

January 17, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**SAT SCHOOL DAY** - The SAT School Day will be administered to all 11th grade students on **Tuesday, March 4**. The exam will be given free of charge to all juniors and no registration is required. This is a great opportunity for your child to take the SAT without having to register or pay for the exam. The SAT School Day is a digital exam, and students will need to bring their **fully charged AISD Chromebook** with them for testing. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Wendy Escobedo at <u>wendy.escobedo@austinisd.org</u>.

**CULINARY LUNCHEONS -** Our culinary department will feature a weekly luncheon for the remainder of the school year. Our community is welcome to attend the luncheons, but must reserve a table first. All luncheons are \$15.00 cash, check or WebStore. If you are interested in receiving more information with the weekly menus and reservation details, please contact Chef Howard at <u>ricardo.howard@austinisd.org</u> with your email contact. To see the weekly themes for our luncheons throughout the year, please go <u>HERE</u>.

ACCOMMODATIONS REQUEST FOR AP EXAMS - If your student receives accommodations through their 504 or IEP, testing accommodations must be approved by the College Board before the AP Exams. The College Board deadline to request accommodations for AP Exams has been extended to January 24! Students only need to complete this process once throughout high school; approved accommodations follow them year to year for AP Exams. If you need support with this process, please reach out to our testing coordinator, Wendy Escobedo, at wendy.escobedo@austinisd.org.

**AUSTIN ISD MOBILE APP** - The new Austin ISD mobile app is your one-stop destination for staying connected with our district! The app ensures you're always in the know whether you're catching up on school announcements, reading the latest district news or receiving emergency notifications. Download it now for free on your device!

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**CALENDAR REMINDER** - Staff and students will not attend school on Monday, January 20, 2025 for the observance of Martin Luther King Day. This federal holiday marks the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King led the charge for nonviolent activism during the Civil Rights

Movement. This movement protested racial discrimination in state and federal laws. Martin Luther King Day commemorates the life and work of Dr. King. Coretta Scott King explains, "The holiday must be substantive as well as symbolic. It must be more than a day of celebration . . . Let this holiday be a day of reflection, a day of teaching nonviolent philosophy and strategy, a day of getting involved in nonviolent action for social and economic progress." If you would like to learn more about this important holiday, please review these resources:

- <u>Resources for Martin Luther King Day</u>- This article from <u>Edutopia</u> contains 6 resources for MLK Day and a link to an article about how to honor the legacy of Dr. King throughout the year. The resources and activities can be used for K-12.
- <u>Listenwise</u>- This resource hosts a collection of National Public Radio podcasts about the civil rights movement as well as contemporary stories about contemporary civil rights activism. The podcasts include discussion questions to promote conversation.
- Search\_MLKDay.gov. This AmeriCorps site allows you to search Martin Luther King Day virtual and in-person volunteer opportunities in your community.
- PBS Learning Media This <u>collection of curated resources</u>, including videos, is an excellent resource for teachers and families to use for students in grades PK-12.

We hope everyone has a warm and wonderful three-day weekend!

Go Dawgs!