

# Memo

**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Principal - Shay Swan  
**CC:** Rob Sauer  
**Date:** 2/5/26  
**Re:** Board Report - Homedale Middle School

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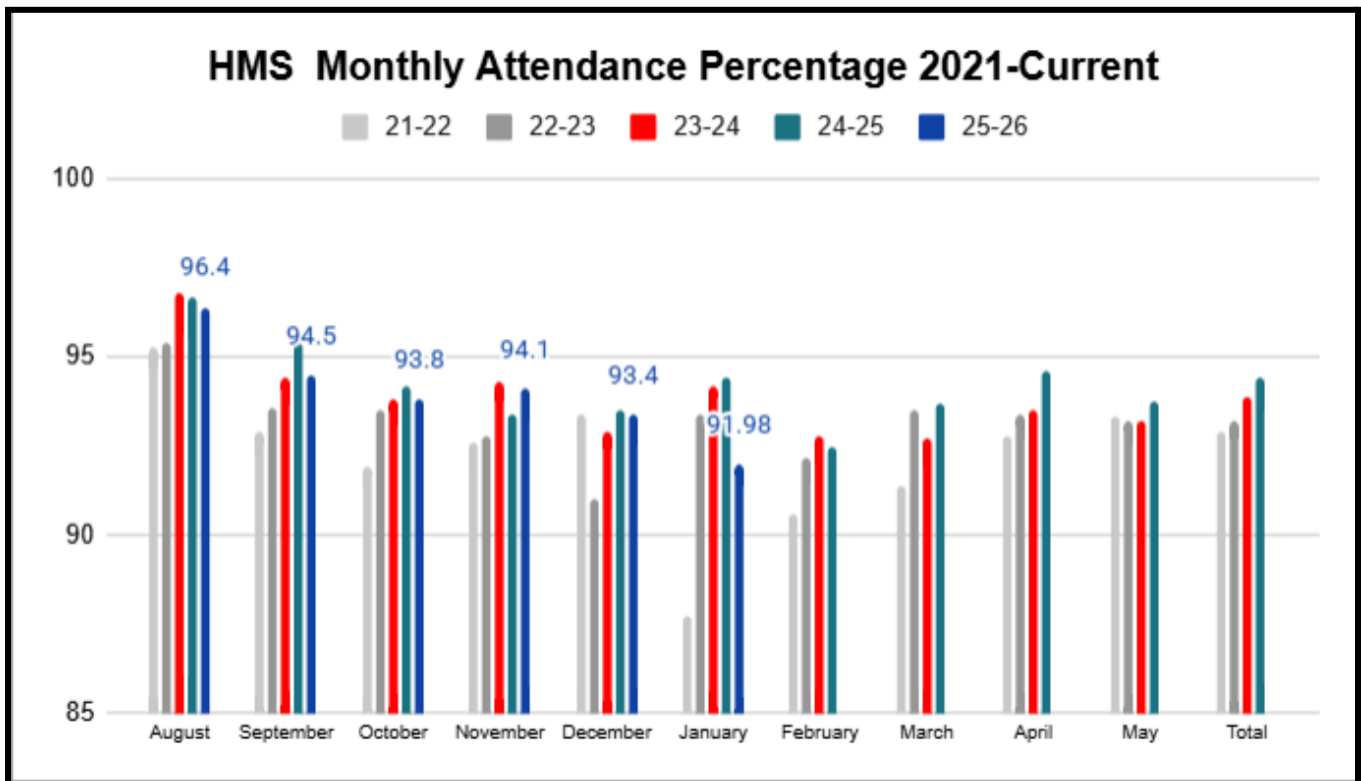
## Registration / Enrollment:

Listed below are our current enrollment numbers:

5th Grade: 96  
6th Grade: 104  
7th Grade: 99  
8th Grade: 91  
Total: 390

## School Attendance:

Currently as a school we have 91.98% in the second semester as a school. Recently we have experienced low attendance due to a few weeks of widespread illness. We have some schoolwide interventions we are using to help bolster attendance. Below you can see the monthly attendance in comparison to the last four years.

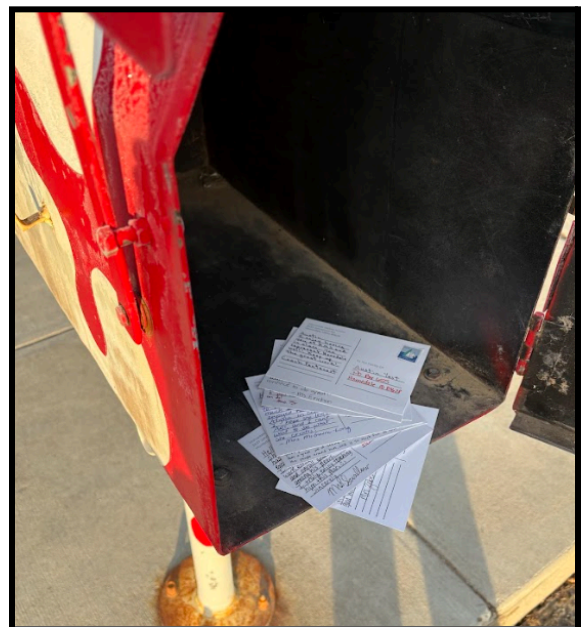


### Staff Professional Development...

The HMS and HHS staff spent the morning of January 23rd in an inservice with Katie Azevedo as a part of our Homedale Thrives initiative. We spent the morning discussing “Trauma Informed Practices” and different strategies that could be used to better serve our students.



Pictured below is a schoolwide positive reinforcement strategy developed through this work.



## Quarterly Newsletter...

We recently sent out our quarterly (3rd) newsletter to parents. This is a great way to share past, present and future happenings at Homedale Middle School.

# Homedale Middle School

/ NEWS

Quarter 3 Edition 2026

## HMS HAPPENINGS

### Service...

This year during the Holiday Season, Homedale Middle School decided to give back to our community through service.

The 5th grade team led it off by cleaning the nature pathway on Succor Creek, the 6th grade team picked up trash at Sundance Park, our 7th grade team spent time helping to clean Deward Bell Stadium, and the 8th grade team served meals at the Homedale Senior Center and picked up trash at the Homedale City Park. It was a great experience for all involved.

We are proud of our students for their hard work, positive attitudes, and commitment to serving others.

### Important

**DATES**

- JAN. 19<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL (MLK JR. DAY)
- FEB. 6<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SUPPORT DAY
- FEB. 16<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL (PRESIDENTS DAY)
- MARCH 6<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SUPPORT DAY
- MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> END OF QUARTER 3
  - PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 4-8PM

### TROJAN THRIVE TIME

After School Tutoring Program

Our new tutoring program, Trojan Thrive Time, is up and running! Busing is provided. Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays!

**TUTORING & HOMEWORK HELP**

**STEM & ART ACTIVITIES**

**SNACKS, FUN, & LEARNING**

### Honoring Our Veterans

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the HMS National Junior Honor Society in conjunction with the Homedale Bands did an amazing job honoring the veterans of our community. The event was a good mix of student speakers, musical performances, and videos paying homage

HOMEDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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VETERANS DAY

## Winter Sports

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

We would like to congratulate our 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams on their outstanding seasons this year. Both teams demonstrated tremendous growth, teamwork, and determination throughout the season and finished strong by earning **second place in the district tournament.**

We are incredibly proud of these student-athletes and thankful for the dedication of their coaches and supporters who helped make this season such a success. Well done!

## Wrestling

The HMS Boys and Girls Wrestling Teams recently competed in their district and state tournaments.

In the SRV District Tournament, the Trojans came away with a 2nd place finish overall.

In the Idaho Middle School State Tournament, with all teams in Idaho competing against each other, our boys team came away with a 4th place finish. Congratulations on a great ending to a phenomenal season.

## Upcoming Sports

Boys basketball season is tipping off this month! Team photos for both the 7th and 8th grade teams will be taken on the afternoon of January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Homedale Middle School Cheer is off to a fabulous start in the 2025-2026 season. They did an amazing job at their first competition in Jerome. The team had a 1st place sweep in the categories of pom, show, sideline, and stunt. They also won overall grand champion for the middle school division. Their hard work has definitely paid off.

## Homedale Middle School

### HMS Visited by Idaho State Police - Forensic Services

HMS recently brought in two guest speakers from Idaho State Police - Forensic Services to talk to our science students about the field of forensic science and the different methods scientists are using within this field. The speakers were very engaging and did a very good job speaking to our students. Through the presentation, they brought up some recent local cases that our students were familiar with and were able to talk about some of the details on the cases. They also took the kids into the lab to talk more about some of the procedures of forensic science. Great job Mrs. Demshar for providing this opportunity for our students.

### Two Ways to Receive Information From HMS

**#1**

Parents are able to access all student information (assignments, grades, attendance, etc...) using the Lumen Parent Portal. Please go to [homedaleschools.org](https://homedaleschools.org) to retrieve your username and passwords and enter the portal.

**#2**

HSD staff members push out a lot of their school and classroom information through the messaging software, Apteegy. Please make sure to download the Homedale School District #370 application on your phone. You can use QR code below to access this application.

### TROJAN CONNECTION

Homedale School District has opened a full-service food pantry for the community of Homedale! All services are confidential. You do not need ID or proof of residency at this time.

**Hours of operation are Wednesdays from 2pm-6pm.** It is located behind the preschool, across from the district office. Please follow the signs, and use the alley access. Feel free to reach out with any questions!

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### FOOD PANTRY

Quarter 3 Newsletter  
January 2026

### FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR ALL HOMEDALE STUDENTS

This school year, all students enrolled in Homedale School District #370 have FREE school breakfast and lunch everyday! Through a federal program, our district has received funds to cover all meals. We encourage you to utilize this resource. Students will still need to pay for extras.

### THE HOMEDALE WAY

Trojans! Trojans! Say it Loud!

The Homedale Way will make us proud!

We will choose our attitude and show respect and gratitude.

Being safe and responsible will make our town unstoppable.

Be kind, Be great, Don't delay,  
Make today the Homedale Way!

Yay!!

### Contact HMS:

Main Office: (208) 337-5780  
 Mr. Swan (Principal)  
[sswan@homedaleschools.org](mailto:sswan@homedaleschools.org)

Get updates on Facebook!

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## Family Engagement Event...

We are excited to announce this year's family engagement night. On February 26th, Officer Cottrell and Officer Rowley will be joining us from the Idaho State Police Department to present on drug and alcohol awareness. Dinner will be provided for all attendees.

**Homedale School District #370 Presents:**


# Drug & Alcohol Awareness Family Night


Come meet Idaho State Police officers and their four-legged partner for an engaging, educational evening the whole family will enjoy!


Join ISP Corporal Chris Cottrell, Sergeant Brandon Rowley, and K-9 Murphy as they share real-world insight on:


- Drug awareness & prevention
- The dangers of impaired driving
- How police K-9s help keep communities safe
- How families can talk to kids about smart, safe choices


This is a great opportunity for kids and parents to ask questions, see K-9 Murphy in action, and learn how law enforcement works to prevent drug and alcohol misuse before it starts.



 **Thursday, February 26th**  
**6:00-7:30pm**  
**At Homedale High School**

 **Free Dinner**

 **Raffle Prizes**


 **RSVP HERE**

**Corporal Chris Cottrell**


- Idaho State Police since 2005
- Canine Unit Supervisor
- Partnered with K-9 Murphy, a state-certified drug detection dog
- Criminal Interdiction Specialist

**Sergeant Brandon Rowley**

- Idaho State Police since 2017
- DUI STRIKE Team Supervisor
- Treasure Valley DUI Task Force Commander



Chris Cottrell



Brandon Rowley