



James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

National School Counseling Week 2019, "School Counselors: Providing Lessons for Life," will be **celebrated from February 4 through 8, 2019**, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February. Please take a minute to let your child's counselor know that they are appreciated!

February is Black History Month, and every year Bowie High School celebrates with several events on campus. This year's theme, chosen by the Multi-Cultural Awareness Club (MCAC), is "**The Evolution of Black Culture in America.**" MCAC students and volunteers have been working tirelessly to make this month's celebration a huge success. Bowie is celebrating Black History Month with a campus-wide assembly on Friday, February 22, showcasing Bowie student talent and passion, as a culminating event at the end of the month, as well as various activities throughout the month.

Each morning our student and teacher-led announcements **spotlight various impactful and prominent figures in African-American history** - both past and present. Students and faculty alike choose figures that are inspirational and personal to them and share with the campus their impact on American culture and the legacy they have left or will leave behind. Students get to hear and learn about African-Americans who inspire their teachers and African-Americans who inspire their fellow Bulldogs.

Bowie students can also look forward to some pep in their step as they make their way to classes this month by hearing various African-American artists and their **music in the hallways** (specifically A-hall) ranging from the earliest phases of jazz born in New Orleans, to Motown, to the 1960s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and the popular hits of today's generation!

In addition to dancing to the music in the hallways, students can also look forward to the inspirational quotes and banners displayed around the school to celebrate Black History Month. Each teacher, in addition to signs and posters in the hallways, is also encouraged to decorate his/her door for our **annual door decorating contest** featuring an inspirational figure in the teacher's discipline area. Students can expect to see inspirational figures and beautifully adorned doors that feature African-American writers, poets, novelists, scientists, musicians, mathematicians, historians, etc. on their teachers' doors for the duration of the month. The contest for the best-decorated door will happen at the end of the month when teachers celebrate a Soul Food Luncheon together on Wednesday, February 27, in the Southwest Room during both lunches. **If you are interested in donating to the luncheon or volunteering to help**, please contact Mrs. Amanda Pfeiffer (amanda.pfeiffer@austinisd.org) or Mrs. Chrissy Hejny (chrissy.hejny@austinisd.org).

It's **time to register for Advanced Placement Exams!** AP exams will be administered at Bowie in May, but students taking AP courses must register themselves -- they will not be automatically registered for the exam simply because they are taking the course. Registration is now open and will run through February 23, 2019. Exams are \$97 each, with discounts available for those students who are eligible for the Free or Reduced Lunch program. To access the registration link, see the AP exam schedule, and for more information about taking the AP exams, please visit <http://bit.ly/BOWIEAP>. If you have any questions you can contact either Carli Valverde at carli.valverde@austinisd.org or Laura Loza at laura.loza@austinisd.org.

Do you want to **run with the Dawgs?** We're looking for people to join our Bowie HS Cap 10K team. Please use EventDog.com to sign up with our team name: Bowie HS-Go Dawgs!

Sincerely,

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