



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

October 6, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

PSAT DAY- On Wednesday, October 11, the digital PSAT 8/9 will be administered to 9th graders, and the digital PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to 10th and 11th graders. It is imperative that students bring a fully charged district-issued Chromebook in order to access the exam!

October 11 is a great day for seniors to opt for a College Visit! Seniors are allowed two excused absence days for a documented College Visit. This type of absence does not negatively impact the students' opportunity to earn attendance incentives as long as the necessary documentation is submitted. Please note the [requirements for a College Visit](#) on the Bowie website.

Seniors who are on campus on October 11 have scheduled activities as the other grade levels test. Seniors who have already met their TSI assessment requirement will participate in enrichment activities, including hearing from a guest speaker, creating their FAFSA account, engaging in an SEL workshop, and viewing and discussing a documentary. Seniors who still need to meet the requirement for the TSI will be scheduled to take the assessment in a classroom.

After testing and lunch, all students will attend their 4th and 8th period classes for an abbreviated time.

2023 AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL - We are pleased to share that Bowie High School earned the distinction of a Silver school on College Board's 2023 AP Honor Roll for developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit and to maximize their college outcomes!

53% of Bowie seniors took at least one AP exam during high school, 43% of seniors scored a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 18% of seniors took five or more AP exams.

Bowie has also been recognized with the AP Access Award, which honors schools that encourage more low-income and underrepresented minority students to take AP courses.

College Board's Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) enables students to pursue college-level studies—with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both—while still in high school. Taking AP courses demonstrates to college admissions officers that students have sought the most challenging curriculum available to them, and research indicates that students who score a 3 or



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higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree than non-AP students. We are so proud of our students for their amazing success!

AUSTIN ISD STUDENT AND GUARDIAN FOCUS GROUP - Our school district wants to hear from you! Austin ISD is hosting community conversations and focus groups to hear feedback from students and parents or guardians. If you are interested in promoting positive change and fighting for equitable experiences for all families, [register to be a part of this important conversation](#).

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY STUDENT HOLIDAY - A reminder that students will not attend classes on Monday, October 9, 2023, for the observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. If you would like to learn more about this observance, please review these resources:

- [Five Ideas for Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day](#). This Smithsonian magazine article explains the importance of Indigenous People's Day and provides thoughtful suggestions for how to celebrate this holiday.
- This [New York Times article](#) provides the history of Indigenous Peoples' Day and speaks to current issues facing indigenous people.
- This [NPR story](#) explains what Indigenous Peoples' Day means to Native Americans.

Classes will resume on Tuesday of next week.

Go Dawgs!

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