



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

March 27, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

SENIOR INFORMATION - Attention, Bowie Seniors! On Tuesday, April 1, the Class of 2025 will be taking their panoramic photo. Seniors will be released from their 5th period class prior to 9:30 am to be photographed. Any Seniors who have 5th period off who want to be in the class photo should arrive on campus by 9:15 am and remain in the courtyard or library before and after the photo. We want to see all Seniors in the panoramic photo! Please [view the flyer](#) for information about purchasing.

Additionally, if you purchased graduation announcements, representatives from Herff Jones will be distributing them on April 1 during both lunches. Don't forget to pick yours up!

PTSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS - The James Bowie PTSA proudly awards scholarships to our Bowie Seniors who plan to attend a certificate program, trade school, or two-year or four-year college program. Through Bowie PTSA memberships and fundraising, this year, the PTSA will award 5 seniors \$1000. In order to be eligible, the student must be a member of the James Bowie High School PTSA and a graduating senior with a cumulative minimum GPA of a 3.0. Applications are due April 1, 2025 by 11:59 p.m! For more information, please [visit the Bowie PTSA website](#).

FIT BLITZ - STAAR End-Of-Course exams are approaching! In order to help our students prepare, many departments are engaging in "FIT Blitz," where students are assigned to specific FIT tutoring sessions over the next few weeks aligned to skills tested for U.S. History, Biology, or Algebra 1. Please encourage your student to double check their Enriching Students portal to make sure they know when and where they are scheduled!

THIS WEEK IN CHARACTER STRONG - In Character Strong, our 9th graders completed their pair of sessions on perspective-taking. The 10th graders are beginning a 3-week series on their To-Be goal, helping them prioritize a value that they would like to practice this spring. They will revisit this 2 more times throughout the semester. The juniors explored ways to foster belonging at Bowie, and how the campus can become more welcoming to others. Finally, the seniors were introduced to the idea of living with purpose - and will delve into combining passion and purpose in their future endeavors.

Because of FIT Blitz, the campus Character Strong sessions will be on pause for the next few weeks. We will restart the lessons at the end of April!

BOWIE CITY LIMITS - Everyone is invited to the Bowie City Limits on Friday, April 11 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Come support all the Fine Arts organizations at Bowie as well as various groups from our feeder schools! Tickets are \$5.00, and you can enjoy performances from Band, Color Guard, Dance, Theater, Choir, Guitar, Art, Orchestra, Bowie's Got Talent winners, Piano, and more! The event will be held in the Fine Arts building as well as the Bowie Courtyard. Additionally, there will be food available for purchase. Invite your neighbors and friends-- the event is open to the community!

CALENDAR REMINDER - Remember that students **will not attend classes on Monday, March 31** for the observance of Eid-al-Fitr and Cesar Chavez/Dolores Huerta Day.

Eid al-Fitr is a three day holiday that ends the Islamic month of Ramadan and is one of Islam's two major religious holidays. Eid al-Fitr means "Festival of breaking fast." Families who observe Eid al-Fitr will celebrate with family and food after the end of a long fast, engaging in prayer and other traditions. If you would like to learn more about this important holiday, please review these resources:

- [Eid al-Fitr](#)- This short video from PBS Learning Media provides an explanation and overview of this holiday. This resource also includes short readings about Eid al-Fitr and how it is celebrated.
- [Eid ul-Fitr](#) (or Eid al-Fitr)- BBC Teach offers a collection of resources for use with students in grades K-12.
- [Learning about Eid al-Fitr](#)- NYC Public Schools shares a collection of resources and visuals about this holiday.

In 2014 President Obama announced March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day. Although this day is not a formal federal holiday, many cities across the nation, such as Phoenix and Los Angeles treat it as such. In 2019, Fort Worth ISD became the first district in Texas to honor Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta with a school holiday. Austin ISD similarly followed suit, providing students with opportunities to engage in learning and a day of action. If you would like to learn more about this important holiday, please review these resources:

- [5 Ways to Build Character and Skill](#)- This resource from PBS Kids provides families with interactive ways to reflect and learn about Cesar Chavez and his legacy.
- [March 31: Cesar Chavez Day](#)- This resource from Colorin Colorado provides books and resources related to migrant farm workers and Cesar Chavez.
- [Dolores Huerta and the United Farmworkers Movement](#)- This resource from TeachRock provides a variety of visual resources as well as reading activities.

Go Dawgs!