



## February 2018 Newsletter

# GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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**Attention College Bound Seniors & Parents!** Do you need help finishing FAFSA applications, writing scholarship essays, applying to colleges? **Friday February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** TriO rep Ivonne



Martinez will be available in the computer lab by the library to help seniors and parents get FAFSA applications completed...If you are unsure how to complete the FAFSA, bring 2016, 1040 Federal Tax Returns and W2's...and you will receive one on one help through the process. The priority deadline for FAFSA is February 15<sup>th</sup>!

[HHS FAFSA Help Website](#) [FAFSA Web Worksheet 2018-19](#)

**ASVAB Test Score Interpretation & Career Exploration Survey: Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> during 5<sup>th</sup> period.** Students who took the ASVAB test on January 18<sup>th</sup> are invited to receive their test scores on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Military personnel will be available to interpret scores and administer a career exploration survey with the students. Click the following link for information about the HHS ASVAB: [http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs\\_asvab.html](http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_asvab.html)

### **ACT Test Day at HHS Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Juniors & seniors, if you are registered to take the ACT February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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>. 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>



**PSAT Results:** The test results from the October 17th PSAT test were reviewed with the sophomores during their Biology classes on Wednesday January 17th. 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.

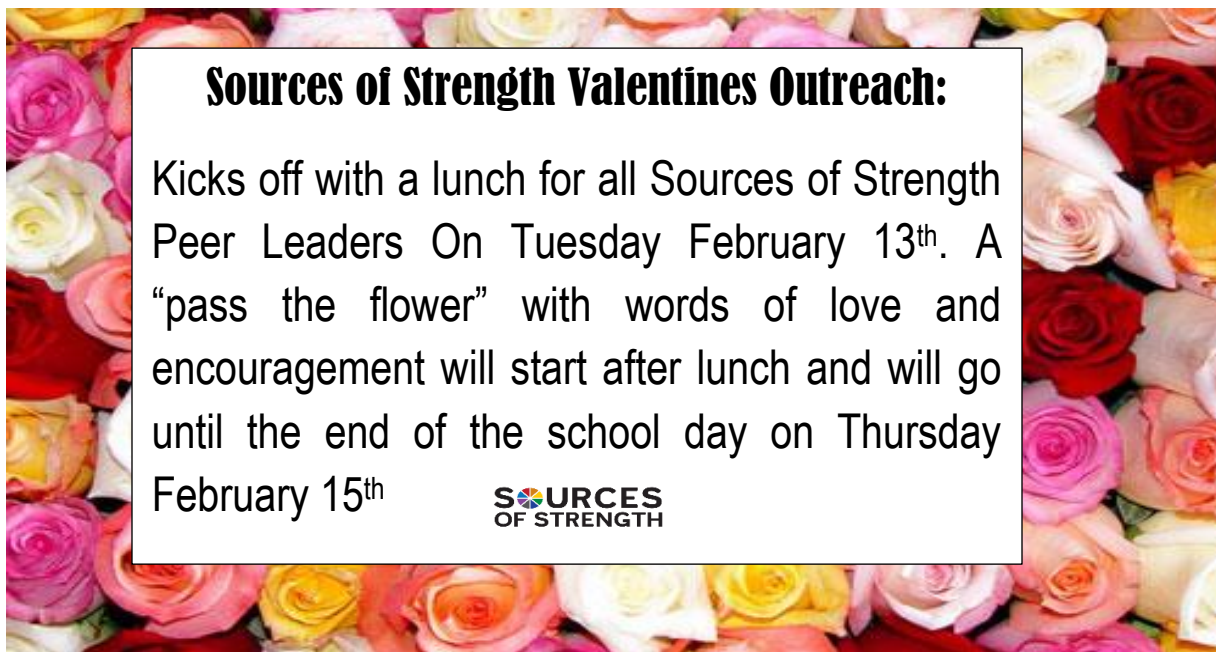


**PSAT/NMSQT Results:** Eleven HHS juniors volunteered to take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test on October 17<sup>th</sup>. All eleven scored well in the 50 percentile and above. Congratulations to HHS juniors Cindy Albor, Carson Brown, Alyssa Clagg, Drew Deal, Nathan Farrell, Thane Granden, Alex Grant, Josey Hall, Sophie Nash, Lindy Phariss and Mauricia Villarreal. In September of 2018 the NMSQT will announce the 2017-18 semi-finalists. What constitutes a range of scores in the top 50 percentile? 1080-1600. HHS senior Veronica Flores was a NMSQT semi-finalist for the 2016-17 school year! Hopefully HHS will have more National Merit Scholars from the class of 2019! For more information about the NMSQT, click the following link: [National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](#):




**SAT (College Board) and Khan Academy have partnered to create one of the best test prep opportunities offered!** All HHS sophomores and juniors have a “personalized” test prep program through Khan Academy! Your students PSAT/NMSQT scores were linked with Khan Academy’s SAT test prep program. What this does it eliminates the need for your student to work on areas they are already strong in and helps your student focus on what they need to work on. If your student did not take the PSAT, no problem. There is a math and English diagnostic test for them to take. This is a great opportunity for HHS students to prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT. The average improvement in test scores for those students who spent time preparing for the SAT through Khan Academy was 115 points! Please encourage your student to spend time each week preparing. It is never too early to start! How do students access the test prep site? They type SATpractice.org in the address bar of their phone, Chromebook or computer browser and log in through their Google account and they are ready to go! [SAT /Khan Academy Test Prep Log In Page](#)

**Next SAT Test Day:** The statewide SAT for juniors is **Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>** and will be proctored during the school day at HHS.



**Sources of Strength Valentines Outreach:**

Kicks off with a lunch for all Sources of Strength Peer Leaders On Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>. A “pass the flower” with words of love and encouragement will start after lunch and will go until the end of the school day on Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>



**Parent Night for all HHS College Bound Students  
MONDAY February 26th**

There will be an informational meeting for college bound students and their parents on Monday **February 26th** in the library/media center during parent teacher conferences. Parents and students are welcome to drop by from 4:15-7:15 p.m. **A presentation will start at 6:15 p.m.**



**HIGHER ED DAYS AT HHS Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Juniors will participate in Higher Ed Days with a college fair hosted at HHS 10:00 a.m-11:15 a.m. College representatives from all public and private Idaho colleges and universities will be represented. The fair will be in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

**College Bound Senior Support & Resources:**

**HHS Transcripts:** It is time for seniors to request 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcripts and test scores be sent to colleges and universities. All seniors have received a link to the request form through their Gear Up to Go On Google Classroom account.

**Scholarships:** Applications for Local Scholarships are now available. Copies of applications for scholarships can be made in the guidance counselor's office or printed from the HHS scholarship website. Please visit the HHS scholarship information webpage for scholarship resources, links and deadlines at [http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs\\_scholarships.html](http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_scholarships.html)

All online scholarships can be accessed by clicking on the following link.

<https://sites.google.com/a/homedaleschools.org/homedale-high-school-1/student-resources/scholarships>

**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:**

**Seniors, if you are planning on attending CWI in the fall and need to take the Math & English Placement tests, we will be offering the test for free at HHS on Tuesday February 13th., 9:00-noon**

Please consider using the following study guides to prepare for the exam.

**Math Placement Review:**

<http://cwidaho.cc/current-students/college-prep-math> (click on "Reviews for the Math Diagnostic Sequence")

<http://khanacademy.org/>

<http://kutasoftware.com/freemain.html>

<http://webmath.com>

<http://math.com>

<http://coolmath.com>

<http://classzone.com/cz/index.htm>

**The priority college application deadline for most schools is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please get college applications completed as soon as possible! Come to the FAFSA Support event sponsored by TriO on February 9th 10-2 to get help!**

#### **Dual Credit Classes & FAST Forward Funding:**

Each Idaho student has a credit of **\$4125.00** to apply towards their dual credit classes.

**(The yearlong classes offered by CWI have a spring registration). DEADLINE February 23rd**

**College of Western Idaho: Homedale High School Classes, Credits & Instructors**

**Mrs. Gosner** ENG101 English Composition 3 Credits (Honors English 11)

**Mr. Thatcher** MATH170 Calculus 5 Credits (Calculus)

**Mr. Lee** ENG 101 English Composition 3 Credits (Honors English 12)

**Mr. Lyons** POLS 202 American State and Local Government 3 Credits (Government)

**Mr. Olsen** MATH 143 College Algebra 3 Credits/MATH 144 Trigonometry 2 Credits (Pre-Calculus)



If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Student Support Specialist services and Gear Up, please visit Mrs. Debbie Flaming's website at <http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/index.html> or e-mail [dflaming@homedaleschools.org](mailto:dflaming@homedaleschools.org) Homedale High School (208) 337-4613.