



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

April 12, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

STAAR EOC ADMINISTRATION - All 11th grade students will take the U.S. History STAAR End Of Course Exam on Wednesday, April 17, and all 9th grade students will take the Biology STAAR End Of Course Exam on Thursday, April 18. Testing will begin each morning at 9:05am and will end at 11:47 am 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! The STAAR End of Course Exam for Algebra I will take place in the following week.

WHO'S WHO OF BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL - Bowie's Who's Who award is the faculty's recognition of 24 seniors who have made a positive and obvious impact in terms of making Bowie an exemplary school and advancing Bowie's culture through their contributions to the school and the greater Bowie community. This week, the [24 seniors who were chosen](#) for this award received their recognition! The Who's Who Ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 pm in Bowie's "Outstanding Room" in the library.

SENIOR 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 is April 30.

NO PLACE FOR HATE® COMMUNITY FAIR - The final [No Place for Hate® Activity](#) organized by the Student Leadership class and the Student Equity Council will be a Community Fair on Friday, April 26 during both lunches. This event will have booths hosted by Bowie clubs and organizations, representatives from our feeder schools, and local service groups to share ways to get involved, find a place to belong, and engage in volunteer work. If you are part of a local service organization and would like to be represented, please reach out to calvin.lindsey@austinsd.org and halle.whittington@austinsd.org.



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CHECKOUT REMINDERS - When picking up your child, park and proceed to the main office with your identification. The office staff will then retrieve your child from class. To authorize your child to drive themselves off campus, you must submit the [Driving Pass Request Form](#) 24 hours in advance. The form is open from 4:30 PM and closes the following morning at 7:30 AM daily, and requires the authorized parent or guardian to upload an image of their identification. **Please do not plan to pick up your child from school after 4:00 PM to alleviate congestion and confusion at the end of the school day.**

INTERNET ACCESS RESOURCES - In alignment with our goal to continuously provide an equitable and accessible learning experience for our students, the Information Technology Department, today, has launched Austin ISD's [new Internet Access Resources webpage](#).

THINK COLLEGE - Austin ISD is hosting a Family's Guide to *Think College* for Students with an Intellectual Disability for our families. Did you know there are now 332 higher education options for students with intellectual disabilities (ID) in 49 U.S. states, including 17 in Texas? With this expansion of programs, there's a growing need for families to learn more about college options and how to prepare. In this presentation, we will review higher education options and share with families the resources to help prepare their child with the skills needed for college.

When: Tuesday, May 7th

Time: 12-1:00 pm or 6:00-7:00 pm

Where: Virtual Meeting

- <https://austinisd-org.zoom.us/j/84725210712>
- Meeting ID: 847 2521 0712

AISD EARTH WEEK - AISD Earth Week is coming up April 22-26! Austin ISD embraces sustainability not only as a way to help our planet but also as an educational tool to provide challenging and inspiring learning experiences to our students. We encourage everyone to celebrate Earth Week and think about how you can make the earth and our community a better place every day of the year. Please visit the [AISD Earth Week webpage](#) to find fun and meaningful ways to engage and take action from school and home.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal