



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

September 21, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

YOM KIPPUR HOLIDAY - Students will not have school on Monday, September 25, for the observance of Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish year and is a time for introspection and communal connection. On this day, families who observe Yom Kippur will fast, attend services, and ask for forgiveness for their wrongdoings. If you would like to learn more about the history and customs of Yom Kippur for this important holiday, please link to: [Yom Kippur 101](#). Classes will resume on Tuesday of next week. G'mar chatima tovah!

MORE NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION - We are very excited to announce that 21 Bowie seniors have been selected as a [National Merit Commended Student](#). Commended Students are being recognized by NMSC® for their exceptional academic promise as demonstrated on the PSAT/NMSQT® qualifying test. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2024 competition by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, however, will not continue in the 2024 competition for National Merit Scholarships to be offered next spring. **Bowie's National Merit Commended Students are: Daria Abramovitch, James Bisone, Maddox Brown, Milo Chrudimskz, Evan Commeau, Mason Cottam, Sophia Dargahi, Jadon Demetri, Christopher Elwood, Roman Fiorintsev, James Giroux, William Gum, Cole Jaynes, Sloane McKaskle, Karen Merryman, Ryan Ong, James Sampson, Diego Scalone, Alex Stevens, and Ecaterina Sur.**

SCHOOL SAFETY MEETING - Thank you for your support of Bowie High School as we prepare for [Austin ISD Community Conversation on Mental Health and School Safety](#). The [community meeting at Bowie High School](#) will take place from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27. Please see the fliers linked above and refer to the [FAQs](#) created in advance of our meeting to answer some common questions.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION - If you have a student enrolled in an [Advanced Placement course](#), students will have an opportunity to receive college credit by taking the AP Exam. AP Exam Registration for Year-Long and Fall-Semester courses will begin on Monday, October 2. After October 31, there will be a \$40.00 late fee applied to each AP Exam. AP Exam Registration will close on November 10, 2023. Any student enrolled in a Spring-Semester Only course will have an opportunity to



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register for that course's AP Exam in the spring semester. For more information and details about AP Exam Registration, please [visit our website](#). Please contact the AP Coordinator Kaylin Brett at kaylin.brett@austinisd.org if you have any questions about AP Exam Registration.

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. This means that your child will be taking the exam on a computer rather than using traditional pen and paper. To acclimate to the digital format and become comfortable with the tools they will be using during the exam, students can explore the [College Board's prep materials](#) online. It is imperative that students bring a fully charged Chromebook on Wednesday, October 11, in order to access the exam. Please have your student visit the Bookroom in A117 if they are in need of Chromebook repair prior to this date.

AISD HONOR STORIES - Honor a teacher or staff member [at Bowie](#) who has made a difference for you or your student! Share your [#AISDHonorStory](#), and let's celebrate the unsung heroes of our community. Submit your story at [Austin ISD's honor stories website](#).

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal