



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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January 8, 2021

Happy New Year, Bulldog Nation!

I hope everyone has had a peaceful and joyous start to the new year. The second semester is off to a great start at James Bowie High School!

Austin ISD is currently working on the **calendar for the 2021-2022 school year**. The Calendar Task Force has worked very hard to prepare two (2) calendar options. Please take a minute to vote on the calendars that you prefer. Click on this link to view the calendars and to vote: [VOTE HERE](#). If you have technical issues with this survey, please contact Cinda Christian at [survey@austinisd.org](mailto:survey@austinisd.org).

The Bowie Counseling Team will host the **Virtual Academic Planning Night** from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13. Students currently in grades 9-11, and their parents, are invited to learn more about graduation requirements, career pathways, and advanced courses such as Advanced Placement, ACC Dual Credit, and UT On-Ramps. In advance of the event, the counselors will send several informational videos and the Zoom information. Save the date and look for additional emails.

As you may know, Bowie was selected to participate in a [staffing pilot](#) with Austin ISD. Campus leaders were given greater flexibility and autonomy to work with teachers to define alternative work arrangements for staff members in response to the pandemic. Our goal as a campus is to increase the contact that students attending classes in-person on campus have with a highly qualified teacher. You or your student may notice a change in classroom assignment for the second semester; however, teacher assignments will not change.

Registration for the **Twilight Program** opens next week. Twilight is a teacher-led program of direct instruction with remote classes offered before or after school for students to make up semester credit from failing courses. Courses will run from January 25 to April 1, 2021. Registration will be online beginning January 15, 2021, at [jbhs.org](http://jbhs.org) (registration is on a first-come basis). If your student needs to recover course credit, don't miss out on this opportunity to get back on track for graduation.

Class of 2021 - The time has come to start **ordering your cap and gown** for graduation! Click [HERE](#) for information about how to order your graduation supplies online from



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Herff Jones. Herff Jones requests all orders to be completed by February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Central Texas Recognition, Inc. directly at 512.504.7100 or [shightower@herffjones.com](mailto:shightower@herffjones.com). We know that it has been a unique and challenging year for all of you, and we look forward to celebrating your graduation at the end of this semester. Please note the district is still making decisions regarding graduation, and we will send out more information as it becomes available.

Seniors Don't Forget! The state **priority deadline for the FAFSA/ TASFA** is January 15, 2021. All seniors are encouraged to complete the FAFSA/ TASFA before next Friday to ensure they will be reviewed for all awards (scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study) eligible. If you do not plan on completing the FAFSA, we do ask that you complete a [waiver form](#) for the District. (You will notice the waiver says "Draft" because this is a new district process that we are beginning to implement with this year's graduating class and will remain in "draft" format until we receive final approval by TEA.) For more information please link to [Ms. Valverde's FAFSA Guide](#).

The beginning of a new semester gives the Bowie staff an opportunity to revisit important issues with our students. This week, instead of attending FIT, our students are remaining in their first class each day so that their teachers can share some important informational videos related to the upcoming course selection process. Knowing that you have an interest in what your children do at school and that we want to partner with you at every opportunity, I invite you to watch the brief videos being shown this week (click [HERE](#) to locate the videos in the BLEND Bowie Community course). Teachers will also be revisiting Bowie's [Academic Integrity Policy](#) with their students over the next few days. Given the importance of academic integrity to learning and the seriousness of policy infractions, you are encouraged to review and discuss the Bowie [Academic Integrity Policy video](#) with your student.

Go Dawgs!  
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