



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

November 19, 2021

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

Austin ISD will be closed November 22-26 for the Thanksgiving break. With only two weeks of instruction plus one week of exams remaining in the semester, I would like to share some important information and updates.

SEMESTER EXAMS - Semester exams are scheduled for December 14-17. Students must take a semester exam (or complete a culminating activity) in every course. The exam grade counts 20% toward the semester average, with each 9-week report card grade comprising 40%. Two exams are scheduled for each day of the exam window, with students being released from school at 1:35 PM to allow them to go home and study for the next day's assessments (see the [2021-22 Fall Sem Exam Schedule](#)). Note that the 1:35 PM release time is slightly later than previous years. Bus schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES & CORRECTIONS - To reward students for their attendance and engagement in learning, Bowie offers exam incentives. Earning the exam incentive allows a student to replace/substitute their semester exam score in one or two of their courses with their semester average averages. Detailed exam incentive information can be found [HERE](#) or on the Attendance & Learning pages under the Students tab at JBHS.org. **Students and parents should check the attendance record for accuracy and contact the student's teacher(s) by Wednesday, December 1, to request attendance corrections, should they be necessary.** Please note that the attendance clerk cannot make changes to the official attendance record without the direction and authorization of the student's teacher(s).

WAY BACK WINTER EVENT - Each year the Student Leadership class organizes three campus-wide events in conjunction with the [Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate®](#) (NPFH) initiative. On Wednesday, December 1, 2021, each grade level will be released to the courtyard for 45-minutes to attend the Way Back Winter NPFH festival. Activities and booths designed and hosted by campus clubs will promote inclusivity and kindness using fun games and activities reminiscent of those enjoyed in elementary school. After the last couple of years, our students are deserving of some good old-fashioned FUN!

SENIOR UPDATES - The Class of 2022 graduation is scheduled for the evening of Friday, June 3, 2022, at the Burger Activity Center. To participate in the ceremony, each graduate must wear the official

Bowie cap and gown provided by Herff-Jones. Parents of seniors can use [THIS LINK](#) to order their child's cap and gown, as well as optional graduation items such as stationery and keepsakes. The "Cap, Gown, and Tassel Unit" is \$45 and can be located on page 3 by clicking the green "continue shopping" buttons at the bottom of each page. Cap and gown orders must be placed by December 15, 2021. Bowie will continue to add helpful senior information about prom, the Project Graduation celebration, the official graduation ceremony, final transcripts, senior traditions, and more to the JBHS website (go to JBHS.org > Students tab > [Senior Updates](#)).

HAPPY THANKSGIVING - Best wishes to you and your family this Thanksgiving!

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joys, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

-- William Arthur Ward

Go Dawgs!

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