



James Bowie High School

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Friday, October 12, 2018

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

In the Austin ISD [2017 Bond Program](#), Bowie will receive Phase 1 of a master plan including full modernization of the existing facility. Projects include improved parking facilities, additions and renovations, including athletics and fine arts, to increase capacity of the campus from 2,463 to 2,900 after all phases of the full modernization are complete. The JBHS Campus Architecture Team (CAT) includes architects from Page, construction managers from JE Dunn, as well as students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community members from the Bowie School Community. The CAT is holding a **community meeting to provide an update on the master plan**, as well as outline the design of the parking garage and new facilities for athletics and fine arts. Please join us on **Wednesday, November 14, 2018, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the JBHS cafeteria**. More information about the meeting will be released closer to the date.

The [JBHS Counseling Department](#) has designated October as Senior Month. By the end of this month the counselors will have achieved the goal of meeting with every senior. The counselors are sharing information and answering questions about graduation requirements, the college application process, and managing the demands and emotions of the last year of high school. **The counseling team is asking senior parents to join us on Wednesday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria to get the parent perspective.** We are looking forward to meeting with you so please, bring your questions.

The Peer Mentoring for Freshmen program is launching this month! The purpose of this program is to provide academic and/or social support for 9th graders in their transition to high school. Serving as mentors are juniors and seniors who have shown an interest in, and capacity for, helping others. All peer mentors have been trained through their Student Leadership class to work with their assigned 9th grade students. Peer mentors will help convey the expectations and the realities of high school, including time management, stress management and setting priorities. Peer mentors will also provide guidance about resources in the high school and how to access them - from academic assistance from teachers, to the 9th Grade Tutoring Center, to accessing social-emotional support. Freshmen can be nominated for the program by a teacher, counselor, administrator, or parent. Students may also self-nominate. Nominations may be submitted using the following link:
<https://goo.gl/forms/Ta5xohNicIkYALQY2>

The **AISD Battle of the Books** is a district wide competition to see which high school team can correctly answer the most questions about selected books. The "battle" will be on March 13 at Austin High School during the school day. Book People is sponsoring the event and will be on hand to give out door prizes. Students will also be provided lunch. There are 10 books on the reading list, including a diverse selection of topics such as: civil rights, girl power, immigration, and mental health. Students who are interested in participating should see Ms. Walker in the [library](#) to review the reading list and sign up.

Friday, October 19, is not only the **end of the second six weeks of school**, but also our Homecoming football game against Akins HS at Burger Stadium. No doubt students are also looking forward to the **Student Council and PTSA Homecoming celebration at Bowie High School on Saturday, October 20, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** All students currently enrolled at JBHS are welcome to attend. The dress is semi-formal. Students may bring a guest from another high school if they complete the [dance guest approval form](#) before purchasing a ticket. Bowie students and guests will be required to show, but not wear, their student ID to be admitted. Wristbands will be on sale for \$5 at the Kennel during lunches on October 17 through October 19. The price at the door is \$10. Both the wristband and student ID will be required for entry. We will have a DJ, games, movies, and food and drinks will be on sale for \$1.

The Bowie PTSA also wanted to remind students to get their **Reflections** entry submitted. The deadline is **Wednesday, October 24**, for this year's theme, "**Heroes Around Me.**" This is a great opportunity for students to be recognized for their artistic talent and a way to build their high school resume. Entry forms are available in the Library or the Kennel, and they are also available on the [Bowie PTSA webpage](#). Please contact the Bowie Reflections Coordinators Megan Pound (meganmpound@gmail.com) and Sarah Jones (smj018@gmail.com) with any questions. Bowie has talent...let's see it!

Sincerely,

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