



James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

The Homecoming football game and dance are coming up at the end of this month. The football game is on Friday, October 25, 2019, at Burger Field against Austin High School. All current students and alumni are welcome to attend the game and cheer on the Dawgs! The **Homecoming Dance is on Saturday, October 26, at Bowie High School from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** All Bowie students are welcome to attend this fun and spirited event organized by the PTSA and JBHS Student Council. Tickets for the dance will be sold during both lunches at the Kennel from October 23 through October 25. Tickets are \$10.00. If you purchase a ticket for the homecoming dance at the event on Saturday, they will be \$15.00. To purchase tickets, students must have their Bowie Student ID card for the current school year. If Bowie students are bringing a guest that does not attend Bowie, their guest must be currently enrolled as a high school student. If the guest is from a different school, Bowie students must pick up a [Dance Guest Approval Form](#) from the front office. This form must be completed along with a photocopy of the guest's school ID in order to purchase a ticket for the guest. Please contact the faculty sponsor for Student Council, Ms. Brett, (kaylin.brett@austinisd.org) or see the [PTSA website](#) if you have any questions.

We have been working with the City of Austin to correct the timing of the light at the entrance and exit to the campus at Slaughter Lane. As a reminder to anyone [picking up or dropping off students](#), the drive loop around Lot A is now open. To access the loop around student Lot A please use the Slaughter entrance and the left thru-traffic lane in front of the campus. When you pass the big red canopy and main crosswalk at the front of the school, take a slight left to enter the loop. Once on the loop, pick-up/drop-off can happen in the right lane and the left lane will be for thru traffic; just like the drive in front of campus that exits on Wolftrap. When students leave the school at dismissal, everyone should walk to the main crosswalk at the front of campus. Once a student is in the crosswalk by the handicapped parking spaces, they can survey the entire Lot A and loop drive to the Slaughter exit from that protected vantage point. Students are able to walk through the parking lot with the students who have parked there, to walk to their ride.

The opening of student Lot A has also increased our ability to provide handicap parking and visitor parking for our community. The City of Austin, Page Architects, and Bowie High School encourage anyone picking up or dropping off students to use one of the two drive lanes on campus. It is much safer for cars to enter campus to pick up and drop off, than it is to back up and wait on Slaughter Lane for students to enter or exit a vehicle. Thanks again for all your help and support with our traffic improvements!

Bowie's PTSA is a terrific way to be an effective partner in your child's education. PTSA does not require much time or money – just an interest in knowing more about your child's school and helping your student succeed. It's a great way to be an effective partner in your child's education. Research shows that students whose families are involved in their education are more likely to succeed

academically and often have better behavior. Bowie's Parent Teacher Student Association is here to help you do that.

PTSA is the organization that sponsors schoolwide programs like the Bulldogs and Hotdogs Festival, the Homecoming Dance, offers scholarships to seniors, and raises funds for school initiatives. Austin PTA members have also worked together to help make CapMetro rides free for students and to advocate for more money for Texas public schools. We hope that you will become a member of our PTA this year! Membership is open to anyone who cares about our campus community. **Membership is only \$10 for an adult and \$5 for a student! [JOIN TODAY!](#)**

October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and to signify its importance, STOMP Out Bullying™ created the [World Day of Bullying Prevention™](#). On Monday, October 7, 2019, all staff and students are encouraged to make a stand in solidarity against bullying and cyberbullying by wearing a **BLUE SHIRT**. In addition to participating in the World Day of Bullying Prevention, I will also include messages in our morning announcements throughout the month to help students recognize various forms of bullying, to remind them that incidents of bullying should be reported to their counselor or assistant principal, and to encourage students to stand up against bullying as it happens, whenever possible. I invite you to peruse the [parent resources](#) STOMP Out Bullying™ provides on their website, but you are also welcome to reach out to our counselors or assistant principals if you have specific concerns for your child.

Austin ISD Transportation offers the [WheresTheBus](#) app to provide families with timely information about the location of each child's bus, including when it will arrive at their stop. Parents may access the Where's The Bus platform in the AISD Parent Cloud or download the app and identify Austin ISD as the school district. The app is free to AISD families whose children ride the bus. The app is available on any device with Internet access (smartphone, tablet, personal computer, iPod)—and takes less than five minutes to install. At AISD, our transportation team is committed to providing families with the best service. For any questions about bus transportation, please call 512-414-0238.

The JBHS Counselors have released their [newsletter](#) for October with links and both general as well as grade level specific news. The next **late start** school day is Thursday, October 3, 2019. We will have a **student holiday** on Friday, October 11, and Monday, October 14, while teachers are in staff development. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend next week!

The fourth **public meeting for the Bowie modernization project** will be held on Wednesday, October 16, in the Bowie Cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Page Architects will provide an update on the Athletics & Fine Arts Improvements Schematic Design and Parking & Traffic Improvements Construction Documents. Please see the [Bowie page of the Austin ISD 2017 Bond website](#) for more information.

Sincerely,
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