



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**TRAGEDY IN NASHVILLE** - Once again we are affronted with the horrors of a school shooting. As you process this news, please take a few minutes to talk to your child about the heightened importance of reporting anything of concern and of strictly adhering to campus safety protocols and adult directives. Encourage them to maintain meaningful connections for their own mental health, and to reach out to other students who might be in need of connection. We want every student to believe that they indeed belong at Bowie. Additionally, if you have any concerns about your child's emotional well-being in the wake of these recent tragic events, know that our counselors are available and ready to help.

**NPFH® PARADE TO BE RESCHEDULE** - It rained on our parade! Today's parade, the third of three No Place for Hate® Activities organized by the Student Leadership class, will be rescheduled for some time in April. No Place for Hate® is the [Anti-Defamation League's initiative](#) to promote an inclusive learning environment where all students have value and opportunities for success.

**SENIOR BREAKFAST DAY 4/19** - The traditional Senior Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19. Following the breakfast, seniors will participate in some classic track-and-field activities before attending a senior class graduation meeting and picking up their graduation cap and gown. Seniors are encouraged to don spirit wear to represent their intended college or post-graduation plans.

To ensure this event is memorable, we invite ALL parents and guardians in grades 9-12 to consider donating needed items. Please use this [LINK](#) to sign up to donate items for the various April 19 activities. Donations of gift cards can be brought to the front office anytime between now and the morning of April 19, and drinks can be brought to the front office April 17-19 (please label the items "SENIOR BREAKFAST"). Perishable food such as donuts, muffins, fruit, etc. can be brought to the front of the campus before school on the morning of April 19 (student volunteers will be waiting at the curb to unload the items from your vehicle). If you would prefer to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of tacos and games for the event, please use the SchoolCashOnline link found [HERE](#).

**IMPORTANT TSI EXAM INFORMATION** - On April 19, all Freshmen and Juniors will be taking the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Accuplacer Math and English exams. The TSI measures a student's preparedness for college-level coursework. Upon passing the TSI, students can enroll in ACC courses and earn college credit while in high school – for free! Additionally, many in-state universities require this entry level exam in order to register for classes. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the TSI.

Austin ISD students will continue to take the TSI exam throughout high school until they earn a passing score or are able to demonstrate college-readiness using an alternative measure. Demonstration of college-readiness is a requirement of House Bill 5. Juniors who are unable to achieve a minimum standard on the Math and/or English portions on the April TSI exam will be automatically enrolled in an additional math and/or English support class their senior year. **Given the potential impact on their schedules for the 2023-34 school year, it is very important for juniors to give their best effort on the April 19 TSI exam.**

**CREDIT RECOVERY OPPORTUNITIES** - Students who do not achieve a passing grade in a course required for graduation must recover the credit. Bowie will soon be offering two credit recovery programs:

- **Extended Delta** will be offered before and/or after school M-Th, April 17-May 18 with additional work sessions scheduled on select Saturdays. Students in this program will complete self-paced online modules and take assessments in a learning lab with the support of a Bowie teacher. Contact your child's counselor for more information and to register.
- **Bowie Summer School** will allow students to recover up to two semesters of credit. These classes will be teacher-led and in-person with sessions from 9:00-12:00 and 12:30-3:30 on June 5-9 and June 11-15. Registration for Summer School classes will be held in the Bowie main office from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 1.

**COLLEGE APPLICATIONS HELP SESSION** - In preparation for the college application process that will begin this summer, Bowie's College & Career Counselor Carli Valverde will be hosting a virtual session for all Juniors and their families to go through the college search, application, and enrollment process. This session will go over what to consider while creating your college list and a general timeline of what the process will look like during your senior year. This session will be held on April 28 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend, please register using this form: <https://forms.gle/dn8dU6y2PK6KG8bZA>. Click [HERE](#) for additional college enrollment resources you can explore on your own.

#### **ADDITIONAL REMINDERS FOR SENIORS**

- **Final orders for caps and gowns** - If you have not ordered your Senior's official cap and gown and other grad supplies, please do so immediately to ensure on-time delivery and avoid any late fees. All orders placed after April 1 may have a late fee applied. Items can be ordered individually or as a graduation package as seen online. Use [THIS LINK](#) to order your graduation items today!
- **FAFSA/ TASFA or Opt-Out** - By April 28, all Seniors must submit confirmation of FAFSA or TASFA completion or indicate that they are opting-out of this requirement. Seniors will use this form to complete the required task: <https://forms.gle/giJfjgZvC8dsEZP17>. Email Carli Valverde ([carli.valverde@austinisd.org](mailto:carli.valverde@austinisd.org)) with questions.

Tomorrow is a student and staff holiday, but we look forward to see your child on Monday!

Go Dawgs!

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