



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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September 13, 2021

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**BOWIE SPIRIT** - Thank you for attending Back-to-School Night last Thursday. Over one hundred families attended in-person sessions and visited classrooms, while hundreds more tuned in virtually to learn more about Bowie's plan to support students and build community. Your interest in "all-things-Bowie" was further evidenced by the great turn-out for the PTSA-sponsored Bulldogs and Hotdogs community event on Saturday night. We are keeping the enthusiasm going this week with **Unity Day on Friday, September 17**. On Friday, students are invited to wear their Bulldog Nation United T-shirt to demonstrate that everyone belongs at Bowie!

**HOMECOMING MUMS** - Homecoming is Friday, October 1. Silver Stars have mums on sale now through September 24th. Go to [SilverStars.org](http://SilverStars.org) to order now!

**GIFTED & TALENTED** - We are beginning the 2021-22 identification process for any students not previously identified for the Gifted and Talented (GT) program in earlier grades. The process includes several steps: nomination, screening, the testing process during the school day, and possible selection. At the high school level, the gifted program coincides with the Advanced and AP programs. There are no "pull-out" programs or GT classes per se, nor is identification of giftedness on the student's official transcript. Students who are identified as gifted at the high school level must take Advanced or AP level courses in the areas where they show that ability. If you would like more information about the GT nomination process for any students not previously identified, please email Academic Director Kaylin Brett ([kaylin.brett@austinisd.org](mailto:kaylin.brett@austinisd.org)) by September 24th.

**TWILIGHT CREDIT RECOVERY** - Students who failed a course in a previous school year and need to recover the semester credit in order to meet a graduation requirement are eligible for the Twilight Credit Recovery program. Twilight classes meet in-person before or after school on select days. Most of the classes are self-paced with a teacher providing guidance and feedback. The fall 2021 Twilight session is scheduled to begin on September 20. Please reach out to your child's counselor for more information or to register them for this credit recovery opportunity.

**STUDENT ID BADGES** - Students received their ID's last week during their English classes. Most students should have an ID at this time. If your student did not get their ID, please send them to the front office to get one. Everyone at Bowie is required to wear an ID badge during regular school hours: staff, students, and visitors. Students must wear their ID visible from the front at all times. Beginning on Monday, September 13, students without their ID will not be admitted to class, and they will be sent to the office to procure a temporary ID or to purchase a replacement ID. If you have not already, please take a moment to review the [Bowie ID Badge policy](#) on the JBHS.org website, which students reviewed during the first week of school in Advisory.

**AISD LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEES** - Austin ISD is now accepting applications to serve on the Austin ISD Long-range Planning Committees. The LPCs will be made up of parents, community members, students, and district staff who will help the district develop long-range plans and a prioritized list of recommended projects in each of these areas: Academics and Career & Technical Education, Athletics, Visual & Performing Arts, Facilities, Safety, Security & Resiliency, Transportation, Food Service & Maintenance, and Technology. These plans will ultimately help determine which improvements and new facilities are included in our next bond. If you're interested in serving, please fill out the [online application](#) no later than 11:59 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 19. For more information, visit the [Long-range Planning Committee page on the AISD website](#).

**AISD COMMUNITY CONVERSATION** - Austin ISD invites all parents to participate in the Looking Back and Moving Forward events on Sept. 13 or Sept. 14 from 6-8 p.m., or Sept. 18 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.. These conversations are part of the district's efforts to build the foundation for the 2022 Long-Range Plan and the next bond. The event will feature a community panel discussing their experiences with historic inequities in the district and how we can begin to rebuild trust. All meetings will offer small group discussions facilitated in English and Spanish. Please email [karla.rivera@austinisd.org](mailto:karla.rivera@austinisd.org) or call (512) 414-9773 to request interpretation in other languages. For more information and to register for the events, see the [Looking Back and Moving Forward flyers.](#)

**NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** - Austin ISD will celebrate the National Hispanic Heritage Month with the 2021 Proud to be Hispanic virtual talent show. Students can submit their videos or pictures with the chance to win \$2,000 in prizes to be awarded in a virtual ceremony on October 27. For more information, please refer to the [Proud to Be Hispanic flyers.](#)

**COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH KICK-OFF WEEK** - This week is Coordinated School Health Kick-Off Week! Coordinated School Health is a system that works to improve and support the health of our students, including their mind, body, and environment. You can see coordinated school health in action at our school in 10 areas that work together: Physical Education/Physical Activity, Health Education, Social and Emotional Learning, Physical Environment/Sustainability, Food Services, Counseling/Mental Health, Family Engagement, Community Engagement, Health Services, and Employee Wellness. Each day this week, my morning announcements highlight one or more of these areas and recognize the people on our campus who support coordinated school health. Is there a staff member who is making a difference for your child's health? This is a great week to let them know how much you appreciate them, or [nominate them for a RAVE award!](#)

**COUNSELOR NEWS** - Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will be automatically registered to take an official PSAT at Bowie on Tuesday, October 26. The Preliminary SAT, also known as the PSAT/NMSQT® (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), is a practice version of the SAT college entrance exam. If you earn a high score on the PSAT your junior year, you could qualify to receive a National Merit Scholarship! \$180 million dollars in merit scholarships are awarded to students each year. Given the opportunity for scholarships, 11th grade students are encouraged to prepare for the PSAT by taking a mock PSAT exam and utilizing PSAT resources in Khan Academy. Also, [More Than a Teacher](#) partners with Bowie to offer mock PSAT, SAT, and ACT exams throughout the year. The mock PSAT will be administered on Sunday, September 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Bowie cafeteria (click [HERE](#) to register your child for this free opportunity). Check out the [Bulldog Counseling Newsletter](#) for more counselor-related updates.

Go Dawgs!

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