



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**CHROMEBOOK UPDATE** - As you may know, Austin ISD underwent massive effort in taking inventory on all student Chromebooks. Now that the procedure is coming to a close, it is expected that students will receive their new Chromebook within the first two weeks of school. Teachers are aware that students will not have guaranteed access to devices during that window, and they have adjusted expectations accordingly.

**FIRST-DAY REMINDERS** - On Monday only, students will report by 9:05 am to the Advisory classroom listed on their schedule in the AISD Portal's Self-Serve tile. **AISD will push student schedules into the Portal on Sunday, so please be aware that online schedules may not be viewable at this time.** Rosters of Advisory classrooms will also be posted on the windows in front of the library and in the Fine Arts Foyer. Additional information about what to expect on Monday is available in our [First Day Instructions](#) document.

Those arriving and departing by car next week should anticipate heavy traffic for the first few weeks of school and plan accordingly. Please be attentive to the staff managing traffic flow around campus. Bus riders can locate their stops using [AISD Bus Stop Finder](#) and track the bus on its route using the [WheresTheBus](#) app.

**BASELINE EXPECTATIONS** - [Bowie's Baseline Expectations](#) were developed as a means to promote positive behavior among students. A team of teachers and administrators identified four key practices to be collectively implemented by every staff member and in every classroom to support campus safety and student learning. Thank you for reviewing and reinforcing these guidelines with your child(ren).

**HOUSE BILL 114** - The Austin ISD Student Success Guide (Student Code of Conduct) is now available on the Austin ISD [District](#) website for students, parents, and guardians to review. One important legislative update is that **ALL e-cigarettes** (THC and Tobacco) are prohibited. **House Bill 114 requires a student to be placed in the District Alternative Education Program (DAEP) if the student possesses, uses, is under the influence, sells, gives, or delivers marijuana, THC, or an e-cigarette (new) while on campus, within 300 feet of school property, or at a school-related event.** Under Austin ISD guidelines, this is a 20-day DAEP placement. Parents and guardians are strongly urged to talk to their students about this new policy and review the Student Success Guide to help keep our schools safe for students and staff. For resources to use when talking with your student about the harmful effects of e-cigarettes visit <https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/>.

Having a teen or young adult vaping can be stressful. As a parent or caregiver, you have access to expert advice, text messages, and community support to help your child stop vaping at no cost to you. Register today at [BecomeAnEX.org](http://BecomeAnEX.org) to start getting the support you need.

**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, please complete the district's standard membership application and email it to Whitney Vohl ([whitney.shumate@austinisd.org](mailto:whitney.shumate@austinisd.org)) by Friday, August 18, 2023.** 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!

**WELCOME BACK TO OUR COMFORT DOGS** - Abner and Martha, both Golden Retrievers, are Comfort Dogs affiliated with Bethany Lutheran Church. They are working dogs whose roles are to provide comfort to all who they meet, especially those who are hurting. They go where they are invited, working in schools, nursing homes, hospice, and with veterans. When an emergency occurs, they will respond to bring comfort to all impacted by the event. As an example, they have been visiting the Uvalde schools and community over the past year. They have been visiting our campus for many years and are once again looking forward to seeing all their human friends at Bowie.

Go Dawgs!

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Principal