

James Bowie High School

Pride In Performance

Friday, September 13, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

Thank you to our community for working with us as we transition to a new parking garage for the 2020-21 school year. Many family members and staff have expressed positive sentiments regarding the dedicated and concerted effort by Bowie to facilitate the process. The opening of student Lot A has increased our ability to provide handicap parking and visitor parking for our community. It has also allowed us to open an alternative path for student pick-up that exits onto Slaughter.

To access the loop around student Lot A please use the thru-traffic lane on the left and turn left at the loop when you pass the big red canopy and main crosswalk at the front of the school. Once on the loop pick-up/drop-off can happen in the right lane and the left lane will be for thru traffic. When students exit the campus, they should use the main crosswalk at the front of campus. From that protected vantage point, they can survey the entire Lot A and loop drive to the Slaughter exit. Students are able to walk through the parking with the students who have parked there, to walk to their ride. Thanks again for all your help and support with our traffic improvements!

Seniors, don't forget we will be having an Application Help Night on September 16 and September 26, 2019, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the College and Career Center. If you're unable to make it to these, we will have one each week through November. This is a great opportunity for you to work on your applications, whether it's for college, scholarships, or FAFSA. We will have the Texas A&M admissions representative available (some nights) to help answer questions you might have. Please sign up to attend here: <u>http://bit.ly/2KfOM91</u>.

Ms. Valverde will also be taking a group of seniors to the AISD College Fair on September 25, 2019, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Seniors are encouraged to attend as there will be about 100 schools in attendance to help answer questions about their programs and the application process. Please sign up to attend through Naviance or stop by the College and Career Center to let Ms. Valverde know. Sign up closes on September 20. Please see the <u>flyer</u> to view the schools that will be at the college fair.

As a critical part of the safety plans for all high schools in Austin ISD, all students are required to wear their IDs while in school during the regular schedule. Implementation at Bowie has gone really well so far this year! If a student has lost their ID, they will need to purchase a new one in the main office. Replacement IDs cost \$5 and payment can be made in cash or using a credit/debit card through <u>school</u> <u>cash online</u>. All students also received a Bowie Bulldogs lanyard but may wear their own lanyard if they choose. Replacement lanyards are \$2 and may be purchased in the same way.

If you would like to purchase a replacement ID or lanyard from the convenience of home, you may purchase through <u>school cash online</u> as well. Please print the receipt and bring it to the main office in the morning to receive your ID and/or lanyard. Parents may have created an account by purchasing items from school cash online in the past. If you already have an account, please share that information with your student so they do not need to create a new account when it comes time to purchase a new ID. You do not need to wait until you lose your ID to purchase a new one. Several parents and students have already purchased a new ID and lanyard to have on hand in case they lose the one they have.

Students are required to wear their badges at all times on the campus and must be worn so that they are visible from the front. They should be worn around the neck on a lanyard or clipped to their shirt. IDs should not be attached to backpacks or clipped on a student's pants/shorts/skirts. The Bowie ID Policy can be found on the <u>JBHS website</u>.

Go Dawgs! Mark Robinson

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