



# James Bowie High School

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Friday, January 4, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

Happy 2019! I hope everyone has had a peaceful and joyous new year. We are excited to get this semester off to a great start at Bowie High School! I hope that you and your student are enjoying the last couple of days of Winter Break. We look forward to everyone returning to school on Monday, January 7, 2019!

As students return to classes at 9:00 a.m. on Monday they will need to check the rosters posted in front of the library or in the Fine Arts Foyer, or their schedule in TEAMS, to confirm the location for their Spring Semester, first period class. Some classes may have changed in the master schedule to accommodate one semester classes. Therefore, all students will receive an official paper copy of their schedule of classes that they must present to each of their teachers on Monday and Tuesday for attendance as they enter classrooms. Students who do not have a first period class, as well as students with Student Sharing first period, should report to the main office by 10:15 a.m. when they arrive on campus to pick up their schedule. After first period all students will report to their Advisory class during FIT for important campus information and updates. The location of advisory classes will be listed on the official hard copy schedule. We will follow our regular bell schedule next week.

January is School Board Recognition Month. The Texas Association of School Boards has selected "Planting Seeds of Success" as this year's theme. I hope you will join me in expressing appreciation to the Austin ISD School Board for their dedication and hard work. Serving as a board member is a significant commitment which makes a huge impact on our school and community. We have a tremendous board with great vision and their wise stewardship has made AISD an outstanding school district. Thank you Austin ISD School Board!

The counselors at JBHS are getting ready to help your students choose their courses for next school year. Please take some time to talk with your child about which classes to take. Students are encouraged to consult with their current teachers about which course is next in the pathways or which level of rigor in a discipline is appropriate for them. The administration builds the master schedule of courses around student requests, therefore it is important that courses are thoughtfully selected so that we may staff teachers appropriately. This consideration is even more important given budget reductions in AISD caused by the state school finance system. Although the menu of course offerings on the choice sheet represents options, please understand that some courses may not make due to student selection or changes in staff.

Counselors will be going into classrooms from January 15 to February 8 to talk about course selections. Students should listen for classes to help them graduate college, career or military ready, and get their questions answered at that time. We will also have a parent night on January 10 which will be live streamed and posted on the JBHS counseling website as well! Parents and students can

attend individual course advising sessions on the Federal Holiday of Presidents Day on February 18, 2019. Please check the “Course Scheduling” section of the JBHS [counseling website](#) for more information about course descriptions and course choices.

The state priority FAFSA deadline is fast approaching and we want to encourage all students to complete it by January 15, 2019, if not before. To ensure that all seniors are given an opportunity to complete it, we will be assigning a FIT session for those who have not completed the FAFSA starting Monday, January 7. This will be an opportunity for students to let the counselors know if they plan to complete it and will also give them an opportunity with help to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Carli Valverde, College and Career Advisor, at 512-414-2356 or you can email her at [carli.valverde@austinisd.org](mailto:carli.valverde@austinisd.org).

The Class of 2019 Senior Class Panoramic Picture is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. Seniors should plan on being at school by 8:00 a.m. that morning to be in the picture. The photo will be taken in front of the school between the A wing and administration building. The Goldbeck Company will be on campus on Thursday, January 24, during both lunches from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. to take payments and distribute photographs. Price packages for seniors range between \$25 for a single panoramic picture to \$45 for three different pictures. They will accept cash, checks, or money orders made payable to Goldbeck Company.

The start of the New Year is a great time to work on goal setting and healthy habits. If you are looking at ways to manage your child’s screen time, please see the list of resources on the [Screenagers website](#). There are a lot of great apps, organizations, and articles that can help!

Sincerely,

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