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Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

NEW WEBSITE - Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, Austin ISD is taking over website hosting for its campuses to create a standard interface experience for its families. Say farewell to Bowie's vintage website @JBHS.org, and hello to Bowie's new website bowie.austinschools.org — which is now live! TIP: you can now access any AISD school's website URL by typing "schoolname.austinschools.org." Bowie's staff will continue to refine and edit content for the new website in the weeks to come, so that you have all the information you need when school starts in August.

STAAR EOC RESULTS - Your child's spring 2022 STAAR End-of-Course results are now available by logging in to the Austin ISD Parent Portal and navigating to the Frontline SIS Parent Self Service tile. You will be directed to log into Frontline Education using your same User ID and Password as the Austin ISD parent portal. Once logged in, click on the Texas Assessment Parent Portal link next to your student's name. The Texas Assessment page will open and list all STAAR results, with the most recent listed at the top. These results will include detailed breakdowns in each subject, identifying your child's strengths as well as areas where they may need additional support.

At the high school level, passing the five STAAR End-of-Course exams is part of the State's graduation requirements. Additionally, per House Bill 4545, students who fall short of the passing standard on any EOC subject exam are required to participate in 30 hours of accelerated instruction in reading and/or math. Should your child qualify for these additional support services, Bowie staff will be contacting you in August to create a personalized plan for accelerated instruction. The next round of EOC make ups and retests is scheduled for December 6-8, 2022.

LOOKING AHEAD - We won't send detailed information about the new school year until late July when the district "rolls over" its records, allowing us to communicate with our rising freshmen and their families. However, I wanted to share with you a few pieces of information to help you in your planning:

- Save the Dates Bowie's <u>Back-to-School Buzz flier</u> highlights some of the on-boarding and orientation activities for the new school year.
- Buy Your Official Class T-Shirts Class officers and faculty sponsors organize for the purposes of school spirit and fund-raising towards a senior prom. One of the primary fund-raisers is the sale of an official class t-shirt which is worn throughout the school year to pep rallies and other school events. This year, the Classes of 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 are coordinating their efforts and pre-selling their respective shirts via SchoolCashOnline (be sure to include your child's name in the notes). Please help promote school spirit and support your child's graduating class by purchasing one! T-shirts will be initially distributed during the August 11 Meet at the Tree Campus Preview event.
- Summer Assignments for Advanced Courses Many of Bowie's advanced courses require the completion of assignments over the summer break. Recognizing that the brisk pace dictated by the College Board Advanced Placement® curriculum can be anxiety-inducing at the start of the school year for some students, teachers have seen benefits in front-loading some of the tasks in the summer. Please encourage your student to check HERE to determine if any of their 2022-23 courses require completion of a summer assignment.

Go Dawgs!

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