



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

August 19, 2022

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

The beginning of our new school year is off to a phenomenal start at Bowie. The student climate on campus is very positive and everyone is happy to be back, ready to learn after years of disruption, which makes school fun for everyone! Thank you, parents and guardians, for sharing your learners with us and supporting our work in public education.

ONBOARDING ACTIVITIES - Students are participating in several activities this week and next to get them oriented and build community at Bowie. You are invited to explore some of the resources that were shared in Advisory classes this week:

- Monday - [Administrator's Welcome Video](#)
- Tuesday - [Attendance Policies & Incentives Video](#) & [Understanding Exam Incentives Handout](#)
- Wednesday - Student Success Guide (see your child's Advisory tile in BLEND)
- Thursday - [Flexible Instructional Time Video](#) & [Enriching Students Instructions Handout](#)

PROCEDURAL REMINDERS - Several campus procedures have been reinstated this year now that we are back in-person full time. Please review the information below so you know what is expected.

- **Secure Perimeter** - With the conclusion of campus construction, students are now able to access all parts of the campus more directly. This has allowed us to establish a defined and secure perimeter that includes the Academic Buildings, Fine Arts Building, Athletics Building, cafeteria, and the interior courtyard. Students must always remain within this secure perimeter during the school day. **The only students authorized to exit the campus when school is in session are: students with an off-campus period in their schedule, seniors with off-campus lunch privileges, students who have been checked-out by a parent through the main office, or are participating in a teacher-directed instructional activity and under teacher supervision. All other students are not allowed beyond the secure perimeter during school hours.**
- **No Curbside Deliveries** - To effectively monitor who and what is moving on and off the campus, and because the area is located beyond the secure perimeter, **students will not be allowed to receive any deliveries at the front of the campus (curbside).** Parents wishing to drop off an item for a student must park and bring the item into the main office where it can then be retrieved by the student. The main office will not accept any items for students from delivery services such as Door Dash or Uber Eats. Thank you for helping us keep the campus safe and for honoring our staff's valuable time by only dropping off items that are truly essential.
- **Student ID Badges** - By now, all students have been provided with a temporary student ID badge and lanyard. This temporary ID badge will be worn by the student until the permanent photo ID is provided to them. Students should establish a daily routine, so they don't forget their student ID, Chromebook, charger, and everything else that they need for school every day.

Replacement lanyards are available for \$2 and, once photo IDs are issued, replacement ID's will be \$5. Both may be purchased in the Bookroom (A117) before school and during lunch via [SchoolCashOnline](#).

- **Checkout Procedures** - Please adhere to the official checkout procedures when your child leaves campus for an appointment or other personal reason. When picking up your child, park and proceed to the main office with your identification. The office staff will then retrieve your child from class. **To authorize your child to drive themselves off campus, you must submit the [Driving Pass Request Form](#) 24 hours in advance.** The form is open from 7:30-4:30 daily and requires the authorized parent or guardian to upload an image of their identification.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS NEXT WEEK - Students will take their yearbook photos during their English class on either August 23 or 24. To purchase yearbook photo packages go to <https://home.cady.com/welcome/>.

STUDENT SUCCESS GUIDE - The Student Success Guide (aka Austin ISD Student Code of Conduct) is required by state law and is intended to promote a positive learning environment and safe schools. This week during Advisory, your child participated in a lesson to help familiarize them with key understandings from this important document. You are invited to review the [Student Success Guide](#), as well as the correlated student lesson which can be found in your child's Advisory course tile in BLEND. Click [HERE](#) for related information.

CREDIT BY EXAM - The fall semester Credit by Exam (CBE) window is September 8-21. The deadline to order one of these exams is August 26. Students awarded CBE in two ways:

- Acceleration- Credit received with no prior instruction in the subject
- Validation- Credit received with prior instruction in the subject

**For more information about credit by exam, click [HERE](#) or contact your child's counselor.*

PSAT & SAT UPDATES - Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will take the College Board's PSAT exam on Wednesday, October 12. A small number of seniors will be taking the TSI exam on this date. Most seniors will be participating in enrichment activities on October 12 because their teachers will be serving as PSAT proctors. Therefore, **October 12 would be an ideal day for Seniors to utilize one of their two allocated and excused College Visit absences.** To be officially coded as a College Visit, advance planning is necessary (see the steps outlined [HERE](#)). **Austin ISD will also be paying for every 11th grade student to take an official SAT during the school day on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.** These dates are reflected on Bowie's [2022-23 A/B Calendar](#).

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal