



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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May 12, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**SEMESTER EXAMS** - On May 22-25, students will take an exam in each course that counts for 20% of their semester grade. There will be 2 exams each day, with an early release at 1:35 pm. See the [2023 Spring Exam Schedule](#) for more information. *NOTE: Friday, May 19 is the end of the grading period. Please make sure your student is working with this date in mind to submit any and all assignments still being accepted by their teachers.*

**ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES** - The list of students who earned attendance incentives for the spring semester will be available in the [BLEND Bowie Community Course](#) by 8:00 am on Friday, May 19. **To use an earned exam incentive, the student must submit the Exam Incentive Claim Form between Monday, May 22, and 2:30 pm on Wednesday, May 24.** This is a firm deadline for processing and therefore late submissions will not be accepted. For more information about exam incentives, see the [Understanding Exam Incentives](#) document.

**CHROMEBOOK COLLECTION** - This year, the Austin ISD Technology Department has directed campuses to collect all Chromebooks, chargers, and hotspots for inventory and maintenance purposes. Staff will be collecting Chromebooks and other items in the library each day of semester exams from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. As soon as the Chromebook is no longer needed for the student to complete assignments or exams, they are encouraged to bring it to the library before school, after school, or after an exam with a pass from their teacher. All AISD Chromebooks will be locked/deactivated at 5 pm on May 25, 2023.

**SUMMER CHROMEBOOKS** - Parents and guardians will have the option to check out a Chromebook for their child over the summer by completing an [OPT-IN](#) form via their Parent Portal account. Summer Chromebooks must be picked up at the Technology Department at Gus Garcia YMLA, or at the Austin ISD Central Office. Devices will be available for pick-up on May 26, and May 30 through June 2, from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

**SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION** - Students can recover up to 2 semesters of credit for previously failed courses by attending Bowie's Summer School. These classes will be teacher-led and in-person on the Bowie campus. **Summer school registration will be available in the Bowie main office from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 1.** Reach out to a counselor or see the [Bowie Summer School Flyer 2023](#) for more information.

**2023-24 CALENDAR & DATES** - To assist you in your planning for the upcoming school year, I am sharing the [2023-24 A/B Calendar](#). Please keep in mind that this calendar is subject to change and that some campus-wide testing dates have not been added. I also want to share with you some important dates that have already been set:

First Day of School - August 14

Bulldogs & Hotdogs - August 26

Back-to-School Night for Parents - September 6

Homecoming Football Game - September 29

Homecoming Dance - October 28

**SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS** - The 5 Book Dive encourages AISD students to read at least five self-selected books over the summer. Check out the recommended reading lists in English and Spanish at <https://tinyurl.com/5BookDive> for some great ideas to add to your own summer reading list. You can also print a bookmark to use as a reading log and find more great information about summer reading.

**SAFETY SURVEY FOR PARENT FEEDBACK** - In 2019, Austin ISD was awarded the Bureau of Justice Assistance, STOP (School, Teachers, Officers, Preventing School Violence) Grant. The grant provided resources to increase school safety by conducting training to improve school climate using school-based behavioral threat assessments and intervention teams and implementing an anonymous reporting system to enable students, teachers, staff, and community members to report potential threats.

[A parent survey](#) has been developed to get feedback on the district's Safe and Supportive Schools Program (SSSP). The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete. All responses will remain anonymous. All responses are due Thursday, May 25, 2023. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the STOP School Violence Grant Coordinator; Ezekiel Pittmon at 512-414-1700 ext. 52678 or Oscar Adams Jr. at 512-414-2182.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson

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