



James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Dear Bowie High School Community,

JBHS will conduct a **lockdown drill this week** as part of our emergency management plan. The drill is currently scheduled for the afternoon of **Friday, May 3, 2019**. Even though the drill will be announced, please keep this in mind if you receive a text message from your student or visit campus at that time. We will conclude the drill as quickly as possible in order to resume normal campus operations.

Lockdown drills have become part of our children's school experience in response to threats against schools across the nation. As you know, Bowie has responded to a couple of threats this year. However, at no time have we gone into lockdown because of a specific, unidentified threat. It has come to the attention of teachers and administrators that some students in our school community, or other schools in central Texas, may be participating in a Nerf gun battle royale. While that may sound like fun in the short term, it could have significant long term consequences for our learners and the school. **Any report of anything like a gun on campus**, someone observed in a shooter stance, or anything close to an active shooter at Bowie **will trigger a lockdown**. Once ordered, the campus will be in lockdown until the threat is identified and/or the campus is cleared. That **process will take hours** until officers have opened every door and searched every inch of this campus to find whatever was reported, and make 100% sure that there is nothing on this property that could cause harm. **Please speak with your student** to discourage any behavior that could be mistaken as a threat to Bowie High School.

The next administration of the **State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) End of Course (EOC) exams is scheduled for next week**. Algebra 1 will test on Monday, May 6, 2019, Biology on Tuesday, May 7, and US History on Wednesday, May 8, with make-up testing on Thursday and Friday of next week for any students who are absent when the test is administered. All students enrolled in the course will sit for the exam, as they are a graduation requirement. Students will have four hours to complete each exam and testing should conclude around 1:30 p.m. Students can not be excused from a test administration site until testing is complete. Therefore, **please schedule appointments around the testing window**. Students testing should be sure to get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast before taking the EOC. As these tests are administered online, students will need to **bring their AISD issued Chromebook to school fully charged, as is the expectation every day**. Anyone taking the Algebra 1 exam will also need to bring their graphing calculator to the test. Students who are not involved in EOC testing on these days will be on a regular bell schedule, but there will be no FIT on Monday through Wednesday (students will stay in their 1st/5th period class until 10:58 a.m.). These exams are important, both to the individual and the school, as they weigh heavily in the public school accountability system. Thank you for your support of Bowie High School!

Please be reminded that Thursday, **May 2, 2019, is a late start for students**. The [schedule for the last week of school](#) has been released, and the last day of classes is Friday, May 24, 2019. Please take a moment to thank your child's teachers and encourage your student to finish the year strong!

Sincerely,

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