



James Bowie High School

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Friday, May 4, 2018

I am excited to announce that TX-958 at James Bowie High School has been selected as one of 121 out of close to 900 total units to receive the **2017-2018 Air Force JROTC Outstanding Organization Award**. This award recognizes Air Force JROTC units that have performed well above and beyond normal expectations, and that have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their school and community while meeting the Air Force JROTC citizen development mission for America. Congratulations to Captain Hill, Master Sergeant Loyd and all of the Bowie JROTC students on this recognition!

The next administration of the **State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) End of Course (EOC) exams is scheduled for next week**. Algebra 1 will test on Monday, May 7, 2018, Biology on Tuesday, May 8, and US History on Wednesday, May 9, with make-up testing on Thursday and Friday of next week for any students who are absent when the test is administered. All students enrolled in the course will sit for the exam as they are a graduation requirement. Students will have four hours to complete each exam and testing should conclude around 1:30 p.m. Students can not be excused from a test administration until testing is complete. Therefore, please schedule appointments around the testing window. Students testing should be sure to get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast before taking the EOC. As these tests are administered online, students will need to bring their AISD issued Chromebook to school fully charged, as is the expectation every day. Anyone taking the Algebra 1 exam will also need to bring their graphic calculator to test. Students who are not involved in EOC testing on these days will be on a regular bell schedule, but there will be no FIT on Monday through Wednesday. Students will stay in their 1st/5th period class until 10:58 a.m. These exams are important both to the individual and the school as they weigh heavily in the public school accountability system. Thank you for your support of Bowie High School!

One of the most dangerous parts of the school bus ride is loading and unloading. Current transportation procedures allow buses to wait at campuses for seven minutes after bell time before they depart. Once the seven minutes have passed, buses exit the campus in a convoy. Many concerns have been raised about school officials asking bus drivers to stop once the school buses have started to exit the campus. There have been reported cases of students chasing after a moving bus, which is extremely dangerous. There are several risks involved with buses stopping once they have begun to roll. It increases the potential for a rear-end collision between buses as well as the possibility of a student slipping while running to the bus and being run over. **Once buses begin to roll, drivers are instructed not to stop**. Therefore please remind your student to give himself/herself plenty of time to get to the bus so that they don't miss their ride!

Go Dawgs!

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