October 1, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**PROMOTING A SAFE COMMUNITY** - In recent weeks, we have noticed an increase in racist, homophobic, and otherwise hateful graffiti and harassment. At Bowie High School, we welcome and celebrate diversity, and we condemn any acts that would make a member of our community feel unsafe or unwelcome.

We welcome your partnership in reinforcing with students the importance of maintaining not only physical safety, but safety from harassment, hate, and bullying. Please also remind students of the importance of speaking up: "If you see something, say something." We take these incidents very seriously.

Please review the AISD Anti-Harassment Policy for more details: <a href="https://www.austinisd.org/ed-support/discipline-standards-accountability/bullying">https://www.austinisd.org/ed-support/discipline-standards-accountability/bullying</a>

**CHARACTER STRONG** - This week's session focused on building Community Agreements. These agreements help create a safe and supportive classroom where students can be genuine, listen to one another, and share their needs. By setting these expectations together, students are taking proactive steps to foster respect and prevent bullying.

AISD PARENT U - Austin ISD is holding a session on Paying for College: What Parents Should Know on Wednesday, October 1, from 6-7 p.m. The meeting will be an informative session including financial aid, scholarships, and smart ways to pay for college. We'll walk you through FAFSA/TASFA, scholarship opportunities, important deadlines, and how you can support your student through the financial side of the college process. Senior families are encouraged to join using the link for the Zoom Registration: <a href="https://bit.ly/AustinISDParentU">bit.ly/AustinISDParentU</a>. Zoom Sessions are in English with Spanish interpretation.

**FAMILY EMPOWER HOUR: TOGETHER** – How to Support our Bilingual Students will be presented by Sharon Marroquin & Sandra Valle on Wednesday, October 1,

at both 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.. In this session, families will learn the differences between ESL and bilingual programs. Participants will leave with powerful questions to ask teachers and schools to advocate for their children's success. Families are encouraged to join the Spanish Zoom Session with English Interpretation by using the following link: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/SPEDsessions">bit.ly/SPEDsessions</a>

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) FAMILY NIGHT -** The Austin ISD Office of Advanced Academics is hosting a family night on Wednesday, October 8, from 6-7 p.m. The meeting is for families and students considering or currently enrolled in AP Courses.

We will share information about what AP courses are, the AP exam schedule, AP course resources, and the benefits of AP participation. Families can join via the Zoom link: <a href="https://bit.ly/AdvancedPlacementFamilyNight">https://bit.ly/AdvancedPlacementFamilyNight</a>

Go Dawgs!

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