



James Bowie High School

❖ **Pride In Performance** ❖

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Dear Bowie High School Community,

Teacher Appreciation Week is this week, May 5 through May 11, 2019. Please take a moment to thank a teacher for making a difference in the life of your child! Our outstanding teachers at Bowie are great examples of Bowie Pride.

The [schedule for the last week of school](#) has been released, and the last day of classes is Friday, May 24, 2019. Bowie's Class of 2019 graduates at the Frank Erwin Center on Friday, May 31, 2019, at 7:00pm. Please encourage your student to finish strong.

Seniors, we will be celebrating you on Thursday for our **Senior Decision Day**. Please join the counselors and myself in the courtyard to take your picture to display here on campus and possibly during the graduation ceremony. We ask that you wear the shirt from the college or program (military or vocational) you will be joining next year. Counselors will be in the courtyard during both lunches with a special treat for all seniors who participate. Please see Ms. Valverde with any questions.

Students who are taking an **AP test this week** and next week, please review the testing agenda and [AP testing site](#). We ask that all students please show up to their exam early with two wooden #2 pencils and 2 black or dark blue ink pens. If you are no longer wanting to take your exam, please email Ms. Valverde at carli.valverde@austinisd.org.

One of the unfortunate consequences of upcoming campus construction this summer is that we are unable to offer the traditional format of Camp Bowie, a multi-day transition-to-high-school experience, to our incoming 9th grade students. However, our amazing staff, wanting to give students a taste of their future at Bowie High School, and wanting them to feel more confident about entering high school, recently identified resources and proposed Camp Bowie Express, an abbreviated version of the traditional camp. **Camp Bowie Express will be held at Bowie on Saturday, May 18, 2019.** Incoming freshmen can choose one of two sessions (8:30am-11:30am or 12:30pm-3:30pm) during which they will have the opportunity to tour the campus, learn about some of the Bowie traditions, hear from current students about how to be successful in high school, meet their future classmates, and more. This event coalesced quickly over the last few days, so our apologies for the late notice!

Please be assured that information shared at Camp Bowie Express will be shared again during the first couple of weeks of school so that students unable to attend the camp are not at a disadvantage. Note that students unable to attend Camp Bowie Express on May 18, can use the registration link to sign-up for a campus tour in August or add their name to a waiting list in case an additional Camp Bowie Express session is added on another date (most likely May 25 depending on interest.) The link can also be used to order the official Class of 2023 T-shirt. Please contact Patricia Maney (patricia.maney@austinisd.org) with questions and share this information with parents of incoming freshmen. **Register at: <http://bit.ly/CampBowie2019>**

As temperatures outside warm, we are once again being confronted by rattlesnakes on the school grounds. Last week a snake was observed at the ag facility and a **small snake was removed from the grassy area at the front of campus** this week. Each time a report is made, Austin ISD Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is contacted. If the snake can be located, it is **removed by Pest Management**. IPM

has also made sweeps of the area looking for nests so that those may be contained. All staff have been notified of reports so that students can be informed and classes monitored. Your child's safety is very important to us. Please know that at no time have students or staff come into physical contact with any snakes. Families are encouraged to remind students not to touch snakes or wild animals in the school setting, and to immediately notify a trusted adult if they find anything unfamiliar on school grounds.

Students who are having issues with their **AISD-issued Chromebooks** are encouraged to request repairs as soon as possible. We would like to collect all Chromebooks that are not working properly or have been damaged before the end of the school year, so we can have these issues corrected over the summer. Students may either sign up for a weekly FIT session with Ms. Theis on Tuesday or Wednesday, or stop by the front office and ask to speak to her before school or during the lunch period.

Seniors and all students who will not be attending Bowie High School next year are required to return their district issued chromebook, charger, and case before graduation. Collection is scheduled for Friday, May 17, and Monday, May 20, from 8:00 to 8:50 a.m. as well as during both lunches. Chromebook collection will continue from May 21 through May 24 between the hours of 8:00 and 8:50 a.m. as well as 1:10 to 2:00 p.m. after final exams. A station will be set up at the end of A-Hall to check in items, or pay the fee to cover lost or damaged items:

- Chromebook \$315
- Charger \$35
- Case \$15

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson
Principal
James Bowie High School
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