



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

February 27, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

REVISED TESTING DATES - Please take a few minutes to make note of changes to the campus-wide testing dates on the [Bowie A/B Calendar](#). When scheduling testing, we are bound to the range of dates provided by the State and endeavor to avoid disrupting instruction for students who are not involved in testing. Thank you for avoiding these dates when scheduling appointments for your student. This year for the first time, Bowie will administer the TSI exam to all 9th grade students. The TSI exam is one of the ways that students can meet the State's college-readiness standard and is used by many colleges and universities for course placement. Because the TSI exam includes lots of 8th grade content, students are better positioned to be successful on it during their freshman year. Additionally, by taking it earlier in high school, students wanting to take ACC dual credit classes will have already met the TSI requirements for ACC admission.

SCHOOL-DAY SAT - On Wednesday, all juniors will take an official School-Day SAT. There is no cost and students are automatically registered. Students are encouraged to bring a personal or borrowed calculator, preferably a graphing calculator, to the test (Bowie does not have enough loaner calculators to supply one to every junior). Students will have short stretch breaks and restroom breaks between the timed sections of the test but will not be released for lunch until the test administration has been completed around 1:30 pm. Therefore, it's a good idea for all juniors to bring a bottle of water and a light snack, such as a granola bar or crackers, to their test site on Wednesday. Additionally, please remind your junior that to receive their SAT scores from College Board, it is important that they provide a personal email address (NOT their AISD email address) when they complete the College Board pre-registration forms on Wednesday morning in their test sites.

GRADUATION CEREMONY DETAILS - The Class of 2023 will graduate at Burger Stadium at 7:00 pm on Friday, June 2, 2023. Detailed information about the event is now available on the Bowie website (bowie.austinschools.org > [Students tab](#) > [Senior Updates](#) > [Graduation](#)). This page will be updated, as needed.

TEXAS TECH VISIT - In 2023, Texas Tech University will commemorate 100 years of providing access and opportunities for students from Texas and all around the world. As part of the celebrations, Bowie has been chosen as a select stop on the Centennial Mobile Tour. On Thursday, March 2, 2023, the President of TTU, Dr. Lawrence Schovanec will share some remarks in the auditorium before inviting students to the front parking lot to take pictures on the special Texas Tech Centennial Truck, receive Red Raider swag, and chat with representatives about college and TTU. Juniors and seniors, who are interested in learning more about Texas Tech are invited to attend. Participating students will be excused from their 5th-period class from 9:30-10:35. Students can sign up [HERE](#) for this special opportunity.

PRACTICE FOR EOC EXAMS - In high school, students must pass five End-of-Course (EOC) Exams as a requirement for graduation (Algebra 1 - grade 9, Biology - grade 9, English 1 - grade 9, English 2 - grade 10, U.S. History - grade 11). Students who are absent for or who do not meet standard on an EOC exam are required to participate in additional tutoring and will be automatically rescheduled for the EOC exam at each subsequent administration. You can look up your child's EOC scores using the [Family Portal on the TEA Texas Assessment website](#). The TEA Texas Assessment website also includes practice materials to help familiarize students with the content and the testing platform. Practicing using the platform's tools is particularly helpful to students who qualify for testing accommodations under their individual 504 or Special Education plan. Please refer to the [Student Directions for Online Practice](#) for more information.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SESSIONS - Families, community members, and staff are invited to attend the upcoming Power Hour learning opportunities hosted by the Austin ISD Special Education Department. Dan St. Romain, a national education consultant with roots in special education support and development, will be presenting virtually on goal setting and positive behavior supports. These are two different sessions in February and March, which are repeated with lunchtime and evening virtual offerings. Interpretation services will be provided. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

FOOD RESOURCES DURING SPRING BREAK - With many Austin ISD students living in food-insecure households, access to healthy food may be challenging when the district is closed. Families can use the community resources below to find free meals in their area while Austin ISD offices and schools are closed for Spring Break:

- [Central Texas Food Bank \(www.centraltexasfoodbank.org\)](http://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org)
- [United Way for Greater Austin - ConnectATX \(www.connectatx.org\)](http://www.connectatx.org)
- [Texas Health and Human Services](#) - Call 2-1-1 or (877) 541-7905 to speak to a live operator.

AISD BUDGET CONVERSATION - Are you curious to know where Austin ISD's dollars go? Do you want to hear more about district priorities and plans for staffing and programs in the 2024 budget? Do you have ideas and want to learn how you can influence changes at your campus? Then, join the next community budget conversation! Bowie will host an in-person session on Wednesday, March 8 starting at 6:00 p.m. It will be a one-hour session and we will have Spanish interpretation available.

Go Dawgs!

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