



# James Bowie High School

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Thursday, August 16, 2018

## Hello Bowie Students and Families!

Can you believe summer is almost over? Remember, our first day of classes is Monday, August 20, 2018. Below is some information about our first day of classes that you may find helpful.

### Student arrival and departure:

Parents picking up and dropping off students in cars are encouraged to review [procedures for dropping off/picking up students](#). Please note that traffic is VERY heavy the first couple weeks of school. If possible in the first days of school, consider carpooling with a friend or neighbor. Busses drop off at back of the school in the morning and they leave from the side of the school near the academic (B-E) wing. The painted parking spots are reserved for seniors who have earned that privilege with their attendance. Due to construction at Mopac and Slaughter Lane, everyone is going to need to allow more time getting to and from campus during peak hours.

### Veloway:

The [Veloway at Circle C Metropolitan Park](#) is a wheels-only park; therefore, pedestrian traffic is prohibited at all times. There is no access to the campus from the back or side, or gates through the perimeter fence around the campus. If your child walks to school, please be sure that he/she uses a route that does not go through the Veloway and, instead, that he/she enters the campus from the front via Slaughter or Wolftrap. Austin ISD police and park rangers will be notified when/if we receive complaints regarding student foot traffic on the Veloway.

### Where to go when students arrive for the 1st day of school:

Students in grades 9, 10, and 11, will go to “Homeroom/Advisory” at 9:00 a.m. on Monday (8/20), where they will pick up their official class schedules. Students will be able to locate their Homerooms/Advisory classroom number by checking the posted student rosters on Monday morning in front of the library and in the fine arts foyer. All students will attend their homeroom advisory class during FIT at the normally scheduled time after 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> periods for the remainder of the week to receive information on expectations and programs at Bowie.

Students can also log into TEAMS through their [AISD Student Cloud](#) to find their Homeroom/Advisory teacher and location. Homeroom/Advisory information should be available in TEAMS on Sunday, August 19, 2018. Students must follow the paper schedule they receive on the first day of school. If there are any individual classes that won't schedule, your child will have “SEE COUNSELOR” written for that class period, and he/she should

report to the Counseling Office for the period indicated. For information about the Student Cloud go to <http://www.austinisd.org/technology/students/cloud>.

All seniors should report to the cafeteria at 8:30 a.m. on Monday (8/20) for the Senior Kick-Off event. There will be door prizes, breakfast, and other activities. Seniors will receive their official schedules from their Homeroom/Advisory teacher in the cafeteria. We expect our seniors to assist and welcome all students new to Bowie, including freshmen. [Normal dress code](#) and expectations for behavior outlined in the AISD [student code of conduct](#) will be enforced starting the first day of school and any accessories (noisemakers, etc.) that do not have an educational purpose will be collected if brought to school.

Click [here](#) to see a map of the school.

**IMPORTANT NOTE** - The schedule that appears in TEAMS prior to Monday, August 20, 2018, is **unofficial!** The class periods and teachers are likely to change in the process of finalizing the master schedule for all students. Students will receive their **official** schedules in their Homeroom/Advisory classroom on Monday morning. Students do NOT need to print and should NOT follow the unofficial schedule.

#### **FORMS to complete:**

Please take time to complete the [Student Residency Questionnaire](#) and the Free and Reduced Lunch Form [Meal Application](#). It is important to note that you can submit the Free and Reduced lunch form to determine if your family qualifies. This designation qualifies your family for discounts on the SAT exam as well as AP exams, in addition to reduced price meals. The number of students participating in this federal program, may qualify JBHS and AISD for additional funding as well. Therefore, if you think there is a chance [your family may qualify](#), please take a few minutes to complete the form.

#### **Lunch Information:**

- The student body is divided into two lunches on both A-Day & B-Day. A student's lunchtime is determined by his/her 2nd period class on A-Day and his/her 6th period class on B-Day. Please see the [bell schedule](#) on the JBHS website.
- Only Seniors are allowed off-campus privileges during lunch. **(Note: Students MUST have a signed [parent permission form](#) on file and a senior ID in order to leave campus for lunch.)**
- Student lunch costs \$3.05, and the lines may be longer the first few days of school.
- Students can eat in the cafeteria, fine arts hallway and foyer, courtyard, or in the academic wing during the lunch period however must control their volume and put all trash in the appropriate containers.

#### **Lunch Accounts:**

Student meal accounts will be managed through [SchoolCafé](#). If a student has funds remaining at the end of the 2017-18 school year, those funds will automatically transfer to this year. To view balances or add money to a meal account, please access your [SchoolCafé](#) account.

Parents can create a new account by visiting [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com), or by downloading the SchoolCafé mobile application, available on [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices. Through SchoolCafé, parents can make payments, view purchase history, receive low balance alerts, apply for free or reduced price meals and view school menus.

You can find more information about [SchoolCafé](#) by visiting their website, or the [Austin ISD Nutrition & Food Services](#) webpage on the AISD website.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Parents are invited to meet their child's teachers during **Back-to-School Night** on Wednesday, September 5, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. More information will be released after the start of school.
- [Bulldogs and Hotdogs](#) is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Bowie courtyard. This event is for students, parents, future bulldogs and the entire Bowie community!

We are very excited to start the new school year. We are looking forward to all of the academic and extracurricular opportunities and programs that the school year brings. Please call or email office staff if you have questions/concerns. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson  
Principal  
James Bowie High School

#### **Related Links:**

[2018-19 AB Calendar](#)

[2018-19 Bell Schedules](#)

Transportation-to find out if you are on a bus route, please go to:

<https://busstop.austinisd.org/regedpub/default.aspx?load=addressInput&skipPlan=true>

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