



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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November 2, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**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 will 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.
- **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 [SchoolCash Online](#).**
- **Checkout Procedures** - 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, and requires the authorized parent or guardian to upload an image of their identification. 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.
- **Student Driving** - Reckless student driving is also concerning, particularly at the end of the day as some students dash out the doors and speed to get off campus before traffic backs up. Our team of administrators, support staff, and SROs who are directing traffic



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during this time do report and follow up with consequences when they observe and are able to identify dangerous drivers and when our security cameras capture an incident. If your student does not ride the bus, please speak with your child about dismissal time and make sure they have a plan to get home safely every day.

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** - Wednesday, Nov. 1, marks the beginning of Native American Heritage Month—an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the cultures, traditions, achievements, and contributions of the nation's original inhabitants. [The Austin Powwow and American Indian Festival](#) will take place on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Travis Expo Center (7311 Decker Ln. Austin, TX 78724). The event includes traditional dance competitions, singers, musicians, artists, craftsmen, and a Native American market and food court. Kids 12 and under are FREE. Parking is FREE. [Adult tickets can be purchased online](#) for \$7 or at the gate for \$10, cash only.

**8TH GRADE DAWG SHOW** - On Tuesday, December 5, the 8th graders of our feeder middle schools will visit Bowie for a half day for the annual Dawg Show. A cross-section of Bowie students will lead campus tours, serve on a student panel, facilitate team-building activities, and hold a pep rally to provide these future Bulldogs with a glimpse of high school life. Do you have an incoming Bulldog or know the parent of an 8th grader? Get them excited for the Dawg Show and let them know [all the benefits of being a part of Bulldog Nation!](#)

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal