



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

February 8, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

TEACHER ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR - Congratulations to Mr. Alex Barnes on being voted Bowie's **first** Teacher Assistant of the Year! Being an excellent Teacher Assistant requires patience, flexibility, caring, and dedication to student growth. Mr. Barnes is no stranger to these qualities. In fact, he has gone above and beyond to support staff and students for the many years that he's been at Bowie. Alex, we are so grateful to have you be a part of our Bowie School Community! Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

PARKING UPDATE - Administration has been actively monitoring parking on campus and determined that there are enough parking permits available to offer a limited quantity to sophomores on an appeals basis. Due to limited availability, eligibility to purchase a permit will be based on the reason for request and a committee decision. Licensed sophomores with a demonstrated need to drive a personal vehicle to school may request special authorization to purchase a permit by submitting a request using this link: [Sophomore Parking Appeal Form](#). Students must use their AISD credentials when completing the form. Non-AISD emails will NOT be accepted. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and there is no guarantee of approval depending on availability and the overall number of requests. The link is already active, and students can begin completing the form at this time.

SAFETY REMINDERS - In the interest of safety and security, we ask that everyone in Bulldog Nation follow the protocols and procedures explained below.

- **Secure Perimeter** - Bowie maintains a defined and secure perimeter that includes the Academic Buildings, Fine Arts Building, Athletics Building, Cafeteria, and the interior courtyard. Students must remain within this secure perimeter at all times during the school day. The only students authorized to exit the campus when school is in session are: (1) students with an off-campus period in their schedule, (2) seniors with off-campus lunch privileges, (3) students who have been checked-out by a parent through the main office, or (4) students participating in a teacher-directed instructional activity and under teacher supervision. All other students are not allowed beyond the secure perimeter during school hours.
- **No Curbside Deliveries** - To monitor who and what moves on and off campus, **students are not be allowed to receive any deliveries at the front of the campus (curbside)**. Parents wishing to drop off an item for a student must park and bring the item into the main office where it can then be retrieved by the student. The main office will not accept any items for students from delivery services such as Door Dash or Uber Eats. Thank you for helping us keep the campus safe and for honoring our staff's valuable time by only dropping off items that are truly essential.



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- **Student ID Badges** - We provide IDs and lanyards for all students. Students must wear their ID badge when they are on campus. **Replacement lanyards are available for \$2 and replacement IDs are \$5. Both may be purchased in the office before school or during lunch via [SchoolCashOnline](#).**
- **Checkout Procedures** - Please do not plan to pick up your child from school after 4:00 PM to alleviate congestion and confusion at the end of the school day. When picking up your child, park and proceed to the main office with your identification. The office staff will then retrieve your child from class. **To authorize your child to drive themselves off campus, you must submit the [Driving Pass Request Form](#) 24 hours in advance.** The form is open from 4:30 PM and closes the following morning at 7:30 AM daily. It also requires the authorized parent or guardian to upload an image of their identification.

BOWIE CLASS OF 2024 SENIORS - Bowie PTSA is accepting scholarship applications. Graduating seniors who join PTSA and have a minimum 3.0 GPA are eligible for scholarships ranging between \$500 and \$1,000. Submit completed the [2024 Bowie PTSA Scholarship Application and Parent Authorization Form](#) to bowieptascholarship@gmail.com. GOOD LUCK SENIORS!

COURSE ADVISING - [Bowie Counselors](#) are meeting with all students from January through early April for course scheduling. All 2024 course advising and scheduling information can be found at this [link](#). Thank you for helping your student select classes for next year!

CALENDAR REMINDERS - Friday, February 9 is a student holiday so that all secondary staff may attend professional development. Additionally, Monday, February 19 is a school holiday for students and staff.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal