



James Bowie High School

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Monday, August 21, 2017

Greetings Bulldog Nation!

It is a great day at Bowie High School! We have gotten the year off to a **fantastic start**. It is wonderful to have the campus full of students again. It has been exciting to see all of our returning students as well as meet everyone new to BHS!

This Wednesday and Thursday, **August 23 and 24, 2017, Photo Texas will be at Bowie to take make-up pictures** for student IDs and yearbook photos for anyone who did not get their picture taken during Dawg Days. Packets were distributed to students today during advisory and are also available for pick up in the front office. Freshmen and sophomores will have their pictures taken during social studies, and juniors and seniors will go through their English class. Please remind your student to dress appropriately and according to dress code. If you would like to purchase copies of the student's picture, bring a copy of the order form and a check for the corresponding amount payable to Photo Texas, or you can order with [Photo Texas online](#).

All this week, and especially during FIT, teachers are reviewing rules and procedures with students so that everyone is set up for success this year. Teachers are allowing students some grace regarding being on time to class this week while students find their way around campus. Staff members are also **reminding students about [school dress code](#)**. Please take a moment to review the guidelines in the [student handbook](#) posted on the JBHS homepage.

The most frequent dress code reminders include:

- Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be at least fingertip length (with relaxed shoulders);
- Slogans, and graphics on clothing must be appropriate for school
- Midriffs must be covered and halters and spaghetti straps are unacceptable.
- Hats are not to be worn in the building.

Also outlined in the student handbook are the guidelines for schedule changes. Students receive their official schedule during advisory this morning. They will be expected to follow these schedules for the entire year. Schedule changes will be considered only in the event of inappropriate placement, lack of prerequisites, an error in enrollment, or a scheduling conflict. We caught a few mistakes today that will be corrected tomorrow! **All schedule change requests are initiated through the counselor's offices, require parental approval, and will only be made the first week of school.** "Change of mind" requests will not be honored. Several classes are full making changes extremely difficult. Movement between Pre-AP and academic classes must occur between the third and seventh week of the semester.

Drop off traffic went smoothly this morning! If you are planning on picking your student up after school, the process will be very similar. Please pay close attention to the directional signs that are posted, control your speed, and **exercise caution when picking-up and dropping-off**. The school day will end at 4:30 p.m. Be sure to follow all instructions from the staff and don't forget that state law prohibits holding a cell phone to your ear in active school zones. Please see the [map](#) posted for directions. Student safety is our primary goal.

We have **2960 students enrolled at Bowie High School** this year! With that many people in one place, all trying to learn where to go and when, patience is essential. The good news is that everyone found their classes, met their A-Day teachers, had lunch, and is leaving ready to come back tomorrow! Please help us **reinforce this lesson of patience** after school today. We expect bus routes and traffic through the parking lot to run a little slow after school as routines and routes are being established.

I hope everyone has had a great day. I have seen a lot of smiling faces today and excitement is in the air! The "vibe" on campus is very positive, enthusiastic, and optimistic as we begin the year anew. This is going to be a **great school year** at Bowie High School!

Sincerely,



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