



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

January 11, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

FIT - We're excited to welcome back our Bulldogs for the spring semester. On the first day back to school, students were trained regarding our reset of expectations for FIT, or Flexible Instructional Time. FIT is the 26 minute period after the first class of the day where students can access tutoring, review sessions, make-up work, study hall, and more. In order to ensure students are getting the most out of FIT, it is imperative that they sign up for sessions daily on the [Enriching Students platform](#). Please partner with us and encourage your students to check their Enriching Students profile each day!

ANNUAL MUSICAL - The James Bowie High School Starlight Theatre Company invites you to this year's musical, Big Fish! The show runs Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the next two weeks (1/18-1/21, 1/25-1/28). Thursday through Saturday evening shows begin at 7pm, and the Sunday matinee performances are at 2 pm. For tickets and information, visit [stboosters.com](#).

AP EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS - If your student is taking an AP Exam in May 2024 and receives school-based accommodations, College Board requires students to apply for their accommodations on their AP Exam. **Students do not automatically receive accommodations on their AP Exams.** This process is only required once throughout high school. If you have already gone through this process, you do not need to do so again. However, if you have not applied for College Board accommodations, the parent must initiate a request for their student to receive accommodations on an AP Exam. To do so, please email Wendy Escobedo at wendy.escobedo@austinsisd.org. The deadline to apply for College Board accommodations is January 18, 2024.

REPORT CARDS - Report cards for the second 9 weeks grading period will be available in the Parent Portal on Friday, January 19.

LOCKDOWN DRILL - Texas state law requires Bowie to conduct a number of safety drills per year, including two lockdown drills. **Bowie will conduct a lockdown drill for this year on Friday, January 19.** The Texas School Safety Center provides [information to parents](#) about what to expect during a lockdown drill:

“During a lockdown drill, an announcement will be made, generally over the public address system, and the school will go into lockdown. Language should be clear that a drill is taking place and not an actual emergency. Teachers will scan the hall and pull any students, staff, and visitors into their classrooms, and lock their classroom doors. The lights will be turned off in the



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classroom and the students and teacher will hide out of view from the window. The door to the classroom may not be opened by anyone inside the classroom, regardless of what is said from someone that might be trying to get in. The occupants of the room are taught to remain quiet.”

Campus administrations in collaboration with the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Bowie will “clear” the campus before classes return to normal instruction.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK - With the passage of Senate Bill 1828 in the fall of 2019, the Texas legislature officially created an annual Holocaust Remembrance Week in public schools. This week was created to “educate students about the Holocaust and inspire in students a sense of responsibility to recognize and uphold human value and to prevent future atrocities.” Bowie will observe Holocaust Remembrance Week January 22 - 26. English and Social Studies teachers will facilitate lessons regarding the Holocaust with their classes.

Go Dawgs!

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Principal