



James Bowie High School

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Thursday, December 07, 2017

Greetings Bowie High School Community,

We have just a few days of school before Winter Break, so we want to be sure we make the most of them! Our **average daily attendance has been right at our goal of 96.5%**. We appreciate you sending your child to school if he/she is well enough to attend. We don't want anyone to miss anything!

Final exams begin next week with 5th and 6th period finals on Thursday, December 14, and 1st and 2nd period finals on Friday, December 15. Some students have earned exam incentive certificates for excellent attendance this semester. These certificates will be distributed to students on Wednesday before school, during lunch, and after school. It will be **important for your child to claim his/her attendance incentive certificate** on this date, as there will not be an opportunity to collect it any other time. Students who wish to redeem an exam certificate must present it to their teacher at the time of the exam. By board policy **all students are required to take an exam in every class**. This means that using an exam incentive certificate does not excuse or exempt a student from the exam, it only means that the student's overall semester average may be considered in the calculation of the semester grade. More details about the exam incentive certificates are available on the JBHS website, as is the [final exam schedule](#). Please contact your child's teacher if a last minute illness prevents them from taking an exam as scheduled. Students who are absent for an exam will receive an incomplete on the report card and must schedule a time with the teacher to make-up the exam in January.

The deployment date for AISD's [Everyone:1 Chromebook initiative](#) has been set for **January 12, 2018**. Some of the materials were back ordered, which caused the district to reschedule our original December distribution date in order to issue everything that students will need at one time. For planning purposes, we **must have a completed consent form from each parent/guardian** indicating the appropriate option for that child. The last page of the [Everyone:1 Handbook](#) serves as a paper copy of the consent form. If you have experienced problems with the online version you may send a hard-copy to the Bowie main office. There are also some copies available in the Bowie main office. We would like to be able to issue a new Chromebook to each student! More information about the schedule for that day will be released after Winter Break.

Save the Date! If your child is currently enrolled in an AP class, please be aware that online **registration for the College Board's AP exams will run from February 20 until March 27, 2018**, at 5:00 p.m. The fee for each exam is \$94. AP exam fees are waived for students who qualify for the Free or Reduced Meal Program. If you would like to apply for the Free or Reduced Meal Program please visit <https://www.austinisd.org/nutritionfoodservices/meal-applications> or pick up an application in the Bowie main office. Also, if your child requires testing accommodations per their 504 or Special Education plan, please visit [The College Board website](#) for more information. You must apply for accommodations through the Campus SSD Coordinator, Wendy Escobedo, and the College Board, which may take weeks to process. AP exams will be administered in the Bowie library from May 7 to May 18, 2018. For planning purposes, specific exam dates are posted on the [College Board website](#). Bowie's College & Career Advisor, Carli Valverde, is

available to answer any questions you may have about AP exam registration. Ms. Valverde can be reached at 512.414.2356 or carli.valverde@austinisd.org.

We had our **first planning meeting for the 2017 Bond** last week. AISD construction management, facilities, and finance met with representatives from AECOM, who will be coordinating the contractors assigned the job, as well as campus staff. Information including project details and a schedule are posted on the AISD Future page of the [district website](#). I encourage everyone to check for updated information from time to time, and we will do our best to keep the community informed of changes and updates.

Winter Break starts on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. **School will resume for students on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.** Since some students have semester classes that may change periods, all students will receive an official schedule for the second semester the day they return to school. Schedules will be distributed through first period classes or are available for pick up in the Bowie main office if a student is off campus first period.

I hope that everyone has a safe, restful holiday this Winter Break. We have a lot to look forward to and are excited about 2018!

Sincerely,



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