



# James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

One of the important components of the college admissions process is taking a college entrance exam, such as the SAT or the ACT. To prepare students for this exam, Austin ISD paid for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to take the PSAT, a practice version of the SAT, on October 16, 2019. **PSAT scores will be emailed to these students during the second week of December.** In January, representatives from More Than A Teacher will present a session during the January 13th course information night about how to interpret the PSAT score report and use it to prepare for the real SAT.

For some students, the ACT is actually a better reflection of their skills and knowledge than the SAT. While Bowie does not provide an opportunity during the school day to take the ACT, it does **encourage juniors to take an optional and free practice ACT on Saturday, November 16, from 9:00am-12:30pm in the Bowie cafeteria.** More Than A Teacher provides the testing materials, proctors the exam, and will score it with students at the end of the testing session. Students wishing to take the practice ACT on November 16 must register in advance using this

link: <http://www.morethanateacher.com/practice-test/bowie-act-11-16-2019/>.

Because of its commitment to supporting all students in their post high-school preparations, Austin ISD will register and pay for all **juniors to take the official SAT at Bowie on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.** Students wishing to take the SAT multiple times, or wishing to take the ACT, are responsible for registering and paying for the exams on their own. SAT/ACT participation, average SAT score, and average ACT score are also indicators in the TEA accountability system. For more information about SAT and ACT dates, locations, and exam registration go to the [College Readiness tile](#) on the JBHS website. Additional information and more is also available in the [November Counselor newsletter](#).

Austin ISD is currently working on the calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. [The Calendar Task Force](#) has worked very hard to prepare three (3) calendar options. Please take a minute to vote on the calendar that you prefer. **Please click on this link to view the calendars and to vote: [Vote here](#)**

AISD is offering free flu shots. The flu shot clinic for Bowie students will be held on November 21, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Southwest Room. Please see the attached link for information and consent forms. Students may also pick up forms in the Bowie front office. All consent [forms for flu shots](#) must be returned to the Bowie front office by Thursday, November 14, 2019.

There are a few dates on the calendar to note. A reminder to be on the lookout for report cards to go out on Thursday, November 7. There will be no Student Sharing on Monday, November 11. Students who normally spend 1st period at another campus are to report to the College and Career Center for attendance. Finally, all students and staff will be on **Thanksgiving Break from Monday, November 25, through Friday, November 29.** School will resume on Monday, December 2, 2019!

Sincerely,  
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