

Week 3 – 9/2/2024

Good evening Bullard parents, students, teachers and staff, this is Bullard principal Armen Torigian with your weekly update.

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Attention all parents, this is a reminder that in observance of Labor Day, there is no school this Monday, September 2nd. School will resume on a regular schedule on Tuesday, September 3rd. Due to it being a 4-day week, there will be no early release (teacher collaboration) schedule this Tuesday.

Attention all parents and students, one of our all-school goals this year is to reduce the number of tardies to first period, and we need your help! Please help us by making sure that our students arrive at school on time and get into class! This is a reminder that we are on a regular schedule tomorrow, Monday, August 26th, and school will start at 8:30am.

As we enter the 3rd week of school, parents please begin and get in the habit of checking ATLAS to ensure that your student is completing and turning in all their assignments. If you have any questions on how to check your student's ATLAS or how to set up EduText, please call our guidance office and ask to speak to one of our counselors.

This week is the Battle of Barstow! Yes, it's back! For the first time since 2015, Bullard and Hoover football players will be strapping on their helmets to battle it out to see who rules Barstow and who will take home the prestigious Battle of Barstow Trophy! Bullard won the battle back in 2015, and the Trophy will be displayed at the front gate of the Bullard Side on Friday night so our community can come and take pictures with the Trophy! We hope to see as many students and families pack the house at McLane Stadium, as this is our first home game! Our Bullard Knights have won their first two games and are looking to continue their winning streak! More information on week long activities will be sent out to our students.

Providing an environment where students are engaged in the classroom requires an environment where students are free from distractions. This is one of the main reasons why Bullard has a smartphone free policy, which went into effect last Tuesday August 20th. The Yondr pouch is a tool that helps our students by placing their phone in their Yondr pouch, so they are not distracted during the instructional day. Each teacher has been issued an unlocking device so that students can unlock their phones in case of an emergency. As an incentive this year, students are allowed to be on their phones during lunch.

As we set goals here at Bullard, one of our main goals is to provide a safe learning environment. This past week we had students running around acting like they were running to a fight. To be clear, we had a verbal argument between two students that was defused by our campus safety assistants, which avoided a fight. However, after that situation, we had a couple of groups of students who thought running to fake fight would be funny, which caused a little campus disruption. I made it very clear to all students if they engage in fighting, and/or run around to act like your running to a fight, they will be suspended immediately. Parents please have discussion with your student that these types of behaviors are not tolerated at Bullard High School.

Yellow emergency cards were sent home with student a couple of weeks ago, along with first day packets that were mailed home to families back in late July, must be turned into the main office as soon as possible. If you need a yellow emergency card or a first day packet, please stop by our main office.

ID cards are in! Distribution of ID cards will start with our Seniors on Tuesday, September 3rd at lunch. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors ID card distribution will begin on Wednesday, September 4th at lunch.

Attention student drivers, if you plan to park in the North Parking lot this year, you will need to have a student parking pass. Look for the QR Code for our Student Parking Permit Application on our website. Parking permits will be required to park in the north lot starting on September 3rd.

This is a reminder that no outside food from any food delivery service or parents will be accepted during the school day due to safety reasons. All food will be turned away and Bullard High School will not be responsible for any refunds.

As I mentioned earlier, providing a safe school environment is one of our goals. Another way to help us obtain this goal is to remind all our students to follow the school dress code when at school. Holes in jeans are only allowed from the knee down, shirts that expose the midriff are not allowed, and no single item of clothing can be more than 50% red or royal blue. A copy of our dress code policy was included your first day packets.

Last, all student drop off and pick up areas are on the street curbs of our campus. Parents, please do not drop your students off in the parking lots, as it slows down the flow of traffic for our students and staff. Students, teachers, and staff are only allowed to enter our parking lots during school hours.

As always, thank you so much for all your support and we are looking forward to seeing everyone this week! Wishing everyone a great first week, have a great evening!