

March 7, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

This Friday, March 8, 2024, marks the end of the third nine weeks grading period. Report cards will be accessible in the AISD Parent Portal after Spring Break. Austin ISD will be closed March 11-15 for Spring Break. I wish you and your families a safe and restful week!

AUSTIN'S SEL AND CP&I DAY - International SEL Day: *Today's Students, Tomorrow's Leaders* is on March 8, 2024. In Austin, Mayor Kirk Watson has proclaimed it Austin's SEL and CP&I Day! (SEL is Social and Emotional Learning, and CP&I is Cultural Proficiency and Inclusiveness-- major values for us at Bulldog Nation!) There are <u>resources</u> for elementary students, secondary students, staff and caregivers. Share your celebrations on social media and tag us! @AISD_SEL_CPI #AISDcelebratesSELandCPIday #SELday #SELebration

AISD'S PRIDE WEEK - The day that we return to school after Spring Break kicks off Pride Week for Austin ISD! <u>Bowie's Pride Week</u> will include offering FIT sessions to celebrate LGBTQIA+ identity and allyship, hosting a poetry reading, having Pride Swag Stations for staff and students, and collecting pantry items to donate to <u>OutYouth</u>. Happy Pride, y'all!

BOWIE'S GOT TALENT - Following a five-year hiatus, one of Bowie's most beloved traditions is returning to the stage! Over the last 20 years, our school-wide talent show, Bowie's Got Talent, formally "Bowie Idol," has featured students singing, dancing, rapping, doing stand-up comedy, playing instruments, performing spoken word poetry, creating beats on a soundboard, twirling batons, and so much more. The Fine Arts Department and the Student Council are excited to announce that this year's show will be on March 30 at 7:00 pm in our Performing Arts Center. Auditions will take place on Monday, March 25 after school. All students are encouraged to audition if they have a talent they would like to share with the school! Feel free to contact Mr. Garcia (alejandro.a.garcia@austinisd.org) or Mr. Cantu (randall.cantu@austinisd.org) with any questions.

CAP AND GOWN PORTRAITS - Parents and Seniors, Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase online through CADY! New items include tassel frames, yard signs and face fans featuring your student's Cap & Gown images. Celebrate this special achievement during graduation season! The deadline to <u>order your items</u> to receive them by Graduation is Thursday, April 4.



SENIOR PROM - Bowie's Senior Prom is approaching! Prom will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel at 6505 N Interstate 35 on Saturday, April 13 from 8:00 - 11:00 pm. This year's theme is Viva Las Vegas! Tickets will go on sale after Spring Break. Seniors and guardians of seniors, be on the lookout for an email with more detailed information.

ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD DURING SPRING BREAK - With many Austin ISD students living in food insecure households, access to healthy food may be challenging when the district is closed. Families can use the community resources below to find free meals in their area while Austin ISD offices and schools are closed for Spring Break:

- Central Texas Food Bank (www.centraltexasfoodbank.org)
- United Way for Greater Austin ConnectATX (www.connectatx.org)
- <u>Texas Health and Human Services</u> Call 2-1-1 or (877) 541-7905 to speak to a live operator.

Go Dawgs!

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