



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

September 28, 2022

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

CAMPUS FENTANYL PRESENTATION - I'm sure most of you are aware of the student deaths in a neighboring school district caused by fentanyl. Considering this growing problem, we have prepared a campus-wide presentation to provide students with timely information and resources. This important presentation will be delivered by 1st period teachers on Friday, September 30. (First period will be extended through the FIT period to allow time for this activity.) Juniors and seniors with off campus 1st period are required to report to The Betsy theater by 10:35 am on Friday for the presentation. Students who are absent on Friday will be scheduled for a makeup session during FIT sometime next week.

It is important for all students to receive this information. However, we acknowledge that for some students, the messages in the presentation could be unsettling, so counselors will be on-hand Friday to meet with any student who is struggling. To prepare your student to receive this information or to check in with them afterward, please take a few minutes to preview the presentation [HERE](#). Thank you for your support to help keep our students safe.

SENIOR COLLEGE VISITS ON OCT. 12 - Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will be taking the PSAT Exam on Wednesday, October 12. Regular classes will not resume on this date until after 2:30 pm on a C-Day bell schedule. **Therefore, October 12 is a great day for seniors to utilize one of their two excused absences allocated for college visits.** Seniors wishing to participate in a college visit on October 12 should follow the documentation steps outlined [HERE](#). Seniors who are NOT visiting colleges on October 12 will participate in TSI testing and/or enrichment activities from 9:05-2:30 (more information coming soon).

HOMEcomings

- Although the Bulldogs came up short in the Homecoming football game against Dripping Springs on Friday night, students still enjoyed a wonderful Homecoming celebration. Congratulations to seniors Zoe Kanz and Max Barnes who were selected by their classmates as the 2022 Homecoming Royalty.
- The Homecoming Dance will be from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, at Bowie High School. **Tickets for the Homecoming dance will be sold in the courtyard during both lunches for three days only: September 28-30.** Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15 at the door (tickets for non-Bowie guests require pre-approval and advance purchase). To purchase tickets, students must have their Bowie Student ID for the current school year. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

TUTORING PROGRAMS

- **Peer Tutoring** - Bowie's National Honor Society peer tutoring program launches next week! Tutoring will occur in room A215 on Wednesdays and in room A119 on Thursdays. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the peer tutoring program and how your student can sign up!
- **Algebra 1 Tutoring Lab** - Throughout the school year, students enrolled in Algebra 1 or needing to prepare to retake the Algebra 1 STAAR EOC exam are invited to attend free tutoring sessions as needed in the library from 4:45-6:00 Mondays through Thursdays.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY - If you have a student enrolled in an Advanced Placement course, students will have an opportunity to receive college credit by taking the AP Exam. **AP Exam Registration for Year-Long and Fall-Semester courses will begin on Monday, October 3. After October 28, there will be an additional \$40.00 late fee applied to the cost of the exam. AP Exam Registration will close on November 11, 2022.** Any student enrolled in a Spring-Semester Only course will have an opportunity to register for that course's AP Exam in the spring semester. For more information and details about AP Exam Registration, please visit our website [HERE](#). Please contact the AP Coordinator Kaylin Brett at kaylin.brett@austinisd.org if you have any questions about AP Exam Registration.

VOTER REGISTRATION - The League of Women Voters and Rep. Donna Howard will be on campus during both lunches this Friday to register voters. This will be a strictly non-partisan activity. The voter registration deadline for the Nov 8, 2022 Election is Oct 11, 2022. Students who are at least 17 years and 10 months old and who will be 18 years of age on Election Day are eligible to register. Senior teachers also have Texas Voter Registration Applications available for students to fill out and mail in.

MORE NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION - Each year students are entered in the National Merit Scholarship Program, a nationwide competition for recognition and awards, by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) during their junior year of high school. Last week officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95% of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. **Please help us in congratulating the following five Bowie seniors on their accomplishment of earning the title of National Merit Semifinalist: Riley Cloyd, Jason Oh, Sienna Szczesny.** We wish them the best of luck moving forward in the competition!

We are also excited to announce that an additional 14 Bowie seniors have been selected as a National Merit Commended Student. Commended Students are being recognized by NMSC® for their exceptional academic promise as demonstrated on the PSAT/NMSQT® qualifying test. They will not, however, continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships to be offered next spring. **Bowie's National Merit Commended Students are: Shabbir Akhtar, Abigail Alsup, Allyson Bartek, Rogue Clawson, Jackson Cole, Norah Cullicot, Ryan Dharwadker, Nirmiti Kerkar, Sarah Laux, Benjamin Locke, Ethan Menell, Satvik Raghunathan, Abigail Sanders, Alyssa Uvodich.**

BAILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT - The Bailey Middle School PTA cordially invites the Bowie families to its annual bonfire on October 7 from 5:30-7:30 (see the [flier](#) for details).

COFFEE WITH A COP - Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and a conversation at Bowie on Wednesday, October 5, from 8 to 9 am (see the [flier](#) for details).

AISD EQUITY WORK - Austin ISD thanks you for maintaining the work to eliminate racial disparities in discipline and punishment, including the critical intersection with students accessing SPED services, by working with each other and the community to create a more responsive, inclusive learning environment for our students. They look forward to seeing you all on October 11 for Community Retreat #7 on Eliminating Racial Disparities in Discipline and Punishment. If you plan to attend virtually, use this link:
<https://zoom.us/j/99706474661?pwd=NFhiQ01RUDVBUDILUzZJaVJaNFcxQT09>

Go Dawgs!
Mark Robinson