



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

August 31, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

We are already three weeks into the new school year, and it is almost September! This year has gotten off to a great start at Bowie. It was nice to see many of you at Bulldogs and Hotdogs and Back to School Night. Thank you for your support of Bowie High School!

CLUB FAIR - Joining a school club is a great way to meet new friends, have fun, and demonstrate school involvement in those college applications! **Bowie will host a Club Fair in the courtyard during both lunches on Friday, September 1**, so students can learn more about how to get involved. Students interested in starting a new club must first identify a teacher sponsor, and then submit a completed club application to the main office for approval. Have your student take some time to view the [complete list of Bowie's clubs](#) or fill out a [new club application](#) on the Bowie website.

PROGRESS REPORTS - Every three weeks, you will receive an update about your child's academic progress in the form of a progress report, and at the 9-week mark, a report card. Students in UIL activities must maintain passing grades to remain eligible to participate. The first UIL eligibility check will take place on September 22 using the grades submitted for the 6-week progress report (see the [2023-24 UIL Eligibility Calendar](#)).

PARKING AND TRAFFIC - We will begin to lower the garage arms beginning next week, Tuesday, September 5. Please ensure your students with garage permits have their RFID tags situated and ready to go. If your students are having issues, please reach out to Mr. Joel Espinoza at joel.espinoza@austinsisd.org or Mr. Andrew Padgett at andrew.padgett@austinsisd.org for assistance. Questions regarding Bethany Lot parking permits should be directed to Ms. Cindy McCormick at cindy.mccormick@bethanyaustin.com. As we continue to work on fine-tuning traffic flow for parent pick up and drop off, please note that the innermost lane hugging the band lot is a "through lane." Traffic on the innermost lane should not stop to drop off/pick up students. The band lot continues to be available after school for student pick-up. The band lot hours are from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. The band lot will be locked at 5:00pm daily to allow our marching band to practice.

OFF CAMPUS REMINDERS - If your student has an off-campus period in their schedule, it is either 1st, 4th, 5th and/or 8th period. However, if your student utilizes the bus or needs to be on campus before or after school, they are welcome to spend their off-campus period in the library or the courtyard. For seniors who have off-campus lunch privileges, they must exit through the front courtyard doors for their student ID badge to be checked before leaving the campus. Students in grades 9–11 are not permitted to leave campus during lunch.



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BOND VIDEO: As part of the 2017 Bond Program, Bowie High School received the first phase of its modernization, including parking, athletics and fine arts upgrades. The project was completed in phases to minimize interruptions to students and teachers, and to keep the campus fully operational throughout the entire construction process. Please view the [bond video](#) to learn more about the impact these new, modernized learning spaces have had on our campus, students, staff, and families.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal