



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

April 5, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

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! *Parents, guardians, and student drivers: please be mindful of extra traffic on this day since many travelers will likely be driving into the Austin area for the viewing.*

STAAR EOC ADMINISTRATION - All 10th grade students will take the English II STAAR End Of Course Exam on Thursday, April 11, and all 9th grade students will take the English I STAAR End Of Course Exam on Friday, April 12. Testing will begin each morning at 9:05am and will end at 1:23pm for most students. All students not participating in testing will follow their regular schedule of classes, although some classes may need to be relocated or have substitute teachers to accommodate for state standardized testing. Students will need their FULLY CHARGED AISD CHROMEBOOK to access the testing platform. We also encourage students who are testing to bring a sack lunch in case they test through their lunch period. Please remind your student to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast on testing days! STAAR End of Course Exams for US History, Biology, and Algebra I will take place in the following weeks.

SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH & NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - April is designated by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) as [School Library Month](#), a time to celebrate our school libraries and school librarians and the vital role that they play in transforming learning and supporting student success. [Research shows](#) that access to strong school libraries and professional school librarians is linked to increased student achievement on standardized reading tests. The week of April 7 - 13 is [National Library Week](#), which celebrates all types of libraries. This year's theme is "Ready, Set, Library!" To "library" is to engage with the awesome programs, resources, and community available at a library, which our students do every day, thanks to AISD libraries and librarians. Please join us in celebrating our Bowie Librarian, Ms. Tara Walker-Leon, and our Library Clerk, Ms. Tanya Snow!

ENROLL AUSTIN - General registration for the 2024-25 school year is open! Austin ISD's new enrollment system makes registration easier with a more accessible, equitable, and transparent process. Students can enroll early to gain a seat in special programs with more program options. [Enroll now](#) to



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

"Find Your Seat" the 2024-25 school year! For assistance, call 512-414-SEAT (7328) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

PANORAMA FAMILY SURVEY - Our district is currently surveying Austin ISD families in order to gain insight into your perception of our school and district effectiveness.

To administer these surveys, we have partnered with Panorama Education to conduct our 2024 Family Survey. Panorama safeguards your privacy, keeping your responses confidential. The survey shouldn't take more than a few minutes to complete and will be a valuable source of information for us as we work to make our schools and district as good as they can be. You may [complete the survey](#) until April 12 using a computer, tablet, or smartphone by visiting the website.

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful responses. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please don't hesitate to contact whitney.black@austinisd.org.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH EMPOWERMENT DAY - We are thrilled to inform you about an upcoming event aimed at bolstering the mental health and overall well-being of our AISD students and their families. Scheduled in collaboration with Project HELP, the Student Mental Health Empowerment Day promises to be an enriching experience for all involved. Additionally, this event will serve as an opportunity to showcase upcoming events tailored for our Junior and Senior students and their families.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, April 17th

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Anita Coy Facility (Alternative Learning Center)

Address: 4900 Gonzales St, Austin, TX

Click [HERE](#) for the flyer designed specifically for this event.

ACC FREE TUITION PILOT PROGRAM - The ACC Free Tuition pilot program provides free tuition and general fees for high school grads and GED completers who live in the [ACC service area](#). This includes students from all high schools in the ACC service area, including local school districts and charter schools, as well as home school programs. The program will launch in fall 2024. It starts with students from the class of 2024 and will continue for all future classes in subsequent years for the next 5 years.

- **WHAT'S INCLUDED**
 - Students who are eligible for the program will receive FREE tuition and general fees at ACC for 3 years or up to 5 years if they want to pursue a bachelor's degree at ACC.
- \$85 per credit hour includes:
 - \$67 Resident Tuition



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

- \$15 General Fee
- \$2 Success Fee
- \$1 Sustainability Fee
- **WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED**
 - Out-of-District Fee (\$201 per credit hour)
 - Non-Residents/International Students
 - Any Course/Program Specific Fees
 - Textbooks

Please see the [ACC website](#) for more information.

REMINDER - No school on Wednesday, April 10, while teachers are in professional development!

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal