



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

August 18, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

FIRST WEEK RECAP - We had a wonderful back to school week at James Bowie High School! To get all of our students acquainted (or reacquainted) with our systems and structures, we had on-boarding lessons in their Advisory classes during Flexible Instructional Time (FIT). This included a [welcome video](#) from our administration team, instruction regarding our [Attendance Incentive program](#), an introduction to [AISD's Student Code of Conduct](#), including educational materials about the hazards and consequences of vaping, a [how-to guide for FIT](#), and a PSA about [Bowie's Baseline Expectations](#), featuring some very special guests!

In addition to those lessons, part of our efforts to help our students feel that they belong at Bowie includes our second annual 9th grade Bulldog Spirit Training! This pep rally is designed with our freshmen in mind as a way to fully initiate them into Bulldog Nation. They learn the school song with our choir, their class yell with the cheerleaders and Silver Stars, meet their Class of 2027 sponsors, and connect with upperclassmen in various leadership roles across campus. (They even leave with a cookie!) Thank you to the faculty and students who helped make this spirited event possible.

CREDIT BY EXAM - Credit by examination (CBE) is one method for students to demonstrate proficiency in grade-level or course content. Secondary students may earn course credit towards graduation requirements. The Quarter 1 testing window for Credit by Exam occurs August 25 - September 8, 2023. **The Registration Deadline has been extended to Monday, August 21 by the end of the day.** Please contact your counselor if you are interested in Credit by Exam.

CAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - We still have some vacancies on our Campus Advisory Committee for interested parents to serve! 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 from 7:30-8:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month. 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 at whitney.shumate@austinisd.org by Friday, August 25, 2023.

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS - [Free or Reduced Meal Applications](#) were distributed this week through your student's Advisory classes. It is a yellow application. If your family is interested in participating in this program, please complete the application and ask your student to return it to the front office. You may also apply for the application process online with www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD. Students that qualify for this program are eligible for reduced fees for college applications and standardized tests for college admissions.

DRIVING PASS - *This is only for students with valid Driver's Licenses* - To authorize a student to check out without a parent/guardian present, please fill out the [Driving Pass Request](#) Google form 24 hours in advance (the form will be open daily from 4:30 pm to 7:30 am).

- The student will receive a pass at their departure time. The student will need to come to the office to sign out and to pick up their “Permit to Leave” (driving pass) prior to leaving campus.
- Upon returning to campus, the student may sign themselves back in at the main office and drop off their excuse note to document the absence. Students will then be issued a pass to proceed to class.

UPCOMING EVENTS - We have many exciting events coming up for Bulldog Nation.

- **VARSIITY FOOTBALL** - Our first Varsity football game of the season is **Thursday, August 24** right here at Burger Stadium! Students can purchase tickets [HERE](#). Coming to Bowie football games is a great way for students to build community and support their classmates on the team, in the band, on the Silver Stars, the cheerleading squad, and more! Go Dawgs!
- **BULLDOGS & HOTDOGS** - Next **Saturday, August 26**, Bowie’s PTSA invites you to our annual Bulldogs and Hotdogs event, located in the Bowie courtyard under the shade of the second-best tree in Austin. The event will be from 5:00 - 8:00 pm, and it is a collective fundraiser for Bowie boosters, student clubs, and school programs that features a pep rally, games, food and drink, and spirit wear sales. Admission is free, but be sure to bring cash or your checkbook to purchase food, drink, and spirit items.
- **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** - Bowie’s annual open house event for parents and guardians will be **6:00-7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 28**. Bowie offers a flipped format, meaning that the teachers’ informational presentations for parents are pre-recorded and posted to their BLEND course homepages, allowing you to access that information at your convenience. Those parents wishing to come to campus in-person can join me in the gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to greet parents from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in a come-and-go format. Parents can also opt to attend some general informational sessions during this time. Prior to coming to campus on Monday, please note your child’s classrooms on their schedule or be sure you can access their schedule of classes in the parent portal.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal