



James Bowie High School

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Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

All 10th and 11th graders at JBHS took the PSAT earlier this year in October. The scores from this exam have been released. Students who provided an email address during testing should have received an email from the College Board with instructions on how to access their scores. More information about how to access scores and what they mean can be found on the [College Board](#) website. We will also be hosting a PSAT Score Interpretation session at our Thursday, January 10, 2019, “Course Registration, Moving on Up & PSAT” Parent Night. Students are encouraged to bring their PSAT scores, printed or electronic, to this event to learn more about how to increase scores on college entrance exams and maximize scholarship awards.

The parents of all current 9th through 11th grade students are invited to attend our Parent Night in the JBHS cafeteria and foyer area from 6:00 to 8:05 pm on Thursday, January 10, 2019. The program will have breakout sessions with Bowie staff, our college partners, and PSAT experts on the following topics: 1) reviewing graduation requirements & the course registration process for next year’s classes, 2) a “Moving On Up” session, including information on Bowie's PreAP and AP classes, ACC’s Dual Credit program, and UT’s OnRamps classes, and 3) a PSAT Score Interpretation session presented by a representative from More Than a Teacher. Mark your calendars now! (We will hold a separate 8th Grade Parent Night later in the spring semester.)

All students will receive their official second semester schedules during first period when classes resume on Monday, January 7, 2019. If students have any questions or concerns with their schedules, they should fill out a pink "Course Correction Request" or purple "Student Request to Change Levels" form now and return it to the front office. We will not be able to accept walk-in schedule changes the first week of school in January since we will be registering new students and getting them into classes. After students turn in their pink or purple schedule change forms, counselors will contact students with any questions, and send a copy of the new schedule to the student, if approved. Students can facilitate the process by providing a current email address and checking their email frequently for communication from their counselor regarding their requested change. For attendance and accountability purposes, students must continue to follow the official schedule distributed January 7, until they receive a new schedule.

As you may know, JBHS has a goal of 96.5% average daily attendance. Students are also required to attend 90% of the time to earn credit in a course. Please review your child's attendance at grades.austinisd.org. Notes for any absences should be turned in and based upon the note, some of the absence reasons could be modified by the attendance clerk to not cause a loss of credit. Students are able to make up hours after school on Tuesday or Thursday, and some Saturdays. Please contact your child's assistant principal for more information.

As we prepare for the holiday and bring the first semester to a close, please take a moment to thank a teacher for investing in your child and developing the next generation of leaders. If a staff member comes to mind who is really making a difference for your student, please let me know that too. I appreciate every opportunity that I have to recognize the faculty and staff at Bowie.

Winter Break is almost here! JBHS will be closed for the holiday from Friday, December 21, 2018, until Thursday, January 3, 2019, when staff return. Classes resume on Monday, January 7, 2019. On behalf of the staff at James Bowie High School, we wish your family joy and peace for the holiday and in the upcoming year!

Sincerely,

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