



# James Bowie High School

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Thursday, October 31, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

What a year so far! This Friday is the **end of the second six weeks** of school. Report cards will be distributed on Thursday, November 7. Please look for those in email or reach out to Data Processing by calling the main office.

A big **thank you** to all of our Bowie families, staff, and students for your patience and understanding regarding construction! Because of you, we have been able to be responsive to campus needs during this significant time of transition. We believe that we have developed the best Bowie traffic flow option (ever!) with the current configuration and **do not expect a major change in traffic circulation** for the remainder of this year.

With that being said, we need your support in a couple of areas. In the mornings, vehicles exiting on Wolftrap Drive, **please yield for buses** coming onto campus. This will require cars to stop short of the intersection and move towards the right side when a bus is present. In the afternoons, we want to encourage cars entering campus to not block traffic on Slaughter. We have **room for cars to queue up for pick-up around Lot A** (immediately across from the canopy to the left). These cars can come on to campus in the thru-traffic lane (left lane) proceed in front of the Bowie entrance and take a left after the temporary flag pole, and then may park in the pick-up lane on the right. Students may cross at the main crosswalk and proceed to their rides with the Seniors parked in Lot A. As always, please adhere to signs and traffic monitors on campus. Thanks again for your cooperation and support!

Watching your child academically struggle is never easy. Many students hold inaccurate beliefs about their intelligence and/or ability and may say things like, "I'm just not good at this subject." When left unaddressed, particularly during the challenging transition to high school, these beliefs can cause reduced motivation, engagement, and academic performance. However, our partnership with University of Texas growth mindset expert Dr. David Yeager has given Bowie 9th grade students access to a research-based program that helps them combat their negative self-talk and adopt a belief that they can develop academic abilities through effective study strategies. On October 16, all freshmen engaged in the **Growth Mindset for 9th Graders program**, a two-part online module developed by the Project for Education Research that Scales (PERTS); 9th grade students will complete the second online module in December. Because **mindsets are emerging as a focus for the entire Bowie vertical team**, I invite all parents to learn more about growth mindset, as well as belonging mindset and purpose mindset, by visiting the [Mindset Scholar Network](#) website.

Friday is the last day for seniors to get their **free senior portrait** taken on campus. To sign up, either for a retake or for the first portrait, go to [www.BowieYB.com/seniors](http://www.BowieYB.com/seniors) for the link to the sign up. Remember, senior portraits must be taken and selected by December 1, 2019, to be included in this year's edition of the Lone Star. A reminder that November 4 is the last day to save \$20 on the 2020 yearbook! It's also the last day for our early bird prices on senior ads. More details are available at [www.BowieYB.com](http://www.BowieYB.com).

AISD is offering **free flu shots**. Bowie's flu shot clinic will be on November 21, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Southwest Room. Please [click here](#) for information and consent forms. Students may also pick up forms in the Bowie front office. All consent forms for flu shots must be returned to the Bowie front office by Thursday, November 14, 2019.

Sincerely,  
Mark Robinson

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