



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

October 2, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL - James Bowie High School has earned Silver on the College Board's AP School Honor Roll for the 2023-24 school year! The **AP School Honor Roll** recognizes schools that have done outstanding work to welcome more students into AP courses and support them on the path to college success. Bowie High School is being further recognized with the **AP Access Award**, which honors schools that encourage more low-income and underrepresented minority students to take AP courses. The percentage of students in at least one of these categories who took at least one AP Exam before graduation is proportional to or above our school's student population, demonstrating a clear and effective commitment to equitable access to advanced coursework. Research shows students who take AP courses and exams are more likely to attend college and graduate on time. And even for those who don't earn college credit, advanced coursework provides early exposure to college-level work and contributes to a college-going school culture. We know it takes a considerable school wide effort—dedication from teachers, counselors, administrators, students, and parents—to make AP access a priority. Congratulations JBHS!

PSAT TESTING - On Wednesday, October 9, the PSAT 8/9 will be administered to 9th graders and the PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to 10th and 11th graders. Students will be taking the exam on their district issued Chromebook. It is imperative that students bring a **FULLY CHARGED CHROMEBOOK (and charger) on Wednesday, October 9** in order to access the exam. It is highly recommended that students open their Chromebook and allow the Bluebook app to update prior to testing. Please have your student visit the bookroom if they are in need of Chromebook repair.

October 9 is a great day for seniors to opt for a College Visit! Seniors are allowed two excused absence days for a documented College Visit. This type of absence does not negatively impact the students' opportunity to earn attendance incentives as long as the necessary documentation is submitted. Please note the [requirements for a College Visit](#) on the Bowie website.

Seniors who are on campus on October 9 have [scheduled activities](#) as the other grade levels test. Seniors who have already met their TSI assessment requirement will participate in enrichment activities, including hearing from a guest speaker, creating their FAFSA account, engaging in an SEL workshop, and viewing and discussing a documentary. Seniors who still need to meet the requirement for the TSI will be scheduled to take the assessment in a classroom.

After testing and lunch, all students will attend their 4th and 8th period classes for an abbreviated time.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION - If you have a student enrolled in an Advanced Placement course, students will have an opportunity to receive college credit by taking the AP Exam. AP Exam Registration for Year-Long and Fall-Semester courses began on Monday, September 30 After October 28, there will be a \$40.00 late fee applied to each AP Exam. AP Exam Registration will close on November 10, 2024. Any student enrolled in a Spring-Semester Only course will have an opportunity to register for that course's AP Exam

in the spring semester. AP Exam Registration consists of two parts. First, students must be enrolled in their teacher's AP Classroom with the College Board. Secondly, registration and payment must take place in Total Registration. For more information and details about AP Exam Registration, please visit our [website](#). Please contact the AP Coordinator Kaylin Brett at kaylin.brett@austinisd.org if you have any questions about AP Exam Registration.

MANDATORY SCHOOL-WIDE LESSON ON DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND SAFETY - On Monday, October 7, all students will report to their 3rd period class during FIT time from 10:41-11:07 for a mandatory [lesson on digital citizenship and school safety](#). That means students with first period off must report to campus prior to 10:41 in order to make it on time to this required lesson. The 3rd period teachers will be taking attendance. We look forward to sharing this important information with you all.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY - A new middle crosswalk installed on Wolfrap between Bethany and Bowie has been needed for some time because of the sheer volume of foot traffic every day and is fortunately proving to be very popular with our students. Not only does it cause traffic on Wolfrap to slow, but it also gives our students another safe place to cross to campus. If you child parks at Bethany, please remind them to use one of the three available crosswalks at all times and avoid walking between the parked cars that line both sides of the street.

If you are approaching Slaughter on Wolfrap from the Oak Creek Parke neighborhood, there are two lanes of northbound traffic. One turns left to Bowie at the original crosswalk between Bowie and Bethany, and the other is a through lane for traffic continuing north to the stop light. It is critical that parents do not sit in a car on Wolfrap at the end of the day waiting to pick up their student because it blocks one of the lanes of traffic, especially if there is a car trying to turn left onto the campus at that time. Parents are encouraged to use the parent pick up and drop off loop at the front of campus as the safest option for your student to get to and from campus, and dismissal traffic is clearing faster than it has in the previous years. Of course, there are other options for street parking in the area around campus if you would prefer your child walk to your car at the end of the day.

[STUDENT ELECTION CLERK](#) - High school students who are 16 years or older and eager to make a difference in your community while earning some extra cash can apply to become a Student Election Clerk for Travis County. As a Student Election Clerk, students will have the incredible opportunity to: earn \$20 an hour, set up and organize polling locations, check in voters at polling locations, and gain invaluable experience in civic duties. This is more than just a job; it's a chance to meet new people, understand the electoral process from the inside, and make a real impact in the community. All students need is the consent of the campus principal in addition to their parent or legal guardian to participate! To apply, students should fill out the [Student Election Clerk Application and Permission Form](#) and send it to eRecruiting@traviscountytx.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDER - Thursday, October 3, is a student holiday while teachers are in professional development. Additionally, students will not attend classes on October 4, 2024 for the observance of Rosh Hashanah.

Go Dawgs!

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Principal