



James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Greetings, Bulldog Nation,

Winter Break is almost here! JBHS will be closed for the holiday from Friday, December 20, 2019, until Monday, January 6, 2020, when staff return to campus. January 6 and 7 are dedicated to staff development, and therefore, are student holidays. Classes for students will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

On Wednesday, January 8, students will report to their spring semester 1st period class at 9:00 a.m. (Students with a new 1st period course should check their schedule in TEAMS for the classroom location of their new class.) All students will receive an official hard-copy of their schedule from their 1st period teacher. Students with no spring semester 1st period class should pick-up their schedule in the main office by 11:00 a.m.

If students have any questions or concerns with their schedules they should contact their counselor in person or via email. If the counselor asks the student to complete a course correction form, it is important for the student to provide a current email address and check their email frequently for communication regarding any changes to their schedule. For attendance and accountability purposes, students must continue to follow the official schedule distributed on January 8, until they receive a new schedule. Check out the December [counselor newsletter](#) for more information from the counseling team. Their next newsletter will be distributed the first week of January.

During FIT on January 8, 9, and 10, teachers will share some important school information with the students. Students will review Bowie's Academic Integrity Policy, as well as some reminders about technology, attendance, FIT, keeping the campus clean, etc. Teachers will also spend some time re-visiting the Speak Up strategies and concepts introduced to students over the course of the fall semester during their English classes.

Students attending Bowie next year and their parents/guardians are invited to attend our [Academic Planning Night](#) on Monday, January 13, 2020, from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. There will be three valuable breakout sessions: (1) Key Components of Academic Planning (graduation requirements, new schedule change procedures, course registration process, GPA); (2) Advanced Academic Options (Pre-AP, AP, ACC Dual-Credit, UT OnRamps); and (3) PSAT Score Interpretation. The breakout session presentations will be recorded and linked on the JBHS website for those unable to attend the event in person. We are also excited to welcome representatives from alternative post-secondary programs such as associate's degree programs, vocational programs, and military branches who will be available to speak with interested families. Mark your calendars now!

With many of our students in the school district living in food insecure households, access to healthy food may be challenging when Austin ISD is closed. The Central Texas Food Bank provides resources to help keep families fed throughout the year, and during school breaks.

Resources:

- [Emergency Food Assistance Referral List - English](#)
- [Emergency Food Assistance Referral List - Spanish](#)
- [Mobile Food Pantry - December 2019](#)
- [Fresh Food for Families – December 2019](#)

On behalf of the staff at James Bowie High School, we wish your family joy and peace for the holiday and in the upcoming year!

Go Dawgs!
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