



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

September 6, 2022

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARENT NIGHT - Bowie's annual open house event for parents and guardians will be **6:00-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 8**. Bowie offers a flipped format, meaning that the teachers' informational presentations for parents are pre-recorded and posted to their BLEND course homepages, allowing you to access that information at your convenience. Those parents wishing to come to campus in-person can join me in the gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to greet parents from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in a come-and-go format. Parents can also opt to attend some general informational sessions during this time. Prior to coming to campus on Thursday, please note your child's classroom on their schedule and review the [Back-to-School flier](#) which includes a link to the campus map.

STUDENT ID BADGE ENFORCEMENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK - Students are required to wear an ID badge in plain sight while at school unless directed to remove it for instructional purposes. By the end of the week, all students will have received a plastic ID card and a lanyard. They will receive a second one within the next 2-3 weeks. Students will be allowed to wear either of their two plastic ID badges. For the first four-weeks of school, Bowie provided any students who forgot their ID with a free, temporary one. However, a new enforcement procedure will begin next week. **Beginning on Monday, September 12, students who forget their plastic ID card will be provided with one single-use ID sticker per semester. Should a student forget their ID a second time or lose their ID(s), they will be required to purchase a replacement.** Replacement ID badges are \$5 and replacement lanyards are \$2. These items can be purchased with cash or via [SchoolCashOnline](#).

35TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

- **The Homecoming football game is on Friday, September 23, 2022**, at Burger Field against Dripping Springs. All current students and alumni are encouraged to attend the game and cheer on the Dawgs.
- Many Bowie students opt to participate in the Texas tradition of wearing Homecoming mums to school and to the Homecoming football game. Mums come in all shapes and sizes and can be exchanged with friends, gifted from a parent, or purchased for oneself. **The last day to purchase a Homecoming mum from the Bowie Silver Stars is Friday, September 9.** Visit <https://www.silverstars.org/> to purchase your mums and for more information.

HOMECOMING DANCE - Additional information about the event will soon be posted to the [PTSA website](#).

- **The Homecoming Dance will be from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m on Saturday, October 1, at Bowie High School.** All Bowie students are welcome to attend this fun and spirited event organized by the PTSA and JBHS Student Council.
- **Tickets** - Tickets for the Homecoming dance will be sold in the courtyard during both lunches for three days only: September 28-30. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15 at the door (**tickets for non-Bowie guests require pre-approval and advance purchase**). To purchase tickets, students must have their Bowie Student ID card for the current school year.
- **Non-Bowie Guests** - Students wishing to invite a non-Bowie guest must fill out and submit the [Guest Approval Form](#), along with a photocopy of the guest's school ID by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2022. A copy of this form is also available in the main office. Tickets for guests will only be sold in advance and only after the Guest Approval Form has been processed by the Bowie administration team (**guest tickets will NOT be sold at the door**).

LEAVING CAMPUS - 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. Therefore please note that it is very challenging to check a student out after 4 p.m. due to extracurricular events, end of day procedures, and student pick up traffic on campus. **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 daily from 4:30 pm to 7:30 am and requires the authorized parent or guardian to upload an image of their identification.

STUDENT CONDUCT - I am pleased to report that our students are responding positively to the new Bowie [Baseline Expectations](#), both at school and during athletic events. Students will next be introduced to the [2022-23 Bowie Student/Parent Handbook](#) by their science teachers so they are aware of other campus procedures, rules, and consequences. I encourage you to take a look at this helpful resource which is always available on the Bowie website (bowie.austinschools.org > About Us tab > School Policies).

PROGRESS REPORTS - Every three weeks you will receive an update about your child's academic progress in the form of a progress report, and at the 9-week mark, a report card. Students in UIL activities must maintain passing grades to remain eligible to participate. The first UIL eligibility check will take place on September 23 using the grades submitted for the 6-week progress report (see the [2022-23 UIL Eligibility Calendar](#)).

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal