



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

April 22, 2021

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

STAAR EOC EXAMS - This week we welcomed 646 freshman and 624 sophomores to campus to take their English STAAR End-of-Course Exams. Thank you for entrusting us to prepare your children for these important assessments and to bring a significant number of students to campus in a manner that demonstrates our care and concern for their health and safety. Health and safety will continue to be a priority as we welcome students back for on-campus learning over the next few weeks, and as we plan for STAAR EOC Exams, Advanced Placement Exams, and TSI testing which are scheduled for late May. Check the dates of these important assessments on the 2020-21 [Bowie A/B Calendar](#).

BOWIE CAMPUS-WIDE EMAIL ISSUES - We sometimes hear that parents are not receiving some or all of the emails from Bowie. If that's happening for you or someone you know, here are the steps to resolve this issue:

1. Check your spam and junk folders for diverted Bowie messages and check your email settings to see if Bowie is one of your blocked addresses.
2. Follow the [Parent Self-Serve Instructions](#) to verify that Bowie has your correct email address(es) on file. On the My Messages tile, be sure that both the boxes "Administrative Messages" and "Campus Message" have been checked.
3. Resubscribe to Bowie's SchoolMessenger emails. **Many parents inadvertently unsubscribed to Bowie's SchoolMessenger emails.** Sometimes the parent did this years ago or after an older child graduated. If you, at any point, unsubscribe then you will not receive any SchoolMessenger emails until you authorize AISD to resubscribe you. Unfortunately, there is nowhere for you to check to see if you are indeed unsubscribed. Therefore, if you believe your correct email is on file and that your notifications on the My Messages tile are configured correctly, but you're not receiving emails from Bowie, then it's likely that this is the case. **To re-subscribe to Bowie emails, please submit [Bowie's Resubscribe or Remove Block form](#).**

BLEND NOTIFICATIONS - Announcements and messages sent from BLEND can also trigger an email. BLEND communications are generally from your child's teachers, but we also send my daily morning video announcements via the BLEND Bowie Community Course. Watch Bowie's [Tech 101 video](#) starting around minute 8:00 to learn how to turn (or off) your BLEND email notifications. Watch the whole video for other great tips for using BLEND!

HEALTH CURRICULUM - In Austin ISD, Human Sexuality curriculum is taught in asynchronous lessons as part of the high school health course. We have a Zoom meeting scheduled for anyone who has any questions regarding the Human Sexuality lessons on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, from 10:30-11:00 am. Please click [HERE](#) for the zoom link to join us. The curriculum will also be available for review in the library for anyone who would like to learn more but can not attend the Zoom meeting.

FEEDBACK REQUEST - As we prepare for student learning next year, the Austin ISD Academics Office is seeking parent and caregiver feedback about your experiences with school this year and learning in BLEND. Please join us for a zoom Focus Group on Tuesday, April 27, from 5:30-6:30 pm. Spanish translation will be provided. Click [here](#) to access the zoom link for this meeting.

REGISTRATION - AISD Online Registration is open for the 21/22 school year. All AISD returning and new students must register online through the AISD Portal: <https://portal.austinisd.org> If you forgot your password or need any assistance, please call the AISD Family Support Line at 512-414-9187.

Finally, don't forget to check out the most recent edition of [Bowie Counseling News](#) for updates from the Bowie Counseling Department.

Go Dawgs!

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