



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

April 7, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**PERSONAL MESSAGE** - Words cannot express how grateful I am to be back on Bowie's campus writing this newsletter to you. After a necessary second surgery after my injury at the end of the last school year, my doctor planned my road to recovery thoughtfully. I took the opportunity during my leave to focus on restoring well-rounded, healthy practices and balance in my life, and I have returned feeling ready and excited to close out the 2025 school year! I want to extend my gratitude to Ms. Kaylin Brett, who served Bowie as the acting principal in addition to her duties as Academic Dean in my absence. I also want to thank the rest of the administration team, faculty and staff, students, and community members who worked together to maintain Bowie's tradition of excellence as I recovered. #BowiePride

**STAAR EOC EXAMS** - STAAR EOC testing season has begun! All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the English I STAAR End Of Course Exam on Wednesday, April 9, and all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the English II STAAR End Of Course Exam on Thursday, April 10.

Testing will begin each morning at 9:05am and will end at 1:23pm for most students. All students not participating in testing will follow their regular schedule of classes, although some classes may need to be relocated or have substitute teachers to accommodate for state standardized testing.

Students will need their FULLY CHARGED AISD CHROMEBOOK to access the testing platform. We also encourage students who are testing to bring a sack lunch in case they test through their lunch period. Please remind your student to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast on testing days! STAAR End of Course Exams for US History, Biology, and Algebra I [will take place](#) in the following weeks.

**SAT SCORES** - SAT School Day scores have been released to students as of April 3! If your student provided their mobile number on test day, they will receive a text with instructions to download the BigFuture School app and sign in. Students can also view scores and additional insights online through their [personal College Board student account](#). For more details and instructions, check out the [BigFuture School Frequently Asked Questions](#).

**SENIOR PROM** - This year's Senior Prom, "City Under the Stars," is coming up on Saturday, April 12 from 8:00 - 11:00 pm at Brazos Hall in downtown Austin. **Tickets are still on sale online on [Bowie's GoFan page](#), but they will NOT be sold at the door!** Please buy your tickets ASAP if you have not done so already. Seniors can purchase tickets with their access code, which is their unique student ID number.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Class of 2025 sponsor, Shelby Pennington, at [shelby.pennington@austinisd.org](mailto:shelby.pennington@austinisd.org).

Go Dawgs!

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