



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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Bulldog Nation,

I am sad to report that **classes will be canceled on Friday, 12/14/18**. As you may be aware, the JBHS campus was vandalized early this morning. Stones and rocks were used to break out a number of windows in multiple buildings on campus. If you or your child have any information regarding this crime, please call 512.472.8477 to make a report. We have a lot of window to repair, and given the weather forecast, we are taking everything into consideration. **Until further notice, the campus is closed**. Students and teachers are asked not to be on campus until work has been complete and everyone is notified that it is safe. Please ask your student to check **BLEND for communications from teachers** about end of the year projects and tests, and how to prepare for finals.

We are working hard to **identify the suspect** in this case. We are working with the district, campus administration team, teachers and staff, students and parents, as well as Austin and AISD police to find out who perpetrated this significant act of vandalism and proceed accordingly. I know how important it is for everyone to feel safe on campus. **We will have an increased police presence and additional counselors on campus when classes resume next week**. I appreciate the collaboration and support of our Bowie school community. #BowieStrong

Please see the tentative, [modified final exam schedule for next week posted on the website](#). Please note that **Monday is now a C day** so that students can see all of their teachers one more time before finals. We have shortened the exam periods for the first two days, **adding one final to the first two days of testing**, and will release students at 2:20 pm on those days. Please note that we have also added a 45 minute lunch period to the schedule to give students a lunch break, however because of the compressed schedule, **campus will be closed for lunch – seniors will not be allowed to leave for lunch – and deliveries will not be accepted**. We will be **back to our regular schedule on Thursday, 12/20/18**, the last day of finals and the first semester. Winter Break begins on Friday, 12/21/18.

Students will not be penalized for absences today or tomorrow. Attendance incentive certificates will be distributed on Monday, 12/17/18. If students are absent for finals Tuesday through Thursday, **students may sit for makeup exams on January 3 and 4, 2019, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm**. **Student Sharing students will not be taking finals**, therefore those students may report to the College and Career Center for attendance during their exam periods. Special Education Transportation will still run on the original schedule for next week. Bowie Athletic events will be played off campus.

It is not the tragedy that defines your life, it is how you deal with it. I know that we will rally together to support our students through this event. Despite what happened today, I am optimistic about the future of JBHS as we continue the work outlined in the AISD 2017 Bond to build a better Bowie. I hope the students use this extra time to prepare for finals. I know we are all looking forward to the holiday and 2019!

Sincerely,
Mark

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