



James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Greetings Bowie High School Community,

Please help me congratulate our Teacher of the Year nominees for the 2017-2018 school year. The faculty and staff at James Bowie High School have selected choir teacher Randy Cantu, AP Biology teacher Jessica Davis, science department chair and medical microbiology teacher Erin Kowalik, and statistics and geometry teacher Dana Stiles for the honor. Over the course of next week, our team will vote for one name to send to the district as our campus representative for Teacher of the Year. Congrats to all of the nominees for their selection from an outstanding faculty!

As the district continues to strive for excellence in preparing our students for academic success, we encourage parents to offer feedback by completing the AISD Parent Survey. Your opinions are important and will be taken into consideration as we strive to serve our students better. Within the next few weeks, please complete the paper survey that the school provides you. As an alternative, the survey will be available on the district's website: www.austinisd.org/parents.

Once available, the results of the survey will be distributed to campus principals, district administrators, and the Board of Trustees. Our community also can view the results when the reports are posted to the AISD website by the end of June. If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, you may contact the AISD Department of Research and Evaluation at 512-414-1724. Thank you for taking the time to help us understand our strengths and opportunities for improvement!

Last week AISD Technology distributed over 2000 Google Chromebooks to students at Bowie High School. Chromebooks are still available for checkout to those students who were absent Friday or now have a consent form to submit. Chromebooks will be checked out before school on Thursday and Friday of this week from 7:50 to 8:50 a.m. for any student needing to check out a Chromebook and was unable to get a spot during one of the FIT sessions this week. Moving forward, students with issues or problems with log-in or software with their Chromebook can call the AISD Student Help Desk at 512-414-4357. All other issues will require students to sign-up for a FIT session with Ms. Theis. If students misplace their Chromebook or believe it to be stolen, please encourage them to contact Ms. Theis immediately, as there are ways to track the Chromebooks and/or replace stolen Chromebooks if the proper procedures are followed.

Now that all students have a device, it is a good time to mention that the BLEND Parent Tour is now available. Parent Access is now available with an AISD Parent Cloud Account. There is a public course for parents at bit.ly/BLENDparentTOUR. Please use this demonstration course as a resource to learn more about the district's new learning management system (LMS). You may use Parent Access to view course content for the classes that your student is enrolled in, review student work, and see your child's assessment calendar. AISD's LMS is an important tool in our shift from traditional to blended learning.

The Class of 2018 Senior Class Panoramic Picture is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Seniors should plan on being at school by 8:00 a.m. that morning to be in the picture. The photo will be taken in front of the school between the A wing and administration building. The Goldbeck Company will be on campus on Wednesday, January 24, during both lunches from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. to take payments and distribute photographs. Price packages for seniors range between \$25 for a single panoramic picture to \$45 for three different pictures. They will accept cash, checks, or money orders made payable to Goldbeck Company.

The date for graduation has been confirmed for Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank Erwin Center. Students are receiving graduation packets with cap and gown order information this week. Herff Jones sales representatives will be in the Fine Arts foyer during both lunches on Wednesday, January 24, and Thursday, January 25, to collect orders. Parents are welcome to come to school and talk with the sales personnel.

Sincerely,



Mark Robinson, Principal

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