



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

May 6, 2020

Dear Bulldog Nation,

How did it get to be May?! While we are working hard to improve our model of continuous learning online, and planning for a new school year to start in the fall that may or may not be different from previous years, we are preparing to academically and physically close out the current 19-20 school year. We hope that your student is staying engaged and empowered with all of the learning required in their current courses and that all of our families are safe and well. We are in this together, Bulldog Nation!

With the unanticipated closure of our school building, our staff did not have the opportunity to collect all of the equipment, supplies, and uniforms that were issued to students earlier in the school year. **AISD has identified three days for students and/or parents to return these school-issued items: Friday, May 8, Tuesday, May 12, and Friday, May 15, 2020.** Specific drop-off times have been designated by the teachers, sponsors, and coaches at Bowie. Available appointment times and specific drop-off instructions will be emailed out by the staff members responsible for those programs before Friday, May 8. *Please note that the plans for the collection of AISD issued Chromebooks from seniors is happening independently through a method and at a date to be determined.

Given the circumstances, Austin ISD has prohibited anyone other than campus staff from entering the facilities. Therefore, if you know that your **student has personal items at Bowie** - in a locker, classroom, or another area of the campus - that you would like retrieved, please reach out to your child's teacher, coach, or sponsor to coordinate a curbside pick up of those items on your drive through campus. Please contact staff directly for a coordinated time since they may need specific information like a locker combination, description, or location in order to assist you. Staff members may or may not be able to accommodate these requests, meaning some materials will remain on campus until they can be retrieved when schools reopen. **We appreciate your help** and understanding as we work to collect school property and return personal items!

For those dropping off or picking up items from Bowie on May 8, May 12, or May 15, please be aware that the district has established strict protocols for this process. **Thank you for following these precautions** to ensure a smooth process and keep your family and other members of our AISD community healthy and safe.

- Please follow all of the teachers' instructions to pick up and drop off at the designated time and location(s.)
- NO ONE other than JBHS staff will be allowed to enter any of the buildings for any reason.
- At the time of your appointment, enter the campus from Wolftrap and follow the one way drive to loop behind the school to find the designated location given to you by your child's teacher, coach, or sponsor.
 - Please note any specific instructions regarding designated bins or materials.
 - You will need to exit onto Slaughter Lane by the Bowie High School marquee.
- Please do not drive or ride to Bowie if you or a member of your household has any symptoms of the coronavirus or has been within 6 feet of someone from outside of your household within the previous 14 days. Everyone will need to adhere to the social distancing requirements of maintaining at least 6 feet from Bowie staff or any of our other families at all times.
- Please bring a mask or cloth face covering and wear it while on school property. It is also recommended that you wear gloves while handling your items for drop off and/or pick up.

Please contact your child's teacher or campus administrator with any questions or concerns.

OTHER NEWS

Teacher Appreciation Week is this week, May 4-8, 2020! This year we are going to have to get a little creative about how we celebrate our teachers; virtually. We won't be able to hold a luncheon or fill up the faculty lounge with treats, but we can still celebrate ALL of the hard work that our staff put in before all this uncertainty, as well as their current work as an online teacher. We are so appreciative of our Bowie PTSA for providing gift cards to each staff member to Craig's in place of the luncheon this year! Thank you Bowie PTSA and Craig's!

Please take a moment to reach out to your students' teachers, and/or have your student reach out to say "thank you" for everything they do. I wanted to share a [website](#) with some great ideas for virtual teacher appreciation to help get you started. Do you want to highlight a particularly *awesome* teacher for going above and beyond? Submit the teacher's name for an Austin ISD [RAVES for Teacher Appreciation](#) award or make a contribution to the [Austin Ed Crisis Support Fund](#) in honor of a teacher.

The JBHS counseling team is hard at work now more than ever so please be sure to check out the most **recent [counseling newsletter](#)**. We recognize that future plans may be changing for your student or family. Bowie's College and Career Counselor, Ms. Carli Valverde, is available for any juniors or seniors with questions about college, career, scholarships, career or the military process. Email Ms. Valverde at carli.valverde@austinisd.org or schedule a time to meet with her through Zoom at: <https://calendly.com/carli-valverde/check-ins>

I wanted to share the following **note for all Seniors from Nurse Peterson**: a child registered in ImmTrac2 (the state immunization database) must sign an adult consent form when they turn 18 years old. The registry holds childhood immunization records until the participant turns 26 years old. If a person does not submit an [ImmTrac2 Adult Consent Form \(EF11-13366\)](#) by their 26th birthday, their immunization records are deleted.

Thus far, about 200 seniors have completed **the district's exit survey** (click [HERE](#) to preview the survey). The survey is providing helpful information about seniors' post-high school plans, the extent to which the current world health crisis is altering their decisions for the fall, and how Bowie might be able to support students over the summer. We would appreciate hearing back from every senior. Please share this [LINK](#) or the QR code below with your senior and encourage them to respond:



Stay strong and reach out for help if needed, Bowie.

Until we can meet at the tree,

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