



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

May 7, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM MR. ROBINSON - I want to extend my sincerest thanks for all of the kind messages and well wishes I've received from the Bowie community since my absence. I know my staff has been fielding some questions, so I am happy to provide clarity and assuage any fears! A couple of weekends ago, while performing routine car maintenance at my home, I sustained a significant injury during the process. However, I am home from the hospital and recovering from a successful surgery. While I do need some time away from work as I heal, I am comforted in knowing that Bowie High School is left in the very capable hands of my team. Mr. Stephen Kane, who was the principal at Bowie from 2005-2016, is my substitute, and I am very grateful for his support and knowledge of the campus. Mr. Kane can be reached at stephen.kane@austinsd.org should you have any questions, and I look forward to reconnecting with you all when I return.

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES - With final exams approaching, we wanted to share some reminders about Bowie's Attendance Incentive policy. Bowie offers exam incentives to reward excellent attendance. The exam incentive allows eligible students to replace their exam grade with a higher semester average in either one or two of their classes. The [Understanding Incentives document](#) provides a helpful overview of the exam incentive program. Some things to keep in mind:

- **All absences count, regardless of the reason.** The only exceptions are absences for school-related activities (coded SCH, FLD, or UIL) and absences for healthcare appointments when the student attended school for part of the day (coded MED).
- The incentive eligibility list is based on the official attendance record you see in the AISD Portal's Self-Serve tile. **The student should contact the teacher regarding any attendance errors as soon as possible.** Only the teacher of record can initiate an attendance correction.
- Students should be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks regarding how many attendance incentives they earned for this semester and how to apply them.

SPRING EXAM SCHEDULE - Students will spend the last four days of the semester taking their spring semester exams from May 20-23. Exams comprise 20% of the student's overall average in the course and cover learning objectives for the entire semester. On each of the exam days, students will take exams in two of their courses and then be released at 1:05 pm, allowing



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them additional time to study for the next day's exams (see [Spring Exam Schedule](#)). **To preserve a quiet testing environment, we expect all students to remain in their classrooms until the end of the scheduled exam time. We respectfully request that you do not allow your student to check out of school early on exam days.**

PROJECT GRADUATION - It's not too late! The deadline to register for Project Graduation is May 17. This final Bowie celebration will be held at High 5 in Lakeway from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Activities include laser tag, bowling, a Top Golf simulator, unlimited arcade, Tarot card reader, silent disco, a comedian/hypnotist, and a photo booth. Everyone attending will walk away with at least one prize. Prizes will be given away starting at 2am which include a Keurig, TV, monitor, Xbox, jewelry, Apple products, a MacBook, fitness gear, luggage, moving away from home essentials, sports gear, games, cameras, speakers, gift cards and so, so much more!

All details including registration and volunteering can be found on the [Class of 2024 Parent Booster Club page](#). The primary purpose of Project Graduation is to provide a safe, adult-supervised alcohol-free event for our seniors to enjoy and avoid the dangers of drinking, drugs, and driving, especially on such a special night like this. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

BOWIE SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION - Students can recover up to 2 semesters of credit for previously failed courses by attending Bowie's Summer School. These classes will be teacher-led and in-person on the Bowie campus. **Summer school registration will be available in the Bowie main office from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 30.** Reach out to a counselor or see the [Bowie Summer School Flyer](#) for more information.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal