



# James Bowie High School

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Thursday, August 8, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

The first day of school is almost here! In order to keep our families better informed of significant events in the annual school calendar, the JBHS counseling team has created an overview [calendar of events](#) for this school year and will update information frequently. This **list of important dates** will be updated frequently during the school year. You can also see which counselor and administrator assigned to your child, as determined by last name, on the [Bowie counseling department website](#) now.

Beginning in fall 2017, all high school students in Austin ISD were assigned their own computer as part of the district's [Everyone:1](#) initiative. Therefore, all Bowie students are required to bring a fully charged computer with a minimum 10" screen to school every day. There is no charge to participate in the school's program and students can keep these Chromebooks to use in class and take home until they graduate. **We prefer students use a Bowie-issued Chromebook rather than a personal computer or other device in order to access specific classroom and testing programs only available on the AISD Chromebooks.**

Chromebooks will be issued to incoming 9th grade students during their Biology class on August 22 or 23, 2019. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who are new to Bowie can check out a Chromebook from the A-hall Technology Room before school or during lunch on August 22 and 23. **NOTE: Before a Chromebook can be checked out to a student, the parent must submit the consent form through the [AISD Parent Cloud](#). If you do not have a Parent Cloud Account, you can register for one online using the same link. Parents are encouraged to take care of this as soon as possible!**

While cell phones can be a useful device as a supplemental tool for some classroom activities, they can also be disruptive or distracting to many learners. Please be aware of Bowie's new cell phone policy and take a few minutes to visit with your child about their teachers' expectations.

**NEW! BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY (BYOT) POLICY (includes all electronic devices such as computers, smartphones, tablets, watches, earbuds, etc.):**

- All Bowie students are required to bring a fully charged computer to school every day.
- During class periods, personal technology is only allowed for educational purposes.
- You must have teacher permission to use your device in class.
- Technology should be visible when in use.
- Taking pictures and video is only allowed with teacher/staff and other student permission.
- THINK before you post anything (Is it: TTrue, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, & Kind?)

- Technology may be collected by the teacher to prevent disruption to the learning environment.

**Students will take their yearbook pictures** and receive their student IDs during their English class. Juniors & Seniors are scheduled on 8/27 or 8/28, and Freshmen & Sophomores on 8/29 or 8/30. As a reminder, beginning on 9/2 students will be provided with a lanyard and will be **required to wear their student IDs on campus** during the school day. Students who forget or lose their IDs will not be allowed to enter class. Instead, they will be sent to the office and issued one free temporary permit per semester. Any subsequent days they fail to have their ID, they will need to purchase a replacement ID for \$5 and a lanyard for \$2 before going to class. ID replacements can be purchased using cash in the library or the main office or purchased online using a credit card (see information for online purchase [here](#)).

Because of the construction at Bowie this summer, Bowie was only able to offer a very abbreviated Freshman orientation event in May 2019; Camp Bowie Express. To make sure our Freshman have all the information they need for a successful start in high school, our 9th grade math, science, English, and social studies teachers will be **embedding orientation activities** in their classes during the first and second weeks of school. Within a few days, our Freshman will be more confident about the campus, familiar with its resources, and have a much stronger sense of what it means to become part of Bulldog Nation!

We hope everyone is excited about the promise of a new school year. We will be sending detailed information about the first day and weeks of school in an upcoming communication. We will see you all on **Tuesday, August 20**, (a B-day) for the first day of school!

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson  
Principal  
James Bowie High School  
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