



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

January 13, 2021

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

Sunday's snow flurries were certainly a welcome and fun respite from the concerning, ongoing, and unprecedented political developments in our nation's capital -- and a treat for us snow-deprived native Texans! Fortunately (or unfortunately for those students hoping for a good old-fashion "snow day"), learning continued on Monday with a quick shift to 100% remote classes. I thank everyone for their flexibility!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS - Each year, one teacher is selected as Bowie's Teacher of the Year and competes for recognition as the AISD Teacher of the Year. The staff has nominated three outstanding candidates for consideration: Howard Thompson (Social Studies & Athletics), Riaz Mohammed (Band), and Kristin Mijares (Science & Special Education). We congratulate the three 2020-21 Finalists and applaud these educators for their commitment to learning and their learners. Stay tuned to hear which of these superstar teachers is selected as the Winner!

UPCOMING PSAT & SAT DATES - The PSAT will be administered to registered freshmen on Friday, January 22, and registered sophomores and juniors on Tuesday, January 26. Registration for the PSAT is closed since tests had to be ordered from the College Board. Parents of students registered for the PSAT will receive an email in advance of the exam with detailed test-day instructions. If your child is not registered for the upcoming PSAT at Bowie, consider having them simulate the exam using one of the [College Board's paper and pencil practice tests](#).

Austin ISD has contracted with the College Board to administer an official SAT to any interested 11th grade student. This SAT will be free to students and administered at Bowie on Wednesday, March 3. Bowie will email a sign-up Google Form to all juniors and their parents. Look for this important communication in the last week of January.

100% REMOTE & ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING DAYS - Dr. Elizalde recently announced that there will be four days this spring of 100% district-wide remote asynchronous learning: January 29, February 26, March 5, and April 9. All students will engage in learning from home on these dates in order to give teachers work time and allow for a deep clean of the campus. To accommodate those teachers and students involved in upcoming on-campus PSAT & SAT testing, Bowie students will also participate in remote asynchronous learning on January 22, January 26, and March 3. Additional remote asynchronous learning dates may be added later in the spring for the administration of the STAAR End-of-Course Exams.



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UPDATES FROM COUNSELORS - Tonight from 5:30-6:30 pm, the Bowie counseling team will host the Virtual Academic Planning Night for the parents of students in grades 9, 10, and 11 (see the BLEND Bowie Community Course for Zoom information and links to some pre-recorded informational videos). The counselors will also be visiting 9th-11th grade classrooms January 14-28 to review the course selection process for the 2021-2022 school year (click [HERE](#) to see the advising schedule with specific dates and classes). For more counseling news, check out the most recent edition of [Bowie Counseling News](#).

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH - The Texas Association of School Boards has selected “Navigating to Success” as this year’s theme. I hope you will join me in expressing appreciation to the Austin ISD School Board for their dedication and hard work. Serving as a board member is a significant commitment, which makes a huge impact on our school and community. We have a tremendous board with great vision, and their wise stewardship has made AISD an outstanding school district. Thank you District 7 Representative, Yasmin Wagner, at-large representatives position 8, Trustee Lugo, and position 9, Trustee Singh, Board President Rodriguez, and all of the other Austin ISD Board members.

Go Dawgs!
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