

James Bowie High School

Pride In Performance *

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Greetings Bowie High School Community,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Break. We only have a few weeks left of school before Winter Break, so we want to be sure we make the most of them! With final exams, projects, papers, and everything due before the end of the third six weeks, please check in with your student to be sure he/she is prepared to finish the semester strong. We are almost halfway through this school year!

The <u>final exam schedule</u> is available online. Please contact your child's assistant principal if you foresee a conflict with the schedule for exams. Finals are 25% of the semester grade; therefore, it is important that students prepare, and we maintain a fair and consistent process for exams. All exams must be taken on the days scheduled for finals. Students who are absent for an exam will receive an incomplete and must make up the exam in January.

AISD's <u>EVERYONE:1</u> initiative will issue a laptop to every Bowie student to use at school and at home throughout their four years of high school. Chromebooks will be distributed to students in mid-December. **Before Bowie HS can issue a Chromebook to your student, parents must complete and submit the online consent form found within the Parent Cloud.** We already have completed consent forms for about half of our students!

If you have not already done so, please log on to the AISD Parent Cloud and follow the instructions to sign the consent form electronically. If you prefer that your student use a personal computer from home, please ensure the computer meets the requirements outlined in the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) section of the EVERYONE:1 handbook, and select that option or select "No" on the form. You may navigate to the form from the <u>Technology Department</u> page on <u>Austin ISD</u> website. Select <u>"EVERYONE:1"</u> from the side bar menu and click the "Link to the Parent Cloud" bar under "Consent." The form should load for you, or you may search "EVERYONE:1 Device Consent" within the Parent Cloud to select one of three options before you click "Confirm" to enter your response. Our goal is to get a completed form for all students by Friday, December 1, 2017.

There are several important dates to note coming up in the next few days and weeks. Thursday, November 30, 2017, is a late start for students. The date was changed from the original calendar that was released at the beginning of the year due to state testing. Friday, December 1, 2017, is the end of the last three weeks grading period. Progress reports will go out in an email from Flexstream on Thursday, December 7. As we get down to the wire, please check in with your student to be sure he/she is getting the grade they want for the third six weeks. Final exams start the following Thursday, December 14, and run for the last four days of the semester. Finally, Winter Break starts on Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

We are still collecting toys for Austin Police "Operation Blue Santa." We have a collection box in the front office, if you are able to donate, where you can drop off new, unwrapped toys. The last day for donations will be this Friday, December 1, 2017.

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson

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Principal

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