



James Bowie High School

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Thursday, August 17, 2017

Hello Bowie Students and Families!

Can you believe summer is almost over? Remember, our first day of classes is Monday, August 21, 2017. Below is some information about our first day of classes that you may find helpful.

Student arrival and departure:

Use this link to see a map of the traffic flow at Bowie. [Bowie Traffic Pattern](#)

Parents picking up and dropping off students in cars need to click the link above for more information about 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 ([Bowie Traffic Pattern](#)). Please do NOT drop off/pick up students at the apartments on Slaughter.

Veloway:

Please be aware that the City of Austin Park Rangers have received several complaints and concerns in the past regarding our students walking to and from the veloway. The Veloway at Circle C Metropolitan Park is a wheels only park in which our students are cutting through to come and go to school. If your child walks to school, please be sure that he/she uses a route that does not go through the veloway. Austin ISD police and park rangers will be notified when we receive complaints regarding student foot traffic on the veloway.

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

9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will go to "Homeroom/Advisory" at 9:00am Monday (8/21) where they will pick up their official class schedule. 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. Students can also log into TEAMS through their AISD Student Cloud (<https://my.austinisd.org/>) to find their Homeroom/Advisory teacher and location. Homeroom/Advisory information should be available in TEAMS on Saturday, August 19th. For information about the Student Cloud go to <http://www.austinisd.org/technology/students/cloud>.

12th grade students should report to the cafeteria by 8:30am (doors open at 8am) on Monday (8/21) 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.

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

IMPORTANT NOTE - The schedule that appears in TEAMS prior to Monday, August 21, 2017, is **unofficial!** The class periods and teachers are likely to change due to balancing of classes and new student registration. Students will receive their **official** schedules in their Homeroom/Advisory



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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 ([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. 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 (see [Lunch Schedule](#)).
- Only Seniors are allowed off-campus privileges during lunch. **(Note: Students MUST have a signed [parent permission form](#) on file in order to leave campus for lunch.)**
- Student lunch costs \$2.85, and the lines may be longer the first few days of school.
- Students can eat in the courtyard or in the academic wing during the lunch period but must be respectful of the classes during that time.

Lunch Accounts:

Beginning at the start of the 2017-18 school year, student meal accounts will no longer be managed through MySchoolBucks, but will be accessed by creating a [SchoolCafé](#) account. If a student has funds remaining at the end of the 2016-17 school year, those funds will automatically transfer from MySchoolBucks to SchoolCafé. To view balances or add money to a meal account, a SchoolCafé account must be created.

Parents can create a new account by visiting 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.

To help streamline Food Service information, in addition to being the source for student meal account management and meal benefit applications, SchoolCafé will also replace our current digital menus and mobile application, YumYummi. The SchoolCafé digital menus and mobile app will display daily menus for each campus, contain nutritional and allergen information, allow for dish feedback and select favorite menu items.

You can find more information about SchoolCafé by visiting their website at www.schoolcafe.com, or the Austin ISD Nutrition and Food Services website at www.austinisd.org/nutritionfoodservices.



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Upcoming Events:

- Don't forget **Bulldogs and Hotdogs** is Saturday, August 26th from 6-9pm in the courtyard. This event is for students, parents, future bulldogs and the entire Bowie community! For more information, please visit: <http://www.bowieptsa.org/#!/bulldogshotdogs/c24vq>
- Parents are invited to meet their child's teachers during **Back-to-School Night** on Wednesday, September 6th, 6:00-8:00pm. More information to follow.

Expectations for Student Conduct:

- Be respectful of all staff and students
- Be in dress code (see the [Bowie Handbook](#) at jbhs.org for more information)
- Do NOT haze or bully any students (see the [Bowie Handbook](#) at jbhs.org for more information)

SPECIAL NOTE:

It is the expectation that all students including seniors WELCOME and assist ALL students new to Bowie, including incoming freshmen! Any behavior other than this will NOT be tolerated. Items that are not for EDUCATIONAL purposes or that are derogatory, harassing and/or belittling in nature will NOT be allowed. Normal school dress code will be enforced and any attire or accessories that refer to fishing or fish representing 9th grade students are not appropriate and will be collected if brought to school.

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:

[2017-18 AB Calendar](#)

[2017-18 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>

