



January 2018 Newsletter

GEAR UP to GO ON



Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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IDLA (Idaho Digital Learning Academy): IDLA classes began Monday January 8th. Some classes were not available for the early spring session this year. The late spring classes start January 29th. The challenge about the late spring classes is the end date is June 1st which is the week after school is out for summer break. Students will need to return to school the week after Memorial Day to take finals for the late spring classes. Students taking dual credit classes will have help filling out college registration forms (paper or online). IDLA dual credit college registration forms are due February 15th-23rd. All dual credit or 8 in 6 overload IDLA classes are paid for by state through Fast Forward funds. Regular IDLA classes cost \$75/class and fees must be paid before the class begins or as soon as possible. Mrs. Romriell at the main office processes these payments for IDLA. 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>

Attention Seniors: College Representatives to visit HHS to finalize applications...

Idaho State University January 17th at 1:00 p.m./ **Lewis & Clark State College** January 18th at 1:30 p.m./

College of Western Idaho January 23rd at 2:00 p.m./ **Boise State University** January 25th at 9:00 a.m./

Lewis & Clark State College CAMP rep January 29th at 10:30 a.m.

ACT & SAT Tests for Juniors: Three ACT test dates are available for HHS juniors taking the ACT 2nd semester. Students have two opportunities to take the ACT using a fee waiver. 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 10th, April 14th and June 9th. Juniors will be registering for the test date of their choice during US History class on Tuesday January 9th. The February 10th test registration deadline is

January 12th. 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 11th, your junior will need to register to take the test in April or June.

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: The statewide SAT for juniors is **Tuesday April 10th** 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.

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_college_bound_tests.html

PSAT Results: The test results from the October 17th PSAT test will be reviewed with the sophomores during their Biology Classes on Wednesday January 17th. If parents would like a copy of their students PSAT results, e-mail requests to Mrs. Flaming at dflaming@homedaleschools.org

ASVAB Test Date: Thursday January 18th, 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.

For more information about the ASVAB visit http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_asvab.html

Sources of Strength: 2nd Semester Kick-Off Pizza Party Lunch is scheduled for **Wednesday January 24th** in the old gym. S.O.S. peer leaders will meet with their advisors to plan upcoming campaigns.

On **Wednesday February 14th**, S.O.S. will sponsor a Hot Chocolate & Valentine Outreach during lunch in the foyer by the Cafeteria.

**SOURCES
OF STRENGTH**



**Parent Night & Mini-College Fair for College Bound Students is
MONDAY February 26th at 6:00 p.m.**

There will be a very important meeting for parents of college bound students on Monday **February 26th starting with a pizza dinner at 6:00 p.m.** in the high school library/media center. Parents and juniors, please plan on coming! A mini-college fair will be set up for students and parents to visit with college representatives.

For more information, email dflaming@homedaleschools.org.

College Bound Senior Support & Resources:

HHS Transcripts: It is time for seniors to request 7th semester transcripts and test scores be sent to colleges and universities. All seniors will receive a link to the request form through their Gear Up to Go On Google Classroom account the week of January 29th.

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



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: The priority college application deadline for most schools is February 15th. Please get college applications completed as soon as possible!

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 Tuesdays between **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to meet with Ivonne Martinez from TriO to receive one on one help with the FSA ID and with the FAFSA application process.

This is a link to a pdf with a list of things you will need in order to fill out the FAFSA application.

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/items_needed_for_fafsa_application_process.pdf

The FAFSA process has been simplified since the tax information is based on the 2016 tax returns.

This is a link to a worksheet which shows you the exact questions asked on the online FAFSA application.

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/fafsa_web_worksheet_2018-19.pdf

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. This is a link to a video that explains how to set up a FSA ID. It is important to write down the email used and password and the answers to your security questions.

This is a worksheet to print out and retain for your records to keep track of your FSA ID information since you and your student will be using this year to year.

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/fsa_id_worksheet.pdf

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

http://studentservices.accountsupport.com/hhs_fafsa_scholarhip.html

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 Homedale High School (208) 337-4613.