



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

January 26, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - February is Black History Month. Austin ISD will host a **Pan-African Flag Raising Ceremony at 9 am, Thursday, February 1** at Central Office. Also, save and share the date for the **African-American Heritage Celebration at 6:30 pm, Friday, February 23** at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center, 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd. Austin, TX 78723. This year's ceremony features student performances and hosts from Crockett Early College High School. Community [award nominations](#) have been extended to January 30, 2024. For more information, please visit [AISD's Black History Month page](#) on the website.

STAAR EOC ENGLISH II FIELD TEST - All 10th grade Bowie students will be taking the [STAAR EOC English II Field Test](#) on February 6, 2024 as required by [Texas Education Code](#). Most online accommodations—including content and language supports, text-to-speech, and speech-to-text—will be available for students who need them, but American Sign Language and Braille versions will not be available for the stand-alone field test. For more information about this required assessment, please visit the [TEA website](#).

Students will be testing from 9:05 am until approximately 11:07 am. After testing is complete, students will return to their normal schedule. On the day of the test, please be sure your student arrives on time and brings all necessary materials. Students will need their FULLY CHARGED AISD CHROMEBOOK to take the exam.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SENIORS - Please review the list below and contact College & Career Advisor Carli Valverde (carli.valverde@austinsisd.org) for assistance.

- **Mid-Year Transcripts & 7th Semester Report:** Mid-year transcripts will be available in February, and seniors will be able to request them through Naviance beginning the last week of January. On our website, there are instructions to [request a mid-year transcript](#) (instead of clicking on "initial" you'll need to click on "mid-year"). If seniors need a mid-year report from their counselor, they should use the [Counselor Recommendation Request Form](#).
- **Financial Aid Requirement: In accordance with Texas Education Code, each student must do ONE of the following as a Texas Education Agency (TEA) requirement for graduation:**
 1. Complete and submit a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) (see [video](#))
 2. Complete and submit a [Texas Application for State Financial Aid \(TASFA\)](#) (see [video](#))
 3. Submit a signed [opt-out form](#).



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- **Submit Your Financial Aid Documentation:** In order for students to walk the stage at graduation or pick up their diploma, they must complete the [Financial Aid Confirmation Google form](#) and upload a screenshot of their FAFSA dashboard, proof of TASFA submission to a college, or the completed opt-out form. The deadline to complete this task will be late April.
- **FAFSA/TASFA Help sessions:** Our next [FAFSA/TASFA workshop](#) will be February 6 from 6-8 pm. If you are not able to attend the session here at Bowie, you are welcome to sign up for one of the sessions offered at other area high schools.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION FOR SPRING COURSES: AP Exam registration is now open for spring one-semester courses. Students currently taking AP Human Geography, AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics, and/or AP US Government are eligible to register. (NOTE: AP Exam registration for year-long and fall-semester courses has closed). AP Exam registration for the four courses indicated above will begin Monday, January 29 and close on Friday, March 1. Please be mindful that after February 23, there will be a \$40.00 late fee applied to the exam fee and that the March 1 registration deadline is firm. Visit our website for more information and [registration details](#).

PROCLAMATION 2024 SCIENCE ADOPTION PUBLIC VIEWING OF MATERIALS - The Proclamation 2024 materials that are being considered for adoption are available for the public to review and provide feedback. The materials are displayed at Metz Elementary - 84 Robert T Martinez Jr St, Austin, TX 78702. They will be available to review from January 29 to February 2 from 4:00PM - 6:00PM. Please reach out to Danielle Perico via email (danielle.perico@austinisd.org) with any questions you may have.

SALUTE AWARD NOMINATIONS - Salute is AISD's annual event recognizing some of the district's outstanding campus-based team members for their continued dedication to student excellence and achievement in our schools. This year, the district is introducing 6 new award categories! Nominations can be submitted by any Austin ISD staff, students, families, and community members. [Please submit nominations using this form](#). Nominations close on February 9, 2024.

FUTURE READY DAYS - Friday, February 2, 2024 is the first Future Ready of the school year! During Future Ready Days, students, teachers, and staff can dress in college, career or military T-shirts/uniforms or a CTE program uniform that might align with future college and career plans. We are excited to see our scholars show off their college, career and military spirit!

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal