

## **Week 14 – 11/18/2024**

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

For a typed copy of this weekly update and any other important information, please go to our website at <https://bullard.fresnounified.org/> and click on the Weekly Update Graphic.

Attention all parents, this is a reminder that we will be on a Regular Schedule on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and because we have full 5-day week, Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> will be a Teacher Collaboration Schedule with students being dismissed at 2:20pm.

With it being the last week of school before our Thanksgiving break, this coming Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be on an early release schedule and students will be dismissed from school at 1:10pm. Lunch will be served as a grab and go, and buses will be departing school at 1:30pm.

As we enter the 14<sup>th</sup> week of school, parents please continue checking ATLAS to ensure that your student is completing and turning in all their assignments. Being that one of our goals here at Bullard is to have all students graduate on time and to gain double digit gains on our state testing, it is imperative for all of us to work together to hold our students accountable for getting their work completed and turned in on time. 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.

### ***Counseling Update:***

Seniors continue to do a lot of work on **4-year college applications**. Many are to the point they have submitted or are ready to submit their applications. Please check in with your student on their progress. If students still need assistance, BHS Counselors have drop-in support on Wednesdays at lunch or students can reach out to their counselor to schedule a time to meet. **The deadline for CSU and most UC applications is Dec. 2**, which is the first day back after Thanksgiving Break. Seniors should have a counselor check their application for errors before they submit, so completing this task by **November 22** will ensure that they are submitting correctly and avoid possible last minute technical issues.

*\*note: UC Berkeley deadline is Nov. 30*

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** will open the 2025-26 application on December 1. All students are encouraged to apply, completion of the FAFSA will qualify students for free tuition in community college regardless of income.

Bullard High will be offering workshop and assistance on the following dates:

- FAFSA Information & Workshop: December 3: 5:30-7:30 in the BHS Cafeteria
- FAFSA Drop-In Support: December 10: 1:00pm-5:00pm in the BHS Counseling Office

For more information about completing the FAFSA application and to create an FSA ID (account username and password) please go to [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa).

Please see the Senior Handbook for additional and more detailed information.

Attention all students, our annual Winter Formal is set for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and will be at the Golden Palace. Guest passes were due on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>! All guest passes must be approved prior to purchasing a ticket. Tickets are \$50 each and will go on sale this week! Any student on the non-privilege list will not qualify to purchase a winter formal ticket.

Providing a safe school environment is one of our goals. Parents, please help us by monitoring the clothing that your students are wearing to school. As of late, we've had many of our female students wearing tops that are inappropriate for school. Tops that are too short and reveal the entire midsection, sagging of pants that reveal undergarments, and no single item of clothing can be more than 50% red or royal blue, are against the FUSD dress code. Any student not following the dress code will be asked to change before going to class. A copy of our dress code policy can be found on our website.

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. 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.

Attention all parents and students, one of our all-school goals this year is to reduce the number of students who are absent. Over the past few weeks, we have collected data that shows that many of our students are either not coming to school or are being called out for appointments and not returning to school. Parents, please help us by making sure your student is attending school every day and doing the best you can to schedule appointments before or after school. We do understand that this can't be avoided at times, however, for us to help your student be successful in school, we need them to be in class learning. Thank you for your help and understanding.

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 always, thank you so much for all your support! Wishing everyone a great week ahead, have a great evening!