



James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Congrats to our **JBHS Ultimate Frisbee Team**. The Bowie Ultimate Frisbee club team competed in the **State Championship** of the mixed division in Plano last weekend and swept the tournament! They won all six games against LASA, Hyde Park, NPA, Marcus HS, Coppell, and St. Thomas and were awarded the first place trophy. Please help me congratulate faculty sponsor Ms. Tagle and the 23 students on the team.

AP testing is happening on campus all of this week and will run until Friday, May 18. Most testing will take place in the Library, but please check your email for any updates regarding your test location. Students testing at 8:00am will need to report to campus no later than 7:45 am. For additional information on what to bring, etc., please read through the AP Bulletin: <http://bit.ly/BowieAPPrep>. Please note, the Library and the College and Career Center will be closed these two weeks.

We need help from our seniors and their parents sharing your good news. Please **be sure that your counselor has a copy of admissions letters confirming plans for next year, as well as scholarship awards**. AISD and the Austin Chamber of Commerce collect that data, and we want to be sure Bowie is represented well. For example, last year we had \$9,000,000 in scholarship and grant money offered. Can the Class of 2018 beat that this year? Please forward any notices you have received to your child's counselor.

The **issuance of student Chromebooks and the launch of BLEND** has created an exciting paradigm shift in our classrooms at Bowie. While the introduction of more devices in the classroom in combination with the BLEND learning management system has tremendous instructional potential, it has not been without challenges as we navigate how to effectively utilize and manage these powerful tools. I very much appreciate the patience and understanding of our entire school community during this process and look forward to sharing how our staff is developing and refining practices and protocols to ensure BLEND enhances learning and empowers students.

As the semester comes to a close, I want to share some important information with you about the Bowie-issued student Chromebooks:

- Seniors must turn-in their Chromebooks prior to graduation. Chromebooks will be collected in the library before and after school May 24 through May 29, 2018, between 8:00 and 8:50 am, or 1:10 to 2:20 pm. The Chromebook, charger, and case must be returned in good working condition to avoid a fine. The student's final transcript and diploma will be held until the Chromebook is returned. **Seniors must turn in their Chromebooks prior to graduation**, so please contact Debby Theis in the office if you have questions/concerns.
- Rising **10th, 11th, and 12th grade students will keep their Chromebooks** over the summer. With an understanding that the district provides these devices as an on-going investment in student learning, we will soon share some useful and meaningful activities for our students to complete using their devices over the summer.

- **Rising 9th grade students will be issued Chromebooks on August 22 and 23, 2018.** In order to receive a Chromebook, the parent/guardian must log-in and submit the online consent form within the Parent Cloud: <https://my.austinisd.org/apps/Devices/consent.jsp>. If you do not have a Parent Cloud Account, you can register for one online.

You are encouraged to **continue carefully guiding and monitoring your student's access to online materials and the amount of time they are spending interfacing with technology in general.** AISD has installed filters on the Bowie-issued Chromebooks, but these filters are not foolproof. I invite you to read "[The Parent's Guide to Educational Technology](#)" from Connect Safely to help you better understand how technology is changing our school landscape and your child's academic experience. This website is also a wonderful resource with tips and advice on a variety of subjects, including ways to help keep your child safe while online.

The City of Austin wants to hear from you! Tell them how they can make it easier to drive, ride, and walk through Austin by taking the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan survey online at ASMP.MetroQuest.com. Your feedback will shape how Austin will live, work, and play for years to come. Go to the ASMP website to **learn more about the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan.**

We've been seeing a lot of auto thefts in the area around Bowie High School and Southwest Austin in general. Auto thefts can obviously be devastating to a family – the extreme inconvenience of not having a car, the high costs associated with getting it out of a tow yard, etc. Auto thefts are also extremely detrimental to our community, as they often are part of other crimes like robbery and trafficking. The good news is many of these crimes are preventable. The **Austin Police Department would like to remind you to be sure to lock your car and hide your valuables.**

Go Dawgs!



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