



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

August 12, 2022

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

After three full days of professional learning and two days for planning and preparation this week, the Bowie staff is (almost) ready for the start of the new school year on Monday and eager to get started. And, as evidenced by a great turn-out for Meet at the Tree and 9th Grade Parent Information Night, our students and their families are, too!

FIRST DAY REMINDERS - Those arriving and departing by car next week should anticipate heavy traffic for the first few weeks of school and plan accordingly. Please be attentive to the staff managing traffic flow around campus. Bus riders can locate their stops using [AISD Bus Stop Finder](#) and track the bus on its route using the [WheresTheBus](#) app. On Monday only, students will report by 9:05 am to the Advisory classroom listed on their schedule in the AISD Portal's Self-Serve tile. **AISD will push student schedules into the Portal on Sunday, so please be aware that online schedules may not be viewable at this time.** Rosters of Advisory classrooms will also be posted on the windows in front of the library and in the Fine Arts Foyer. Additional information about what to expect on Monday is available in the [First Day Instructions](#).

BASELINE EXPECTATIONS - [Bowie's Baseline Expectations](#) were recently developed as a means to promote positive behavior among students. A team of teachers and administrators identified four key practices to be collectively implemented by every staff member and in every classroom to support campus safety and student learning. I will host meetings with each grade level during the second week of school to discuss the importance of this initiative to campus safety and learning. Thank you for reviewing and reinforcing these guidelines with your child(ren).

SEEKING PARENT & BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES - Per state law (Texas Education Code, §11.251), each school must maintain a Campus Advisory Council (CAC). The CAC is a committee of parents, students, business and community representatives, teachers, principals, and other campus staff who meet to review and provide feedback on the campus educational program, performance, improvement plan, staff development plan, waiver requests, and budget. Bowie's CAC meets monthly 7:30-8:30 am on Tuesdays (click [HERE](#) for meeting dates and more information). **If you have an interest in serving a two-year term as a parent representative, please complete the district's [standard membership application](#) and email it to Ruth Ann Widner (ruth.widner@austinisd.org)**

by Friday, August 19, 2022. Bowie's CAC is also in need of a business representative, so if you know of someone who is not a Bowie parent and may like to serve in this capacity, please encourage them to apply. Applications will be considered knowing that our entire community is best served when its structures represent diverse perspectives. If you would like to offer your voice as a champion for all students in our community, please apply!

CHANGES TO MEDICATION AT SCHOOL POLICY - Austin ISD has implemented three major changes to their medication at school policy for the 2022-2023 school year:

1. **ALL** medications require a written physician's order. Orders must indicate they are for this school year. Prescription and over-the-counter medications will require parent authorization AND a written order from a practitioner licensed in the U.S./Texas for this school year with all the required elements of a medication order (dated for this school year, patient/student name, medication name, strength, dose, route, frequency, name and signature of provider).
2. Self-carry medications are limited to rescue medications for anaphylaxis, asthma, and/or diabetes.
3. **High school students cannot self-carry over-the-counter medications.**

AISD has made these changes to follow the guidelines supported by the Board of Nursing, National Association of School Nurses, and Texas Education Code. Additionally, with the increased focus on current mental health concerns these policies aim to keep students safe by limiting their ability to ingest large amounts of medication, share/sell medications, or use medications inappropriately or in other ways that violate existing policies. The new required medication authorization form is linked [HERE](#) for your convenience. Your understanding and cooperation to help keep all our students safe is appreciated.

The 2022-23 school year marks Bowie's 35th anniversary! Rooted in the legacy of Pride in Performance, and now with improving local health conditions, the benefits of modernized fine arts and athletics facilities, and the support of an amazing faculty, I am confident that this year's Bulldogs will reach new heights and contribute to the strong culture and rich history at Bowie High School. Let's get started!

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal