



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

February 16, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

CALENDAR REMINDERS - Tomorrow, Friday, February 17 is the second of two early release days this year. Students will be released at 3:30 pm with bus schedules adjusted accordingly (see the [Early Release Bell Schedule](#)). Additionally, Monday, February 20 is a holiday for students and staff.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR - I am pleased to announce that Kristen Levy (formerly Kristen Mijares) was selected by the Bowie faculty as the 2022-23 Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Levy is a seasoned and highly skilled educator who works in the science department as a special education inclusion teacher. Since her arrival at Bowie in 2012, she has served her students, families, and fellow teachers with enthusiasm and compassion. Mrs. Levy now advances to the competition for the Austin ISD high school teacher of the year award. Best of luck to Mrs. Levy and a big bulldog thank you to her for everything she does to make Bowie better each and every day!

POETRY CONTEST - The Academy of American Poets is sponsoring a poetry contest "What Juneteenth Means to Me" for students in grades 8-12. This poetry contest celebrates Juneteenth and is a way for students to learn more about this new federal holiday and express why Juneteenth is a significant day for Texas and the U.S. Entries are due on March 15, 2023. The top 10 winners will receive a cash prize and an invitation to the awards ceremony on May 20, 2023, at the Neill Cochran House in Austin, Texas. [Click here](#) to read more about the contest and view submission information.

CHEER & MASCOT TRYOUTS - Tryouts for the 2023-24 Cheer Team will be 5-10 pm on Thursday, March 9. In advance of the tryouts, a parent or guardian must attend a mandatory information meeting via Zoom at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 21 (see the [CHEER TRYOUT](#) and [MASCOT TRYOUT](#) flyers for more information).

GARZA ONLINE SUMMER CLASSES - Students interested in taking an online class through Garza High School over summer must submit [this application](#) by May 19. Click [HERE](#) to preview the classes offered through Garza Online (note that all Garza High School classes are unweighted unless noted on the class list). Students in any grade level can take Health; rising Seniors can take Government, Economics and/or Health. Garza classes can also be completed for credit recovery. If you believe your student needs to complete credit recovery due to failing a course grade, please reach out to [your child's counselor](#) for confirmation.

CLASS OF 2023 CAP & GOWN ORDERS: If you have not ordered your senior's official Bowie cap and gown or other graduation supplies, the time is now! Items can be ordered individually or as a graduation package as seen online. All orders should be placed online by Friday, February 17. Follow [THIS LINK](#) to order your items.

Go Dawgs!

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