



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

February 23, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

SCHOOL-DAY SAT - On Tuesday, March 5, all juniors will take an official School-Day SAT. There is no cost and students are automatically registered. Students are encouraged to bring a personal or borrowed calculator, preferably a graphing calculator, to the test (Bowie does not have enough loaner calculators to supply one to every junior). Students will have short stretch breaks and restroom breaks between the timed sections of the test, but will not be released for lunch until the test administration has been completed around 1:15 pm. Therefore, it's a good idea for all juniors to bring a bottle of water and a light snack, such as a granola bar or crackers, to their test site. Additionally, please remind your junior that in order to receive their SAT scores from College Board, it is important that they provide a **personal email address** (NOT their AISD email address) when they complete the College Board pre-registration forms on Tuesday morning in their test sites.

TSI EXAM - Freshmen and sophomores are scheduled to take the TSI exam on March 5 as the juniors take the SAT. The TSI exam is one of the ways that students can meet the State's college-readiness standard, and many colleges and universities use it for course placement. Because the TSI exam includes lots of 8th grade content, students are positioned to be successful on it even as underclassmen. Additionally, by taking it earlier in high school, students wanting to take ACC dual credit classes will have already met the TSI requirements for ACC admission.

MARCH 5 SENIOR ACTIVITIES - March 5 is a great day for seniors to opt for a College Visit! Seniors are allowed two excused absence days for a documented College Visit. This type of absence does not negatively affect the students' opportunity to earn attendance incentives as long as the necessary documentation is submitted. Please note the [requirements for a College Visit](#) on the Bowie website.

Seniors who are on campus on March 5 have scheduled activities as the other grade levels test. Seniors who have already met their TSI assessment requirement will participate in enrichment activities, including hearing from Bowie Alumni, getting a preview for Bowie's Got Talent (featuring some fellow classmates and some teachers!), hearing from a guest speaker, and more. Seniors who still need to meet the requirement for the TSI will be scheduled to take the assessment in a classroom.



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GRADUATION CEREMONY DETAILS - The Class of 2024 will graduate at Burger Stadium at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. [Detailed information about the event](#) is now available on the Bowie website. This page will be updated as needed.

BUILDING TOMORROW TOGETHER - The Austin ISD Board of Trustees invites students, families, staff and community members to share ideas that will inform the district's scorecard for the next five years. The Board will be working through the spring to develop a [new scorecard](#) for the district. Can't attend a meeting? [Share your ideas](#) through Thought Exchange.

RAVE ABOUT EXCELLENCE - Let's restart the **RAVE Program (Recognizing All Valuable Employees)** and show our AISD staff the LOVE they deserve! The AISD RAVE program is an initiative designed to honor our dedicated staff members who go above and beyond in providing equitable and exceptional experiences. **Each submitted RAVE is shared with the staff member and their Supervisor!** If you've had a standout experience with an Austin ISD employee, now is your chance to show your appreciation. [Nominate](#) that exceptional staff member today!

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal