



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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June 13, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

I am happy to be back on Bowie's campus writing this newsletter to you! I have recovered from my surgery, and I am eager to plan for the 2024-25 school year. Thank you all for your understanding, support, and well wishes during my absence. I also extend my sincerest thanks to Mr. Steven Kane, who supported Bowie in my absence, as well as the rest of the administration, faculty and staff, students, parents, and community members who pulled together to finish the school year with Pride in Performance. #BowiePride

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** - Remember, Austin ISD will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday on Wednesday, June 19. All Austin ISD locations will also be closed during the week of July 1-5 for Independence Day! We hope you have a safe and fun holiday. Summer staff will return to campus on Monday, July 8 and continue the Monday - Thursday schedule until we resume normal hours in early August.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS** - Bowie will be hosting several events to help students and their families get ready for the new school year. You are invited to stop by the Bowie Library from either **8-9 am or 5-6 pm on Thursday, August 8** for an informal meet-and-greet with the counselors and administrators or for a student-led campus tour. From **4-6 pm on Thursday, August 15**, all students are invited to access their class schedules and locate their classrooms during the Meet at the Tree Campus Preview. Based on last name, students will arrive at either 4pm or 5pm for this one-hour event. **Please note that Meet at the Tree is for students only!** See the [Back to School Buzz flyer](#) for additional information about these and other important events.

**SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS FOR ADVANCED COURSES** - Some advanced courses require students to complete assignments over the summer. If your student is taking an advanced course, please make sure they check the Bowie website to verify [summer work expectations](#).

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL** - The City of Austin's Safe Routes to School program has been hard at work identifying improvements to help students walk and bike to Bowie High School. We are excited to share news about two Safe Routes projects happening this summer! Selected Projects for Bowie High School include: New curb ramps, curb extensions, and pedestrian crossing island on Wolftrap Drive at the Bethany Lutheran Church driveway, and a new sidewalk on the east side of Wolftrap Drive from the Bethany Lutheran Church driveway to West Slaughter Lane. Construction on this project is expected to begin in the next few weeks. Please [see the flyer for more information](#).



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**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** - Remember, the new school year begins at **9:05 am on Tuesday, August 20!** Approximately one week in advance, you and your student will receive detailed instructions about logistics, including where and when to report, lunch information, transportation information, and more. This information will also be available in the [News section](#) of the Bowie website at [bowie.austinschools.org](http://bowie.austinschools.org).

**SEEKING CAMPUS ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES** - Per state law (Texas Education Code, §11.251), each school must maintain a [Campus Advisory Council](#) (CAC). The CAC is a committee of parents, students, business and community representatives, teachers, principals, and other campus staff who meet to review and provide feedback on the campus educational program, performance, improvement plan, staff development plan, waiver requests, and budget. Bowie's CAC meets monthly 7:30-8:30 am on Tuesdays. **If you have an interest in serving a two-year term as a parent representative, community representative, or business representative, please [complete the district's standard membership application](#) by Friday, August 9, 2024.** Applications will be considered knowing that our entire community is best served when its structures represent diverse perspectives. If you would like to offer your voice as a champion for all students in our community, please apply!

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal