



James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Greetings Bowie High School Community,

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Tragically, each year more than 30,000 people die by suicide in the United States and more than six people die by suicide each week in Texas. Suicide is one of the most preventable deaths if people know the warning signs, persuade people to get help, and know where to refer for help. Because numbers are hard to remember in a crisis, Mental Health America of Texas and the Texas Suicide Prevention Council urge people to program their cell phones to “save a number to save a life.” We are requesting that every adult and high school student at Bowie program their cell phones to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number: 1-800-273-TALK (8255.)

Summer School NOW is about to begin! It is important for students to master objectives in a class, to provide a foundation for learning as concepts develop in a course of study. In addition, it is our goal for every student to graduate on time. As Austin ISD moves away from the traditional summer school model, with students attending in June after the school year ends, Bowie High School will begin offering the district-supported Summer School Now program this fall. Classes will be offered from **September 25 through December 7, 2017**, and will meet before school or after school for one hour. Unlike traditional summer school, there is **no fee** for student participation in this program. If you are in need of credit recovery from the spring semester (part B) of a core class or Language Other Than English (LOTE) class, please follow the link under news and announcements on the JBHS.org website, for [Summer School Now!](#) The registration deadline is Thursday, September 21, 2017. Classes are smaller, and students will have the opportunity to earn back credit (with the maximum average of a 70%). If you are unsure if you need credit recovery, **please see your counselor!**

The end of the first **six week's grading period** is Friday, September 29, 2017. Report cards will be issued to students to go home the following week. Please take a minute to go online, check your child's grades through TEAMS in the AISD Parent Cloud, and visit with him/her about how the school year is going. UIL (No Pass No Play) has a one-week grace period before eligibility changes. Any student who had a failing grade reported will become academically ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities on Friday, October 6. Please direct any questions regarding the impact on eligibility or participation in extracurricular activities to the appropriate teacher, coach, or sponsor.

Transportation has balanced bus ridership and routes are finalized. Students are not allowed to ride the bus home with a friend unless they have a pass. This pass may be obtained from the front office at BHS with a parent note. The note should be dropped off in the morning and must include the bus number, the friend's name they are riding with and the street where the bus stops. Unfortunately, we have a number of routes that are full and therefore buses are closed to passes including: 0903, 0910, 1027, 1421, 1426, 1427, 1429, 1432, 1520, and 1522. Thank you for your patience with transportation!

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson

Principal

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