



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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September 27, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**PSAT DAY-** On Wednesday, October 11, the digital PSAT 8/9 will be administered to 9th graders, and the digital PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to 10th and 11th graders. This means that your child will be taking the exam on a computer rather than using traditional pen and paper. To acclimate to the digital format and become comfortable with the tools they will be using during the exam, students can explore the [College Board's prep materials](#) online. It is imperative that students bring a fully charged Chromebook on Wednesday, October 11, in order to access the exam. Please have your student visit the Bookroom in A117 if they are in need of Chromebook repair or to have a Chromebook issued to them prior to this date.

For seniors, they have multiple options for how to spend their day. Seniors who still need to meet their TSI requirement will have the opportunity to test. Seniors who have already met their TSI requirement will participate in enrichment activities, including hearing from a guest speaker, creating their FAFSA account, engaging in an SEL workshop, and viewing and discussing a documentary.

Seniors can also opt to use October 11 as a College Visit. Seniors are allowed two excused absence days for a documented College Visit; this type of absence does not negatively impact the students' opportunity to earn attendance incentives. Please note the [requirements for a College Visit](#) on the Bowie website for more details.

**GRADUATION** - We are excited to announce that [Austin ISD released](#) details about Bowie's Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony! Bowie seniors will walk the stage at Burger Stadium on Wednesday, May 29. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 am. Mark your calendars! More details will be communicated to senior families throughout the year.

**PROJECT GRADUATION 2024** - Project Graduation is a lock-in type event that takes place right after graduation, allowing graduating seniors one last get together to spend some memorable time before heading off to their next chapter in life. This is a safe, alcohol- and drug-free event hosted by parent volunteers. This chaperoned event is full of games and food, prizes, and tons of memories. The event is estimated to be 10 pm-6 am. Buses will transport the kids to and from Bowie. There are a few venues



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being considered for the event. More details are coming soon. Please sign up your senior through [School Cash Online!](#)

**BOWIE PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION** - Bowie PTSA needs your support! The PTSA supports the staff by hosting staff appreciation events and by funding instructional materials and various campus purchases. The PTSA is also responsible for providing senior scholarships and organizing events such as the Homecoming Dance, Bulldogs and Hotdogs, Bowie Cares and Build Up Bowie. Your membership helps to make these programs successful and improves the campus experience of the staff and students. Please [consider joining](#) today! Parents, Teachers and Students can all join!

**GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM-** We are beginning the 2023-24 identification process for any students not previously identified for the Gifted and Talented (GT) program in earlier grades. The process includes several steps: nomination, screening, the testing process during the school day, and possible selection. At the high school level, the gifted program coincides with the Advanced and AP programs. There are no “pull-out” programs or GT classes per se, nor is identification of giftedness on the student’s official transcript. Students who are identified as gifted at the high school level must take Advanced or AP level courses in the areas where they show that ability. If you would like more information about the GT nomination process for any students, please email Academic Director Kaylin Brett ([kaylin.brett@austinisd.org](mailto:kaylin.brett@austinisd.org)) by October 6, 2023.

Go Dawgs!

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