



# James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

**Tonight is Bowie's first "flipped" Back-to-School Night.** As you know from Back-to-School Nights in the past, parents would walk their child's schedule and attend an information session in each of their child's classes. Teachers would present general information and review the course syllabus. Now that information is available to you online in the form of a video. Each teacher has created a brief presentation and posted it on their course landing page in BLEND to give you the same information you would have received by attending the event in previous years. If those presentations answer all of your questions and give you all the information you would like to receive to start this school year, you don't even have to leave your house tonight! You can see your child's courses and the teachers' presentations by accessing BLEND in the AISD Parent Portal (<https://portal.austinisd.org>). If you're not familiar with BLEND or need more explicit instructions about accessing it, go to the BLEND introduction at <http://bit.ly/BLENDparentTOUR>.

If you would like to personally visit the campus on Back-to-School Night you are welcome to do so. **For those who choose to attend the event in-person, we will offer an open-house format allowing for three 20-minute presentations about various aspects of Bowie student life selected from a menu of options from 6-7:30pm.** Teachers will not be making presentations in their classrooms and will not be able to discuss individual student issues, but they will be at their doors to greet you and invite you to look around their classrooms. To plan your evening, please reference the [campus map](#) and the [Back-to-School Night Parent Flyer](#).

Austin Council of PTAs is hosting a free day of hands-on family fun and valuable information. Back the Future will be **at the PAC from 10:00am-1:00pm on Saturday, September 28.** All are welcome! This event is educational, informative and active. It's a terrific time for families and PTA leaders to find valuable information about community groups that want to connect with students and families. It is also a great opportunity to see some of the terrific things that AISD schools have to offer.

This year we're **piloting a new system of support with our 9th grade students called the Bowie On-Site Support (BOSS) Center.** The BOSS Center is a place for teachers to send students during class who are missing assignments and need a temporary space to complete necessary work in order to keep up with classroom instruction. In addition to being a place to complete and submit missing work, the teacher in the BOSS Center will provide academic counseling in order to instill good habits that will help these 9th grade students stay on track. Students who need specific content tutoring can access the 9th Grade Tutoring Center in B204 before school, during FIT, at lunch, and after school, and can attend their teachers' FIT sessions for additional one-on-one help.

Student parking is now available on campus for students with a parking pass for Lot A. **Short term visitor parking** is also available in the smaller lot immediately adjacent to the right of Lot A. Traffic parking on campus should take the first left to enter the parking lot. **An additional pick up and drop off lane that circles Lot A to exit on Slaughter is also now open.** All traffic entering Bowie from Slaughter will queue in the right lane, leaving the left lane for traffic exiting campus. Please encourage your students to use the marked crosswalks. Drivers should exercise caution and be alert when approaching the crosswalk. At the main crosswalk between the canopy entrance to campus and Lot A, drivers must make a choice to continue straight past the campus and exit on Wolftrap, or turn left to loop around Lot A and exit on Slaughter. If drivers use both lanes and pull all of the way up before loading and unloading, it should prevent traffic backing up on Slaughter. The Bowie campus is both a large high school and active construction site, and safety is our top priority. Therefore, please follow all directional signage, control your speed, and exercise caution when picking up and dropping off at Bowie.

With the school year underway, please remind your student to bring their **fully-charged computer** and **their student IDs** to Bowie with them every day!

Go Dawgs!

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