



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

March 28, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH - April is International and National Autism Acceptance Month. Autism refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and communication. In honor of Autism Acceptance month, families, community members, and staff are invited to attend a three-part, virtual learning series focused on Autism hosted by [VELA](#). Please click [HERE](#) for more information and to RSVP.

BOWIE'S GOT TALENT - One of Bowie's most beloved traditions is returning to the stage! The Fine Arts Department and the Student Council are excited to welcome students, families, and community members to attend this free event on March 30 at 7:00 pm in the new theater to see fifteen amazing, talented Bowie students compete for the top spot. The tickets are first-come, first-served, so be sure to arrive prior to the show to claim a seat!

PANORAMIC PHOTO - On Tuesday, April 2, the Class of 2024 will be taking their panoramic photo! Seniors will be released from their 5th period class by 9:30 am to be photographed. Any seniors who have 5th period off but would like to be in the class photo should arrive on campus by 9:20 and remain in the courtyard or library before and after the photo. We want to see all Seniors in the panoramic photo! [View the flyer](#) for more information about purchasing.

SOLAR ECLIPSE - On April 8, we will be together to experience a historic event as we are in the direct path of a total solar eclipse! Second period teachers will deliver a lesson to students about safe viewing as well as distribute safety glasses. During 3rd period, teachers will escort their students to designated viewing areas around campus for the total eclipse moment! View our [Solar Eclipse Viewing Plan](#) for more details. *Parents, guardians, and student drivers: please be mindful of extra traffic on this day as many travelers will likely be driving into the Austin area for the viewing.*

THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO GUARDIANSHIP CLINIC - The Austin ISD Transition team will be partnering with the University of Texas Law School Mithoff Pro-Bono Program to host a Least Restrictive Alternatives to Guardianship Clinic for AISD Families on Saturday, April 6 at Navarro Early College High School from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The Least Restrictive Alternatives to Guardianship Clinic provides services to help individuals explore and implement options that are less restrictive than guardianship. The clinic aims to provide



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individuals with information and assistance in finding alternatives to guardianship that are more aligned with their needs and preferences. These alternatives could include supported decision-making, powers of attorney, advanced directives, and other less restrictive options. These documents would benefit any student and family who need to continue to provide medical, educational, or other informed choice support.

GARZA ONLINE SUMMER CLASSES - Students interested in taking an online class through Garza High School over summer must submit [this application](#) by May 19. [Preview the classes offered](#) through Garza Online prior to submitting the application (note that all Garza High School classes are unweighted unless noted on the class list). Students in any grade level can take Health; rising Seniors can take Government, Economics and/or Health. Garza classes can also be completed for credit recovery. If you believe your student needs to complete credit recovery due to failing a course grade, please reach out to [your child's counselor](#) for confirmation.

CALENDAR REMINDERS - A reminder that students will not attend classes on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, for the observance of Eid al-Fitr. Eid al-Fitr is a three day holiday that ends the Islamic month of Ramadan and is one of Islam's two major religious holidays. Eid al-Fitr means "Festival of breaking fast." Families who observe Eid al-Fitr will celebrate with family and food after the end of a long fast, engaging in prayer and other traditions. If you would like to learn more about this important holiday, please review these resources:

- [Eid al-Fitr](#)- This short video from PBS Learning Media provides an explanation and overview of this holiday. This resource also includes short readings about Eid al-Fitr and how it is celebrated.
- [Eid ul-Fitr](#)- BBC Teach offers a collection of resources for use with students in grades K-12.
- [Learning about Eid al-Fitr](#)- NYC Public Schools shares a collection of resources and visuals about this holiday.

Go Dawgs!

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