

December 6, 2022

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday! We only have a few weeks until the next break, so I wanted to send out some reminders and some other need-to-know information.

**PSAT SCORES ARE NOW AVAILABLE -** PSAT scores from the October administration are scheduled to be released today, December 6, 2022. Students who provided an email address on their answer sheet on test day will receive an email notification from College Board. The email will have a unique access code that will connect the student to their scores online. If the student didn't provide an email address on their answer sheet on test day, they can still access their scores online by logging into their College Board account. In either instance, the student will need to set up a free College Board account before they can view their scores. If your student has any difficulty accessing their scores, please contact College Board at 866-630-9305 for assistance.

College Board provides helpful guidance to interpret your student's PSAT score report. Students are also encouraged to connect their PSAT scores with Khan Academy to get a personalized study plan to help them prepare for a future PSAT or SAT. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

Parents/guardians of 11th grade students, your student will be automatically registered for an official SAT to be administered at Bowie on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Austin ISD covers the cost of this special "School-Day SAT."

**SEMESTER EXAMS** - Semester exams are scheduled for December 16-21. 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 2022-23 Fall Sem Exam Schedule). Bus schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

**GRADUATION ORDERS** - If you have not ordered your Senior's official Bowie High cap & gown and grad supplies the time is now. Items can be ordered individually or as a graduation package as seen online. All orders should be placed <u>online by Friday December 9, 2022</u>. Follow this <u>link</u> to order your items today & congratulations to the Class of 2023. Go Bulldogs!

**SAFETY REMINDERS** - In the interest of safety and security, we ask that everyone in Bulldog Nation, remain diligently committed to the protocols and procedures explained below.

- Secure Perimeter Bowie maintains a defined and secure perimeter that includes the Academic Buildings, Fine Arts Building, Athletics Building, cafeteria, and the interior courtyard. Students must always remain within this secure perimeter during the school day. The only students authorized to exit the campus when school is in session are students with an off-campus period in their schedule, seniors with off-campus lunch privileges, students who have been checked-out by a parent through the main office, or students participating in a teacher-directed instructional activity and under teacher supervision. All other students are not allowed beyond the secure perimeter during school hours.
- No Curbside Deliveries To effectively monitor who and what is moving on and off the campus, and because the area is located beyond the secure perimeter, students will not be allowed to receive any deliveries at the front of the campus (curbside). Parents wishing to drop off an item for a student must park and bring the item into the main office where it can then be retrieved by the student. The main office will not accept any items for students from delivery services such as Door Dash or Uber Eats. Thank you for helping us keep the campus safe and for honoring our staff's valuable time by only dropping off items that are truly essential.
- Student ID Badges All students have been provided with a student ID badge and lanyard. This ID badge will be worn by the student when they are on campus. Students should establish a daily routine so they don't forget their student ID, Chromebook, charger, and everything else that they need for school everyday. Replacement lanyards are available for \$2 and replacement IDs are \$5. Both may be purchased in the office before school and during lunch via <a href="SchoolCashOnline">SchoolCashOnline</a>.
- Checkout Procedures Please adhere to the official checkout procedures when your child leaves campus for an appointment or other personal reason. When picking up your child, park and proceed to the main office with your identification. The office staff will then retrieve your child from class. To authorize your child to drive themselves off campus, you must submit the <a href="Driving Pass Request Form">Driving Pass Request Form</a> 24 hours in advance. The form is open from 4:30 PM and closes the following morning at 7:30 AM daily and requires the authorized parent or guardian to upload an image of their identification.

**ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE -** AISD is seeking parents/guardians, students, and community members to serve on the Advocacy Advisory Committee (AAC) and assist the district in advancing its legislative priorities at the local, state and federal level. The Committee's advocacy shall be in alignment with the district's priorities, as adopted by the Board of Trustees. Students must be in the 11th or 12th grade and in good standing with attendance and graduation requirements. The first meeting of AAC will be on February 1 from 5:00 - 7:30 PM. All parties who are interested will fill out the <u>Standard Application form</u> / <u>Spanish Application form</u>.

Go Dawgs!

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