



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Bowie Students, Parents & Guardians,

Hopefully, you have received and read the [district's letter](#) about the continuous learning plan commencing Monday, April 6, 2020. I am following up with more information detailing what to expect from the Bowie teachers starting on Monday and in the days to come.

FRAMEWORK - The Bowie teachers will be posting materials for continuous learning in their respective BLEND courses. Students should log into their BLEND courses daily in order to stay apprised of learning opportunities and to receive teacher feedback on their learning. Because our students are experiencing a wide array of circumstances and learning environments, Bowie teachers will ask students to engage in the curriculum for their course **no more than two hours per week**. Advanced Academics such as Advanced Placement, UT On-Ramps, and ACC Dual Credit will have different expectations as explained in my [previous newsletter](#). All instruction will be offered in an asynchronous format, meaning that for any course students may work on their own time if they choose. However, some Bowie teachers may also offer synchronous, or live, supplemental instruction, opportunities to collaborate or get feedback, class meetings, etc. in accordance with the following schedule. The purpose of the schedule below is to help students structure their day, and prevent potential scheduling conflicts for optional synchronous lessons. However, please note that students are not required to attend synchronous sessions if they are offered by the teacher, nor are they required to be online during the times indicated.

SCHEDULE FOR ONLINE TEACHING

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Times for Optional Live Instruction (whole group, small group, or individual)					STUDENT *FLEX TIME
9:00-10:00	Virtual Office Hours				9:00-12:00 PLC Meetings
10:00-10:45	Period 1	Period 5	Period 1	Period 5	
11:00-11:45	Period 2	Period 6	Period 2	Period 6	1:00-4:30 Grading, parent communication, planning, etc.
11:45-12:30	LUNCH				
12:45-1:30	Period 3	Period 7	Period 3	Period 7	
1:45-2:30	Period 4	Period 8	Period 4	Period 8	
2:30-3:30	Virtual Office Hours				
* FLEX TIME - Students may access teacher virtual office hours (M-Th) or engage in independent learning towards course objectives/goals, recreational and social activities, family time, or other student-selected activities.					

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS - Teachers and/or their PLC Teams will establish their own office hours in consideration of their personal household circumstances. Most

teachers/teams will likely select times for tutoring and conferences during your child's class periods indicated in the chart above or during the Monday through Thursday morning and afternoon virtual office hours windows. Teachers will not interface with students after 9 p.m. or before 8 a.m. Per teacher preference, office hours may be "open" using an online platform allowing students to "pop" in, or may be arranged by appointment. I have asked teachers to post and communicate their protocol for virtual office hours to students and their families. Also, please give teachers a full business day to respond to your emails.

WEEK 1 (April 6-10) - Because the district is still finalizing decisions regarding grades and credit, Bowie teachers will not record any new grades in TEAMS during the first week of online learning. The focus for the upcoming week will be checking-in with students, identifying any student resource or tech needs, discussing the [Bulldog Netiquette & Expectations](#), training students to use some virtual learning tools, engaging in some Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) activities, reviewing course content, and providing opportunities to submit make-up work or complete grade remediation activities from the period prior to Spring Break.

Many of you have shared with me your gratitude for our Bowie teachers and staff, noting their sincere concern for, and support of, your children. I, too, am thankful for the opportunity to work with such an outstanding group of people. Please keep sending me those shout-out emails!

Take good care,
Mark Robinson

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