



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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December 21, 2022

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

Today, with the students' completion of exams, we mark the end of the fall semester and the beginning of winter break. I wish you and your family a restful break and happy new year!

**SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES** - Spring semester classes will begin on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, with students reporting directly to their 5th period classes at 9:05 am. While most students' course schedule will remain unchanged from the fall to the spring semester, all students are encouraged to check their schedule in the Self-Serve tile for schedule changes. Students' spring semester 5th period classes will also be posted in front of the library when students return to campus to direct them to the correct classroom. We will have extended 1st period on Wednesday, January 11, to review campuswide expectations. Our normal FIT schedule will resume on Thursday, January 12.

**LEVEL CHANGE REQUESTS** - Students wishing to adjust the level of rigor in a course by moving from the advanced to the academic level for the spring semester must complete this three-step process by **4 pm Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023**: (1) Discuss the desire to change levels with the teacher; (2) Submit the [Level Change 2023 Form](#); (3) Parent sends an email to the counselor confirming their consent to a possible schedule change (see counselor contact information [HERE](#)). Teacher committees will review the individual merits of each request to move from an advanced to an academic-level course within the context of staffing, class size, and other factors. **Level change requests are not automatically approved or guaranteed.**

**UPCOMING COURSE ADVISING** - Upon their return to school in January, students in grades 8-11 will begin selecting their high school courses for the 2023-24 school year. Over the winter break, you and your child are invited to explore [scheduling and course videos](#) on the [bowie.austinschools.org](http://bowie.austinschools.org) website. In mid-January, the counseling team will send you and your student an Academic Planning Presentation that includes information about Advanced Placement® courses, ACC dual credit, UT On-Ramps, and other pertinent information.

Throughout January and February, counselors will be reviewing graduation requirements with students while teachers will be advising students about course options in their respective content areas. The counseling team will host office hours from 4:45-6:15 pm on Feb. 13 to answer any last-minute questions from students or parents about course selections. Students currently at Bowie will be electronically submitting their 2023-24 course requests during their math class on Feb. 14 or 15.

Bowie High School and Austin ISD will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023, in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. All students are encouraged to consider participating in volunteer community service on that day in honor of Dr. King.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson

Principal

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