



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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September 15, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**YEARBOOK and ID PICTURES-** Remember that school pictures will be held during English classes Wednesday, September 20 and Thursday, September 21! If a student is absent on Wednesday, they can go to F137 on Thursday to get their photo taken during lunch, with teacher permission during class, or before/after school. If a student is absent both days, or would like a retake, Cady will return October 26.

Please note that for 9th -11th grade students, these photos will function as their ID photo *and* their yearbook photo. For seniors, the photos on these dates will be used for IDs and other identification purposes. Because these photos will be used for IDs for all grade levels, it is important that students do not wear costumes, wigs, hats, or make-up that would make them difficult to recognize.

To order, go to [www.cady.com/pictureday](http://www.cady.com/pictureday). Save \$10 if you order before September 20! Additionally, the early bird price for our nationally-recognized Lone Star yearbook is now in effect! [Click here to purchase the yearbook at \\$20 off the distribution day price.](#)

**36TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME -** The Homecoming football game is on Friday, September 29, 2023, at Burger Field against Austin High. All current students and alumni are encouraged to attend the game and cheer on the Dawgs.

Many Bowie students opt to participate in the Texas tradition of wearing Homecoming mums to school and to Bowie High School Dance. Mums come in all shapes and sizes and can be exchanged with friends, gifted from a parent, or purchased for oneself. The last day to purchase a Homecoming mum from the Bowie Silver Stars is Sunday, September 24. Visit the [Silver Stars website](#) to purchase your mums and for more information.

**HOMECOMING DANCE -** The Homecoming Dance will be from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Saturday, October 28, at Bowie High School. All Bowie students are welcome to attend this fun and spirited event organized by the PTSA and JBHS Student Council.

Tickets for the Homecoming dance will be sold in the courtyard during both lunches for three days only: October 25, 26, and 27. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets for non-Bowie guests require pre-approval and advance purchase. To purchase tickets, students must have their Bowie Student ID card for the current school year.

Students wishing to invite a non-Bowie guest must fill out and submit the [Guest Approval Form](#) along with a photocopy of the guest's school ID before 4:30 pm on Friday, October 20, 2023. A copy of this form is also



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available in the main office. Tickets for guests will only be sold in advance and only after the Guest Approval Form has been processed by the Bowie administration team. Guest tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Additional information about the event will soon be posted to the [PTSA website](#).

**COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION** - Bowie High School students have earned academic honors from the [College Board National Recognition Programs](#). These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process.

Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, and/or Indigenous Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service. Eligible students have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, and/or Indigenous.

Congratulations goes to Juniors: Simone Baskin, Allie Cabello, Darwin Devers-Hertz, Anna Franklin, Christian Gonzales, Gabriela Catalina McArthur, Mateo McCain, Charlie Rubel, Jorge Rubio Lobo, Elizabeth Woodford, Daniel Ybarbo, and Seniors: Marcelo Canepa, Charles Early, Christopher Elwood, Gabrielle Gbolahan, Aidan Gonzalez, Megan McGauley, Lindsey Morales, Leiton Nguyen, Natalie Valdez, and Micah Walton.

**MORE NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION** - Each year students are entered in the National Merit Scholarship Program, a nationwide competition for recognition and awards, by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) during their junior year of high school. Last week, officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95% of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. **Please help us in congratulating the following two Bowie seniors on their accomplishment of earning the title of National Merit Semifinalist: Beck Buskirk and Nikita Karivelithara.** We wish them the best of luck moving forward in the competition! All current juniors are enrolled to take the School Day PSAT on Wednesday, October 11 and will be entered in the National Merit Scholarship Program for this opportunity.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal