



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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December 20, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

Today, with the students' completion of final exams, we mark the end of the fall semester and the beginning of winter break. Thank you for an amazing semester. I wish you and your family a restful break and happy new year!

**REPORT CARDS** - Official grade reports sharing your student's 2nd 9 weeks grades, final exam grades, and fall semester averages will be available via the parent portal by Thursday, January 17, 2025.

**LEVEL CHANGE REQUESTS** - Those students wishing to adjust the level of rigor in a course by moving from the advanced to the academic level for the spring semester must complete this three-step process by **January 5, 2025 at 5:00 pm**: (1) Discuss the desire to change levels with the teacher; (2) Submit the [Level Change Form](#); and (3) Parent sends an email to the counselor confirming their consent to a possible schedule change. Teacher committees will review the individual merits of each request to move from an advanced to an academic-level course within the context of staffing, class size, and other factors. **Level change requests are not automatically approved or guaranteed.**

**ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD OVER WINTER BREAK** - With many Austin ISD students living in food insecure households, access to healthy food may be challenging when the district is closed. Families can use the community resources below to find free meals in their area while Austin ISD offices and schools are closed for the winter break:

- [Central Texas Food Bank](http://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org) ([www.centraltexasfoodbank.org](http://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org))
- [United Way for Greater Austin - ConnectATX](http://www.connectatx.org) ([www.connectatx.org](http://www.connectatx.org))
- [Texas Health and Human Services](#) - Call 2-1-1 or (877) 541-7905 to speak to a live operator.

**SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES** - Spring semester classes will begin on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 with students reporting directly to their 5th period classes at 9:05 am. While most students' course schedules will remain unchanged from the fall to the spring semester, all students are encouraged to check their schedule in the Self-Serve tile for schedule changes. Students' spring semester 5th period classes will also be posted in front of the library when students return to campus to direct them to the correct classroom. We will have extended 5th period that day to check schedules and review expectations for FIT. Our normal FIT schedule will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

**INCOMING 9TH GRADE SHOWCASE-** From 5:30-7:00 pm on Monday, January 13, Bowie will host the Incoming 9th Grade Showcase. Current 8th grade students and new-to-Bowie incoming students of any grade-- along with their parents or guardians-- are invited to explore the Bowie campus! Students and guardians can take a tour of the campus as well as visit with teachers and students about course requirements, electives, special programs, and extracurricular activities. We hope to see you there!

**AISD ANONYMOUS REPORTING FOR SAFETY** - The Austin Independent School District has a responsibility to conduct its affairs ethically and in compliance with the law, and we are very proud of our employees and the high quality services we provide to the community. In order to ensure that we maintain and improve on the quality and integrity of our services, it is important that we provide employees and the public with various methods to express concerns. The Austin Independent School District created the Anonymous Reporting Hotline to provide the public and employees with an opportunity to express concerns. If you want to make an anonymous report, you can find the various ways to do so [on the AISD website](#).

Happy holidays, and go Dawgs!