



James Bowie High School

❖ Pride In Performance ❖

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

Congratulations go to **Ms. Jessica Davis** on being named the **James Bowie High School Teacher of the Year for 2018-2019!** Ms. Davis graduated from Allegheny College with Bachelor of Science in Biology, before receiving her Masters of Science in Biology from Clemson in 2018. Jessica worked in the biotechnology industry for 15 years before becoming a teacher at Bowie in 2014. We are very proud of Ms. Davis!

Balfour Publishing announced that based on early proofs of this year's yearbook, **the Bowie Lone Star has been selected as a prime sample**, one of only 14 selected out of the thousands of yearbooks they will print this year across the country. As a prime sample, extra copies of the Lone Star will be distributed nationally at workshops and conferences as a model for exemplary student work. The Lone Star staff is honored by the designation and can't wait to share Volume 31 with our Bowie community. This is a reminder that **January 31 is the last day to save \$15 off the distribution day price** at www.BowieYB.com. Thank you for your support of Bowie Yearbook!

Not only has parking long been a challenge for staff, students, and families, but until Bowie is able to provide adequate parking as required by the interlocal agreement between Austin ISD and the City of Austin, architects are unable to secure permits for the 2017 bond-funded improvements to, and expansion of, the Bowie facilities. Expanding parking is made particularly difficult because of impervious cover restrictions that prevent new construction on any of Bowie's undeveloped property. Thus, the plan for next year is to build a parking garage in the location of the current parking lot to add the required number of spaces, and by going vertical, without exceeding the impervious cover restrictions. Because the **construction of the parking garage will take most of the 2019-20 school year**, Bowie will temporarily lose parking capacity in the current lot. Utilizing AISD bus transportation, walking, and carpooling will continue to be important options available to students.

For those students needing to drive a personal vehicle to school, there will be changes to the existing parking permit policies. With input from various district offices, students, teachers, administrators, parents, and our Campus Advisory Council, Bowie leadership has developed a parking plan for next year that prioritizes parking for staff and Seniors, and provides remote parking with shuttle service for other students. While perhaps not ideal for every student's situation, we believe that the plan is equitable and reasonable as a one-year solution. The **details and logistics of the 2019-20 parking plan**, as well as some FAQs, have been developed and are available for your review [here](#), but keep in mind that adjustments to the plan may be necessary as construction plans and timelines are adjusted, or as other issues arise. The parking squeeze will certainly make next year challenging for everyone, so anything you can do to encourage patience, understanding, and cooperation will be very much appreciated!

Graduation day is fast approaching for the **Class of 2019**. Sign up now for **Project Graduation**, an all-night party right after the graduation ceremony on May 31. There will be a silent disco, bowling,

karaoke, games, prizes and more. Ticket prices go up March 16, 2019, so don't wait! You can find everything you need to know on the PG 2019 website: <https://pg2019.wixsite.com/pg2019>.

Beginning on Monday, January 28, 2019, the Bowie Student Leadership class began facilitating the second of three [No Place for Hate Activities](#) they have planned for this school year. **Bowie will be celebrating *Unity Week*** by focusing each day on one of the NPFH pillars. A key historical figure will be highlighted each morning on the announcements, and a special musical playlist will be enjoyed in the courtyard during both lunches. To participate in support of Bowie as No Place for Hate and celebrate *Unity Week*, **students are invited to wear a specific color each day**. The goal of the Student Leadership class is to emphasize the importance of unity in recognition of each individual's diversity.

- January 28 Racial/Ethnic Equality - Green
- January 29 LGBTQ Pride - Rainbow
- January 30 Feminism/Gender Equality - Purple
- January 31 Mental/Physical Disabilities - Blue
- February 1 Bowie Pride - Bowie school shirts

At the end of the week, Student Leaders will be handing out *Unity Week* buttons to students across the campus to keep as a reminder of their importance in Bulldog Nation!

The **flu has arrived** in Austin, Texas. Please remember that if your child has been diagnosed with the flu to consult with your child's pediatrician to determine the child's return to school date. Persistent symptoms like excessive coughing and sneezing, which spread germs, even without fever, may still warrant the child staying home from school.

AISD return to school policy for all illnesses is:

- Students must be fever free 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication, before returning to school. **Do not give fever-reducing medication in the morning and send your child to school.** Your child may still be sick and could cause others to become ill.
- Students with temperatures greater than 99.9 must be picked up from school.
- Students must be free from symptoms of viral gastroenteritis for 24 hours, without the use of anti-diarrheal medication, before returning to school.

Students with symptoms while at school may be sent home.

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson
Principal
James Bowie High School
Follow me on [Twitter](#) @robinson_mark_a

A Recognized School of Excellence

4103 W. Slaughter Lane • Austin, Texas 78749 • 512-414-5247 • FAX 512-292-0527