degree and certificate programs to be [successful in the workforce](#). For the 2017-18 school year, Homedale High School will have three AVID classes. One class for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary opportunities. Established more than 35 years ago with [one teacher in one classroom](#), AVID today impacts nearly 1.5 million students in 46 states and 16 other countries/territories. [View the AVID Snapshot](#).

## PTECH Program at HHS (Sponsored by the Albertsons Foundation):

The PTECH program is now available for all students through an online Career & College Exploration website. Participating students will embark on a journey to a career by following the online PTECH Career Map. Students can earn prizes and field trips while building a plan for their future. Along the way students will have a chance to talk to and visit with Idaho employers, build their network, and identify training and job opportunities right in their own backyard...So how do you get started? Students click the link to apply. <http://www.idahoptech.org/apply/> Parents must approve student registration by providing their email address to sign the release form. For more information visit <http://www.idahoptech.org/experience/>

## Homedale High School **Red Ribbon Week** October 23rd-26th

### Sources of Strength Sponsored Dress Up Days



#### **Monday October 23rd is Crazy Hair Day.**

##### **Mentors/Trusted Adults**

Need a good reason to come to school with a bad hair day? Here's your opportunity! Take Selfies w/your Trusted Adult  
Post on Google Classroom & Twitter  
Thank-you post cards for Trusted Adults.



#### **Tuesday October 24th is Flannel Day.**

##### **Positive Friends/Generosity**

Enjoy a hot cup of cider and pumpkin pie & games in the old gym during lunch.  
Post It Notes Words of Encouragement.



#### **Wednesday October 25th is Spirit Day**

##### **(Wear Red & White)**

##### **Healthy Activities/Spirituality (laughter is the best medicine)**

Extended Lunch S.O.S. Everyone Get Involved!

**Carnival:** Old Gym (Booths provided by S.O.S. students & HHS teachers).

Funny Shows/ Face Painting: Cafeteria

Gym: Games & Activities



#### **Thursday October 26th Cowboy Day.**

##### **Positive Friends We are Stronger Together**

Get as many students in your selfie photo as possible! Post on Google Classroom & Twitter

At lunch we will see how many students we can fit into Ms Dodge's car.

## Coming in November

**Thursday, November 1st**, the juniors will be taking a field trip to the Boise National College Fair. The buses will be loading at 8:00 am and will return at 3:30 p.m. The college fair is hosted at Expo Idaho. For more information about the fair visit <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/fallncf/pages/default.aspx> . On the field trip the juniors will tour the War Hawk Museum in Nampa.

**College Application Week November 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.**

**AVID Family Night Thursday November 9th 7:00 p.m.**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences Monday November 13th, 4:15-8:15 in the cafeteria.**

**FAFSA Support Monday November 13th 4:15-8:15 p.m. in the library/media center**

**Thanksgiving Break November 17th-26th**

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 <http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/index.html> or e-mail [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) or call Homedale High School (208) 337-4613 ext 224.