



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

January 20, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

ANNUAL MUSICAL - The James Bowie High School Starlight Theatre Company invites you to this year's musical, Disney's **NEWSIES!** The show runs Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday this week and next week (1/19-1/22, 1/26-1/29). Thursday through Saturday evening shows begin at 7pm and the Sunday matinee performances are at 3pm. Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK - With the passage of Senate Bill 1828 in the fall of 2019, the Texas legislature officially created an annual Holocaust Remembrance Week in public schools. This week was created to “educate students about the Holocaust and inspire in students a sense of responsibility to recognize and uphold human value and to prevent future atrocities.” Bowie will observe Holocaust Remembrance Week January 23-January 27. In addition to daily morning announcements from the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, English and Social Studies teachers will facilitate Holocaust lessons with their classes. Holocaust survivor and member of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission, Lucy Katz, will also be in-person at Bowie, working with specific classes to better understand the scope of the Holocaust.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SENIORS - Please contact College & Career Advisor Carli Valverde (carli.valverde@austinisd.org) for assistance.

- **Mid-Year Transcripts & 7th Semester Report:** Mid-year transcripts will be available in February and seniors will be able to request them through Naviance beginning the last week of January. Instructions to request a mid-year transcript can be found [HERE](#) (instead of clicking on "initial" you'll need to click on "mid-year"). If seniors need a mid-year report from their counselor, they should use the [counselor recommendation request form](#).
- **Financial Aid Requirement:** In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0256, each student must do ONE of the following as a [Texas Education Agency \(TEA\) requirement for graduation](#):
 1. Complete and submit a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) (see [video](#))
 2. Complete and submit a [Texas Application for State Financial Aid \(TASFA\)](#) (see [video](#))
 3. Submit a signed [opt-out form](#).
- **Submit Your Financial Aid Documentation:** In order for students to walk the stage at graduation or pick up their diploma, they must complete the [Financial Aid Confirmation Google form](#) and upload a screenshot of their FAFSA dashboard, proof of TASFA submission to a college, or the completed opt-out form. The deadline to complete this task will be late April.

AUSTIN ISD NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Budget Conversations:** Austin ISD invites you to attend any of the upcoming virtual or in-person budget-focused community talks to learn about the district's priorities, plans for staffing and programming, and how you can get involved in the budgeting process with your campus. More information about the district's budget and the community talks calendar is available [HERE](#).
- **Special Education Parent Power Hour:** Ms. Regina Earls, Transition Coordinator, and Ms. Lynsy Meier from [Sevita](#) will present information to interested parents on **January 26, 2023, from 6-7 PM** at Austin ISD Headquarters in Room 221 located on the second floor. ([English Flier](#), [Spanish Flier](#)). Session topics will include guardianship, guardianship alternatives, and Medicaid waivers.
- **Salute Awards** - Salute is AISD's annual celebration to recognize some of the district's outstanding team members for their continued dedication to student excellence and achievement in our schools. District staff, families, and the community are invited to submit a nomination for a staff member they believe represents the very best of AISD. This year's Salute Awards ceremony will recognize the winners in five categories: Classified Staff of the Year, Counselor of the Year, Librarian of the Year, Assistant Principal of the Year, Principal of the Year, and PTA of the Year. In addition, Teachers of Promise and Teachers of the Year will be honored. **Salute Category nominations are open until February 3 and can be submitted using this form:** [Bit.ly/AISDSalute2023](https://bit.ly/AISDSalute2023)

Go Dawgs!

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