



Bowie HS Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)

Partnering Together Supporting our Students

Minutes – January 16, 2018

Scholastic Olympics (UMD)

Annual Competition for HS students

- ❖ 1st Place - \$500
- ❖ 2nd Place - \$300
- ❖ 3rd Place - \$200

Quadrathlon (4 contests)

- ❖ Spelling – students prepare using word list
- ❖ History – similar questions given to AP History students
- ❖ Speech – Original essay submitted online 1wk prior to competition where they must present from memory
- ❖ Math –Jeopardy style Math-athon

Career Development workshops will run parallel to the contests

Students are needed! Those interested should register here

<http://wordconsultingllc.com/scholasticolympics/>

Important Dates for Spring 2018: Michele Gardiner – Guidance Dept.

- ❖ Registration for fall classes
9th Grade Classroom Visits are the first week of February. Registration forms are due back on 02/15
10th Grade Classroom Visits are February 7th &8th. Registration forms are due back to their teacher on 02/15.
11th Grade Classroom Visits are January 31st and February 1st. Registration forms are due to their teacher on 02/08.
- ❖ Advanced Placement (AP)
Applications are due on 02/22. Applications will be available in the guidance office and on the Bowie High School website under 2018-2019 Registration. Forms are currently being updated and will be available on the website prior to the classroom visitations.
- ❖ Accuplacer Test
Accuplacer test allows students to apply for Dual Enrollment in college level courses (ex. Bowie State & PG Community College)
Sign Ups are February 7th -February 16th. Forms will be available in Guidance as well as outside our testing coordinators office, Mrs. Slack, in 129C.
Testing dates 2/20 – 3/2 (multiple options)
Students must pass 1 of the 3 sections in order to qualify.
Students interested in program must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 at the end of the previous school year.

Forms will be available on Guidance website <https://sites.google.com/a/pgcps.org/bowie-high-school-counseling-department/>

NACAC College Fair Field Trip for 9th and 11th graders

- ❖ 150-200 colleges on site (Sports and Learning Complex)
- ❖ Students will have information completed and loaded in QR codes, schools will scan and collect student information
- ❖ Fee \$10 which pays for bus
- ❖ Permission slips will be going home with student right before spring break
- ❖ If the buses are not filled, it will be opened up to 10th graders

SAT

- ❖ Spring SAT dates 3/10, 5/5 & 6/2; testing registration deadline is usually 1 mth prior to the test
- ❖ Students should take the SAT at least one time coming into senior year

Naviance – BHS was selected as one of the pilot schools for new program

(Link from Bowie High School front page)

<http://bit.ly/2Dlx08>

- ❖ Students will use their PGcps log in information to access site
- ❖ Guidance Counselors are still learning the system (be patient)
- ❖ College and Career Readiness
- ❖ Resume building beginning with 9th grade and continues to grow with them throughout high school
- ❖ Transcripts and letters of recommendations can be submitted to approx. 90% of colleges and universities
- ❖ Eventually there will be option for parents to create an account, for now parents will need to log in using their student's account to view information
- ❖ Some teachers are giving students extra credit if they log in

Misc

Scholarship email blasts are sent out on a weekly basis, contact guidance if you have not been receiving them.

Graduation notification agreements were given to students 2nd week of Dec. If students did not receive the agreement, they should contact their counselor.

Bowie HS Debate Team – Educational Equity and the Ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

- ❖ Topics discussed:
 - Educational equity, defined from a students' perspective
 - Examples of issues that should be addressed
 - Examples of positive aspects of Bowie High
 - Steps students can take to improve the day to day experience of others
 - Opportunities to advocate at the school, county and state level

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