



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

June 2, 2021

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

ACTION ITEM: 2021-22 REGISTRATION - The annual student registration informs budgeting and other important aspects of planning for the upcoming year. **If your student is returning to Bowie next year, please complete the registration process at your earliest convenience.** The online registration system is available only through the [AISD Portal](https://portal.austinisd.org) at portal.austinisd.org. Some data in the digital forms will be grayed and view-only. You will need to email Joanna Willard in our Data Processing office at joanna.willard@austinisd.org or contact her by phone at 512.414.7314 to make changes to these fields. All returning students who have had a recent change of address must submit proof of residency to their campus for the 2021-22 school year.

GRADUATION CEREMONY - Tomorrow evening we will honor almost 700 seniors as they walk the graduation stage. With rain threatening to interrupt the celebration, district officials moved all graduation ceremonies from Burger Stadium to Burger Center. Given that Burger Center is a smaller venue, Bowie respectfully requests that each graduate reduce their guest list from eight to five. Anyone can view a livestream of Bowie's 7 PM June 3rd graduation ceremony on one of several platforms (click [HERE](#) for livestream information).

CREDIT RECOVERY AND ACCELERATION - Today students completed their semester final exams, and over the next 24 hours, teachers will be finalizing grades. Should your student need to recover credit for a failed course, refer to the [Bowie and AISD Summer Offerings](#) flyer to identify an appropriate program. Please act quickly to enroll your student as several programs, including Bowie's in-person summer school, commence next week! Students wishing to accelerate their credits may opt to use their time over the summer to take additional courses through [Garza High School's online program](#). Contact your [child's counselor](#) for more information about various course credit opportunities.

STAAR END-OF-COURSE EXAM RESULTS - Bowie has received preliminary STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) score reports from the state, and overall, our Bulldogs' performance is commendable despite the learning obstacles they faced this year. Your child's STAAR EOC results will be available to you in the AISD Parent Cloud within the next few weeks. Should your child need to take or retake one of the STAAR EOC exams, campus and district staff will be contacting you soon about upcoming the EOC Prep Camp or to schedule a make-up test. For more information, please contact Wendy Escobedo (wendy.escobedo@austinisd.org).

SUMMER LEARNING

- **Dawg Tracks BLEND Modules** - To help students more confidently approach the upcoming school year, students are encouraged to self-enroll in Bowie's Summer Dawg Tracks BLEND courses. These optional enrichment courses will help students sharpen their math skills, become stronger readers, and/or prepare for the PSAT and SAT. See the [Summer Dawg Tracks](#) flyer for more information.

- **Summer Assignments** - Some Advanced and AP courses require completion of an assignment in advance of the start of the school year (click [HERE](#) for more information). Teachers will be available via Zoom on **Monday, August 2, 2021**, to answer questions and provide assistance on the summer assignments. Times and links for the August 2 summer assignment tutoring sessions will be added to the BLEND Bowie Community Course.

SUMMER RESOURCES

- **2021-22 Course Requests** - Tomorrow, June 3, is the last chance to submit a change-of-mind course request (click [HERE](#) to submit any change requests). Your child's personal schedule (class period order of their courses) will be available in Frontline approximately 24-48 hours before the first day of school.
- **Summer Counselor Support** - Although your child's counselor may be off-contract over the summer, Bowie has planned for a couple of the counselors to be available on a limited basis. Please contact counselors Nicole Hepburn (nicole.hepburn@austinisd.org) from June 9-23 and Clare Smith (clare.smith@austinisd.org) from June 29-July 14 for assistance.
- **Summer Communication** - I will continue to provide you with important updates, including what to expect in August when school resumes, through the Bowie Star Newsletter. If you have a graduating senior, please do NOT unsubscribe from the emails as there will be important updates for graduates regarding transcripts, diplomas, and other post-high school activities. Unsubscribing from campus emails can also create future communication disruptions for your younger children. Parents and guardians of seniors will be automatically removed from all Bowie communications in August. Unfortunately, we won't have access to contact information for our rising 9th grade students until August when the district "rolls over" all student data for the new school year. As you are able, please encourage any parents and guardians of our incoming freshmen to periodically check JBHS.org for pertinent announcements and to read the [newsletters](#).
- **Summer Office Hours & Campus Access** - The Bowie campus is closed for construction over the summer. Most staff are off-contract, and therefore, unavailable to respond to emails and phone calls. However, a small support staff will be working in the portables at the rear of campus Monday-Thursday throughout the summer. We will continue to post information and updates to JBHS.org, but you can also email Katie Gilman (katie.gilman@austinisd.org) for more immediate assistance. Note that the entire district will be closed every Friday as well as the week of July 4th.
- **2021-22 Parking Information** - Parking permits purchased this year will be honored in the 2021-22 school year. Starting in late July, new permits will be sold online to rising juniors and seniors. Seniors with good attendance will have priority in selecting parking. In a few weeks, the comprehensive 2021-22 Parking Plan will be emailed to eligible students and added to JBHS.org.

Finally, as we wrap the 20-21 school year, I want to express my sincere appreciation to you for the kindness, flexibility and support you have extended to me and the entire Bowie staff. It was difficult at the beginning of the year to imagine the impact Covid-19 would have on Bulldog Nation, but all-in-all, I am pleased and grateful that because of our collective efforts we've endured!

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson

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