



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

8TH GRADE DAWG SHOW - On Monday, December 16, the 8th graders zoned to attend Bowie next year will visit our campus 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!](#)

PARKING PERMITS - The marching band practice lot will officially open for student parking on December 9, 2024. There are still some groups in need of using the lot for rehearsals at this time. In advance of this date, Bowie will sell additional permits for Lot A - the marching band practice lot and the small surface lot next to the opposite side of the parking garage - and Lot B, the parking garage. **Online Lot A and Lot B permit sales will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, December 9, 2024.** Permits will be sold to juniors and seniors ONLY for \$75 (Lot A) and \$100 (Lot B) on a first come, first served basis. Visit the [Parking page on the Bowie website](#) for more information as well as the link to purchase a permit. *Please note that this is for students who do not currently have a parking permit. Students will not be allowed to trade a current permit for a different spot unless you have been specifically notified by Mrs. Pfeiffer in writing due to the distribution error with Lot A this summer.*

2025 SALUTE AWARDS NOMINATIONS - Salute is Austin ISD's annual event recognizing some of the district's outstanding team members for their continued dedication to student excellence and achievement in our schools. The Salute Award winners will be celebrated at our Salute Awards ceremony on May 7th, where we will also honor Teachers of Promise and Teachers of the Year. Nominations can be submitted by all Austin ISD staff, students, families, and community members! [Please submit nominations using this form.](#) Nominations close on January 15, 2025.

ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD DURING FALL BREAK - With many Austin ISD students living in food-insecure households, accessing healthy food may be challenging when the district is closed. Families can use the community resources below to find free meals in their area while Austin ISD offices and schools are closed for the fall break:

- [Central Texas Food Bank \(www.centraltexasfoodbank.org\)](http://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org)
- [United Way for Greater Austin - ConnectATX \(www.connectatx.org\)](http://www.connectatx.org)
- [Texas Health and Human Services](#) - Call 2-1-1 or (877) 541-7905 to speak to a live operator.

STATUS SELF-REPORT - Austin ISD is attempting to collect and report the socioeconomic status of each student to the Texas Education Agency for purposes of the annual state accountability ratings and for federal reporting. Increasing our Economic Disadvantaged status provides the school with additional resources to support our students.

If you feel like you might qualify for this status, please contact Staci Fair at staci.fair@austinisd.org or Susie Blagdan at susie.blagdan@austinisd.org, or you may call 512-414-5247 Data Processing at extensions 72380 or 71833. If Bowie's Data Processing team does not hear from you by Thursday, December 12, you will be documented as opting out.

PERSONAL MESSAGE - As you may know, I had to miss the last month of school last year due to an injury that I sustained at home that required spinal fusion surgery. Unfortunately, sometimes multiple surgeries are required, and that appears to be true in my case. As a result, I will be out on medical leave this December and January. I know everyone wants to be sure that I am okay, and I will be. I assure you I will be doing everything that I can to get back to Bulldog Nation as soon as possible. I know the school will be in great hands during my absence!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING - Austin ISD will be closed November 25-29 for the Thanksgiving break. Best wishes to you and your family this Thanksgiving!

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal