



James Bowie High School

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Monday, June 18, 2018

Dear Bowie High School Community,

We are getting settled in for our summer at Akins High School! A reminder to everyone that the Bowie campus is closed for renovations this summer. If you need to visit the office for any reason, please look for us in the TSTEM wing to the right of the A+ Credit Union on the Akins High School Campus.

The counseling department will be holding office hours on Tuesdays this summer. Walk in appointments are available between 9:00 a.m. and noon, as well as 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will see anyone who is here before 4:00 p.m. Those dates include June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, and July 24. All of Austin ISD will be closed for the week of July 2 through 6, 2018.

Most colleges and universities require applicants take either the SAT exam or the ACT exam. We recommend that students take at least one official SAT or ACT before senior year. Students are responsible for registering for these exams. For information about exam dates, locations, and exam registration go to the [College Readiness tile](#) on the JBHS website. All Sophomores and Juniors will take a free practice SAT exam (the PSAT) during the school day on October 10th. Bowie will host several additional events to support parents and students as they navigate this process; see below for more information.

***Fall Mock PSAT**

- **WHAT:** The *More Than A Teacher* test prep company will proctor and review a practice PSAT
- **WHEN:** 3:00pm-6:30pm on Sunday, September 9th
- **WHERE:** Bowie Cafeteria
- **WHO:** Juniors (and some highly motivated Sophomores)
- **WHY:** Free practice for the official October PSAT
- **REGISTER (seats are limited):** <https://www.morethanateacher.com/practice-test/bowie-sat-9-9-2018/>

Official College Board PSAT - *required of all students grades 10-11*

- **WHAT:** Official administration of the College Board PSAT
- **WHEN:** 9:00am-1:30pm on Wednesday, October 10th
- **WHERE:** Bowie High School
- **WHO:** 9th graders will take PSAT 8/9 (tentative), all 10th & all 11th graders will take the regular PSAT
- **WHY:** Students can use results to guide preparation for the SAT college entrance exam. Results are also used by the College Board for recognition in the National Merit® Scholarship Program.

***FALL Mock ACT**

- **WHAT:** The *More Than A Teacher* test prep company will proctor and review a practice ACT
- **WHEN:** 9:00am-12:30pm on Saturday, November 10th

- **WHERE:** Bowie Cafeteria
- **WHO:** Juniors (and some highly motivated Sophomores)
- **WHY:** Try an alternate college entrance exam and compare results to official PSAT results to see if one exam or the other would be more beneficial to the student. It's free!
- **REGISTER (seats are limited):** <https://www.morethanateacher.com/practice-test/bowie-act-11-10-2018/>

***Winter Mock SAT**

- **WHAT:** The *More Than A Teacher* test prep company will proctor and review a practice SAT
- **WHEN:** 9:00am-12:30pm on Saturday, January 12th
- **WHERE:** Bowie Cafeteria
- **WHO:** Juniors (and some highly motivated Sophomores)
- **WHY:** Most juniors will take the SAT in March, May, or April, so take a free practice SAT ahead of the real exam.
- **REGISTER (seats are limited):** <https://www.morethanateacher.com/practice-test/bowie-sat-1-12-2019/>

Parent Information Night

- **WHAT:** Bowie counselors will share information about On-Ramps and Dual Credit courses, and representatives from *More Than A Teacher* will help parents understand their student's PSAT score report.
- **WHEN:** 6:30pm-8:00pm on Monday, January 14th
- **WHERE:** Bowie Theater
- **WHO:** 9-11th graders and their parents
- **WHY:** To make an informed course selections and identify test prep resources.

Brown Bag Test Prep Consulting

- **WHAT:** Representatives from *More Than A Teacher* will be available to talk one-on-one about your student's PSAT, SAT, or ACT results. They will explain the results and discuss test prep options.
- **WHEN:** During lunch 11:00am-1:30pm on Thursday, January 24th
- **WHERE:** Bowie VC Room in Main Office
- **WHO:** 9-11th graders and their parents
- **WHY:** Personalized test prep guidance.

***Winter Mock ACT Exam**

- **WHAT:** The *More Than A Teacher* test prep company will proctor and review a practice ACT
- **WHEN:** 3:00pm-6:30pm on Sunday, January 27th
- **WHERE:** Bowie Cafeteria
- **WHO:** Juniors and highly motivated Sophomores
- **WHY:** Take an alternate college entrance exam and compare results to official PSAT results. This is also a good chance for students signed up for the official ACT to practice taking the exam. It's free!
- **REGISTER (seats are limited):** <https://www.morethanateacher.com/practice-test/bowie-act-1-27-2019/>

****Mock exams require advance registration. Registration links will be emailed to students and parents a few weeks in advance of the event.***


As we continue to review campus systems to enhance student safety and security at Bowie, we are planning on starting the 2018-2019 school year with a new initiative. Effective in the fall, students will be required to wear a student ID badge. This idea was advanced by students and teachers so that they are able to recognize other students, and is under review by the administration. A committee has been designated to develop guidelines and implement a system to support students wearing IDs when they are on campus.

Students wearing an ID badge while on campus, not only promotes campus safety but also increases accountability. When campuses implement student badge policies, these campuses are taking the proper steps to ensuring campus safety. Especially on a large high school campus, where students may not know each other, or in some cases look like adults. The badge policy allows school officials to know who belongs on campus without disrupting the students' day.

A badge policy helps in an emergency situation, but also serves practical functions in checking out a library book, scanning for lunch in the cafeteria, or students leaving to go off campus. Student badges identifying who students are and indicate where they are supposed to be. During an emergency, badges help first responders quickly identify students or facilitate reunification with a class or family. More information about this new program will be available in the fall.

If you are having an issue with your Chromebook during the summer months, please email Ms. Theis (debby.theis@austinisd.org) to set up an appointment. Appointment hours are Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No appointments will be scheduled from June 25 - July 7, 2018.

Go Dawgs!



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