

## **Week 31 – 4/15/2024**

Good evening Bullard Parents, Students, teachers, and staff, this is Bullard principal Armen Torigian with your weekly update!

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

This is a reminder that we will be on a Late Monday Schedule, tomorrow, April 15<sup>th</sup>, and school will start at 9:00am.

As we begin the 31<sup>st</sup> week of the school year, we want to remind parents to please monitor your student's grades on ATLAS to ensure that they are completing their work and turning in their assignments on time.

### **New Information**

Attention parents and students, Bullard Juniors will be taking the annual state test (SBAC) this week and next. This week, Tuesday thru Friday, juniors will be taking the English portion of the test, and next week, Wednesday and Thursday, juniors will take the Math portion of the test. We will be on a block schedule on all testing days. Go to our website to access the block schedule.

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As many schools around the state begin to take the annual state test (SBAC), we want all our Juniors to be ready! Teachers and Vice Principals have spoken to Juniors in their English and Math classes and stressed the importance of this test. Teachers have set goals with their students and student incentives have been set up for those who perform well on the test. Once SBAC testing is complete, we will be raffling off prizes, and any junior who meets or exceeds standards will earn a trip to Cal Skate when we return in August. Junior parents please make sure that your students gets plenty of rest and are prepared to do their absolute best! It's time to Armor Up and Uphold the Shield!

Congratulations to Bullard Softball Coach Jaime Maxey for earning her 500<sup>th</sup> win! Our Bullard Softball team secured the win on Friday with a 7-2 win against Edison! Congratulations to Coach Maxey and the Bullard Softball program for this amazing accomplishment and milestone!

The results are out! Congratulations to all of our students who volunteered their time to sell Kid's Day Newspapers back on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Our students raised over \$11,000 for Kid's Day and Valley Children's Hospital and earned the 1<sup>st</sup> place finish for the high school raising the most money on that day! Great job to our Bullard Knights and our Bullard Community for getting out there and giving back to Valley Children's Hospital!

This is a reminder that Bullard is a cell phone free environment and that all cell phones must be put away in their Yondr Pouches during instructional time while at school. The expectation is that students arrive to first period with their pouch unlocked and open for the teacher to ensure the student's phone is in the pouch. If the student arrives to their first period with the pouch locked, your student's teacher will unlock the pouch to ensure the student's phone is in the pouch. Students who don't have their phones in their pouches will be given the opportunity to correct their actions in class. Any student who doesn't have a Yondr pouch or has vandalized their pouch will be referred Student Services and consequences will be given. Parents, please remind your students to bring their Yondr Pouches every day and to use them. We have seen a huge increase in academic progress and students have been more engaged in class when using the Yondr Pouch.

Attention all parents, please remind your students that the use of hateful or offensive speech is not acceptable under any circumstances here at Bullard. Hate or offensive speech can be incredibly harmful, perpetuating discrimination, bigotry, and violence against individuals or groups based on their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or other characteristics. It can create hostile environments, foster division in communities, and undermine the dignity and rights of individuals. Here at Bullard we want our students and staff to promote respect, understanding, and empathy towards each other which is crucial for fostering a tolerant and inclusive society. Encouraging constructive dialogue,

celebrating diversity, and advocating for equality are important steps towards creating a more harmonious and respectful Bullard.

### Repeated Information

Attention parents, we need your help in reminding our students of the importance of arriving to school on time, as well as getting to class on time. Tardy sweeps are conducted on a daily basis and students are receiving consequences for being late to class.

Attention all parents as we navigate the digital age, it's crucial to stay vigilant about your students' online activities during the evening hours. Monitoring your student's social media usage is essential for their safety and well-being. Encourage open communication about their online experiences and set clear guidelines for responsible usage. Remind them of the impact their words can have and the importance of treating others with kindness and respect, both online and offline.

Attention parents, this is a reminder to please drop off and pick up your students outside our parking lots to ensure the safety of our students and staff, and to avoid congestion in our small parking lots. Students can be dropped off on the curbs right outside the school.

Bullard has been a cell phone free environment for the past year and as towards the end of the first semester, we have noticed that many students have had their phones out during the day around school.

Attention parents to provide safety to our students during the lunch hour, we ask that if you are trying to pick up a student, please park on Palm Avenue and walk in through our pedestrian gate to the main office. If you are already on campus, we ask that you please exit from the Barstow Parking lot.

Attention Seniors! This is a reminder that all seniors must be responsible for coming back to school on time for class after lunch. Any senior with excessive tardies or absences will lose their privilege of having an off-campus pass.

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.

ATTENTION PARENTS! Please help us by checking your student's attire when leaving the house. We want to remind our students that all students must 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, shorts must be at least at mid-thigh, Bullard hats are the only hats that are acceptable to be worn on campus, and no single item of clothing can be more than 50% red or royal blue. A copy of our dress code policy was included in the summer mailer, the first day packets, and is also available on the Bullard Website. Last, all students drop off and pick up areas are on the street curbs of our campus. Students, teachers, and staff are only allowed to enter our parking lots during school hours.

For any information regarding daily school and athletic events, and to see this messenger or our Week At A Glance, please visit our website at <https://bullard.fresnounified.org>

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