



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

January 24, 2022

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

COURSE SELECTION - Over the last three weeks, the Bowie counseling team visited classrooms to discuss graduation requirements and course sequences with all students in grades 9-11. During the counselors' presentations, students were provided a digital template to plan their courses for the 2022-23 school year. Please take some time to review this document with your child and discuss their course selections. There are helpful [course scheduling resources](#) available on the JBHS website for your reference. Note that a few new courses were just added (click [HERE](#) for the most recently revised list of course offerings).

Keep in mind that the digital template is for planning purposes only. During their 1st period class on February 9, all students in grades 9-11 will officially enter their course requests into the Frontline Student Self-Serve platform. Within a couple of days of entering their official course requests, you will receive a verification email listing the courses your child selected. Should there be any errors, you can simply email the counselor to request a change. The deadline to submit course changes for the 2022-23 school year is May 27, 2022.

9TH GRADE SHOWCASE - Current 8th graders and their parents/guardians are invited to tonight's Incoming 9th Grade Showcase from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to learn more about high school, the Bowie campus, and courses and programs. Know a future Bulldog? Please share the [Showcase flyer](#) with them and encourage them to attend!

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS - Keeping your child at home if they are ill or exhibiting any Covid-related symptoms is important to our ongoing battle against Covid. Thank you for sharing the responsibility of safeguarding all our students' health. If your child must stay home because of illness, however, please keep in mind that while Bowie has suspended its incentive program, **state law still requires that students attend 90% of the class meetings in order to receive credit for the course.** Students who miss more than 10% of the class meetings (approximately 4 class periods of a course per semester) are in danger of losing credit. Students who miss more than 4 class periods in a course **will be required to participate in attendance recovery sessions after school** in order to make up the missed class time. Students can search "attendance recovery" in the FIT Portal for dates and times and to sign up for a session. If you have any questions about attendance, please reach out to [your child's assistant principal](#).

ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS - The following students were selected as College Board National Recognition Program awardees. They've received one or more of the following awards: National African American Recognition Award, National Hispanic Recognition Award, National Indigenous Recognition Award, National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award. They earned this recognition because of their academic achievements in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10,

and/or AP Exams. They've accomplished these milestones during an immensely demanding period of their high school career. We couldn't be more delighted to share this great news!

Alejandra Wayman
Alexandria English
Ana Mairena
Anna Canepa
Brandon Almaguer
Fiona Rubiano
Julia Everett
Kathryn Thomason
Trinity Thompson
Zachary Conlan

SALUTE AWARD NOMINATIONS - 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. You can submit nominations by visiting [Bit.ly/AISDSalute2022](https://bit.ly/AISDSalute2022). Nominations will close February 4 at 5 p.m.

DISTRICT NEWS

- **GRADUATION** - The Class of 2022's graduation schedule is online (click [HERE](#))
- **AUSTIN ISD JOB FAIR** - Are you or someone you know interested in joining Team AISD? We're looking to hire individuals to bring their unique talents and perspectives to the areas of transportation, food service, and maintenance and operations. AISD employees receive paid training, have opportunities for growth, and are given a compensation and benefits package that includes medical insurance, personal and sick leave, paid holidays, and Texas Teachers Retirement. To learn more, attend the Austin ISD Job Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27 at the AISD Southeast Bus Terminal (7200 Bluff Springs Road, Austin, TX 78744).
- **AUSTIN ISD BUDGET TALKS** - Join us to learn about district priorities and plans for staffing, programs and departments, and how you can get involved in the budgeting process for your school:

Thursday, February 3, 2022, 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Families and Community Members)
Register here: <https://bit.ly/AISDBudget-Community1>

Saturday, February 5, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Families and Community Members)
Register here: <https://bit.ly/AISDBudget-Community2>

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal