



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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April 20, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**BOWIE BAND & GUARD SPRING SPECTACULAR** - The Bowie Band invites everyone to join them in the Courtyard for their Spring Spectacular, on Friday, April 21 from 7- 9pm. There will be performances from the Bowie Band & Guard, including chamber groups, guard demonstration, and steel band, plus treats and fun! Bring the whole family and invite your friends and neighbors for this community event. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door, \$10/adults, \$5/kids & students. Bush's Chicken will be available to purchase at the event: \$3/sandwich, \$5/sandwich with tea. Doors will open at 6:30pm.

**TOMORROW'S ENGLISH 1 EOC EXAM** - The English 1 EOC Exam will be administered tomorrow, Friday, April 21 to all 9th-grade students and any other student who needs to retake or make up the English 1 EOC. Students should report directly to their assigned test site by 9:05 am. Students can locate their test site by searching for the last five digits of their student ID on the [TEST SITE ROSTER](#). Those participating in testing are reminded to bring their fully charged AISD Chromebook and charger and something to read after the test. Students will eat lunch in their test sites, so they should bring a beverage and their lunch or plan to order a cafeteria-boxed lunch from the test proctor. We respectfully request that parents and guardians refrain from signing out any students participating in testing as retrieving students from test sites is extremely disruptive and may compromise test security.

## UPCOMING TESTING

- April 27 English 2 EOC Exam & U.S. History EOC Exam (AISD Chromebook required)
- May 3 Algebra 1 EOC Exam (AISD Chromebook required)
- May 1-12 College Board's [Advanced Placement Exams](#)

**A MESSAGE FROM THE BOWIE PTSA: WE WANT YOU!** We have had a very active board and many of our board members have seen multiple children through Bowie and served on the board from start to finish. This year, MANY are leaving because their youngest is graduating. Many of the leaving members have expressed regret not joining the PTSA sooner - don't regret not joining the PTSA!! Our PTSA is fun, laid-back, casual, easy-going, and accepting of anyone who is willing to give their time to support our amazing Bowie community. We currently need a President, Treasurer, Build Up Bowie/Sponsorship VP, Communications VP, Programming VP, Bulldogs and Hot Dogs committee members, and Homecoming co-chairs and committee members. It's a great way to interact with the staff and plug into the campus. Please join us. If you can help (or just want to learn more), please reach out to Jill Stachura ([bowieptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:bowieptsapresident@gmail.com)) and she will put you in touch with our nominating committee.

**ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK** - Research indicates that tests can be valuable tools to help students learn, if designed and administered with format, timing, and content in mind—and a clear purpose to improve student learning. Beginning this summer and continuing through the 23-24 school year, Austin ISD will engage in a transparent and inclusive process to develop a comprehensive framework for district assessments. They are seeking feedback from all stakeholders using an anonymous survey that can be accessed using this link: <https://bit.ly/AISDAssessment2324>. The survey will be open for responses through May 1st, 2023.

**AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY** - Austin FreeAustin Free-Net is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that assists community members with technology resources and has been boots on the ground in Austin for over 28 years. Austin Free-Net specializes in basic digital inclusion and is a "one stop shop" for affordable devices, internet, training and support, especially focusing on marginalized communities including people of color, low income, veterans, seniors, immigrants and people experiencing homelessness, but their services are available to all. All public services are free and available in both English and Spanish. Austin Free-Net is dedicated to assisting all eligible Austin ISD students and families in enrolling in the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) and can provide individualized support throughout the entire process. There is no expiration date, but take advantage of this great opportunity and current funding is still available. Please [refer to these flyers](#) and reach out to [Austin Free-Net](#) with any questions.

Go Dawgs!

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