



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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Friday, March 6, 2020

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is a 100+ year old global anti-hate organization whose long standing commitment is to secure justice and fair treatment for all people. ADL's [No Place for Hate® initiative](#) is a school climate improvement program that provides schools with an organizing framework for combating bias, bullying, and hatred. As a **No Place for Hate® campus**, the Student Leadership class at Bowie develops and implements three schoolwide activities each year that enhance their peers' understanding of these issues. The third and final activity for the year will be a parade and rally held during FIT on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The theme for this year's parade and rally is "**No SPACE For Hate!**" Led by the Student Leaders and their out-of-this-world float, the Silver Stars, cheerleaders, band, clubs, and other organizations will guide the student body around the school and into the courtyard for the rally, demonstrating Bowie's collective commitment to interrupt bias, bullying, and hatred. If your rising junior or senior has an interest in building leadership skills and working to create a positive and inclusive campus through activities like No Place For Hate®, please encourage them to apply for the Student Leadership class by April 1, 2020. (Please click [here](#) for the application).

As will be necessary throughout construction over the next few years, we are constantly re-evaluating changing conditions on campus and trying to reasonably balance safety, convenience, efficiency, and put systems that work in place for our entire community. The traffic pattern at James Bowie High School has changed considerably for this school year and will be modified again for the 2020-2021 school year as construction continues and improvements are made. At this time, we are **actively planning for future construction in athletics and fine arts next year and need your help!**

**The traffic consultants on the Bowie project have designed two one-way traffic loops:** one in the front of the campus, entering from Slaughter Lane, for student parking, pick up and drop off, as well as short and long term visitor parking; and the other, entering from Wolf Trap, around the back of campus and exiting on Slaughter for everyone who has business with the school - faculty/staff, AISD and visitor buses, commercial deliveries, and increasing traffic associated with construction. Parking for large events, after school hours, and on weekends is available in student Lot A. For the remainder of this school year there will be one route through campus from Slaughter to Wolftrap as well.

**Making the loop down the sides and around the back of campus a one way drive is necessary for several reasons.** There is a high volume of school bus traffic, including the shuttle bus, which runs from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and virtually all faculty and staff use that drive. As you know, we have students traveling to and from the portables and athletic fields throughout the day. Recently, the SROs have grown increasingly concerned about drivers turning into traffic or traveling against the flow of traffic causing frequent close-calls or near-misses for pedestrian and vehicle accidents.

Because safety is paramount, I would like to remind our student drivers and everyone in our parent community about the importance of following the established traffic patterns. **All student traffic, parents, and visitors to Bowie are to use the drive lanes in front of the campus.** At no time should parents enter the campus at Wolftrap or drive around the back loop -- **the Wolftrap entrance and the back loop are for school buses, Austin ISD and staff vehicles only.** I realize that this may be a new habit or less convenient in some cases, but in the interests of safety, we need everyone in our Bowie school community to follow this traffic pattern. Austin ISD police will be enforcing the traffic pattern outlined for Bowie. We will continue to monitor, review, evaluate, and add additional signage so that the system is clear for everyone, including students, parents, and visitors to the campus.

**The list of names of candidates for graduation has been prepared and ready for review** for accuracy by the Class of 2020 and their family. Since diplomas and transcripts are legal documents, names must match what is on the student's birth certificate or have a legal document on file showing a name change. However, beginning this year, the name printed in the graduation program or announced during the ceremony may be a preferred name. Students, even those over the age of 18, must have a parent/guardian approve any name change request for the graduation ceremony. Lists of names are available in the main office, counselors' offices, the College/Career Center, senior English, government, and economic classes. Forms for making name change requests are available in the main, front office and with the counselors. **All name change forms are to be turned into the registrars' office no later than March 25, 2020.**

The date of the next Bowie **HS Phase 1 Modernization Project community meeting has been rescheduled for a date TBD in April, 2020.** James Bowie High School will be closed for Spring Break from March 16 through March 20, 2020. I hope that everyone enjoys a safe and satisfying week off of school!

Go Dawgs!  
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