



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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August 25, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**BULLDOGS & HOTDOGS** - This **Saturday, August 26**, Bowie's PTSA invites you to our annual Bulldogs & 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 games, food and drink, and spirit wear sales. Parking for the event will be available in the student section of the parking garage with overflow parking at Bethany Lutheran Church. Admission is free, but be sure to bring cash or your checkbook to purchase food, drink, and spirit items. Also, if you pre-ordered a "Class of" T-shirt for your child, it will be ready for pick up at their class's booth!

**BACK TO SCHOOL PARENT 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 will join me for a Principal's Welcome in the auditorium, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The student section of the parking garage will be open for parent parking during the event. 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 preview the [Back to School Night schedule](#) and note your child's classrooms on their schedule.

**LOCKDOWN DRILL** - Texas state law requires Bowie to conduct a number of safety drills per year, including two lockdown drills. **Bowie will conduct our first lockdown drill for this year on Tuesday, August 29**. The Texas School Safety Center provides [information to parents](#) about what to expect during a lockdown drill:

"During a lockdown drill, an announcement will be made, generally over the public address system, and the school will go into lockdown. Language should be clear that a drill is taking place and not an actual emergency. Teachers will scan the hall and pull any students, staff, and visitors into their classrooms, and lock their classroom doors. The lights will be turned off in the classroom and the students and teacher will hide out of view from the window. The door to the classroom may not be opened by anyone inside the classroom, regardless of what is said from someone that might be trying to get in. The occupants of the room are taught to remain quiet."

Campus administrations in collaboration with the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Bowie will "clear" the campus before classes return to normal instruction.

**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES** - Texas Workforce Commission Vocational Rehabilitation is coming to Bowie for an in-person information session! All Special Education and 504 students and families are invited to attend. The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bowie Library. [Please RSVP here](#) and reach out to Emma Sullivan ([emma.sullivan@austinisd.org](mailto:emma.sullivan@austinisd.org)) if you have any questions.

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME** - Are you interested in becoming a volunteer at Bowie High School? Please let us know by filling out our [volunteer application](#).

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal