



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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October 5, 2022

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**EARLY RELEASE OCT 7:** Friday, Oct. 7, is one of two district-wide early release days scheduled to allow for teacher planning (see the [Early Release Bell Schedule](#)). Bus times will be adjusted accordingly.

**NEXT WEEK'S PSAT:** To ensure that students are positioned to be competitive in the college application process, Austin ISD pays for every 9th grader to take the PSAT 8/9 and every 10th and 11th grade student to take the PSAT/NMSQT. These exams will be administered at Bowie on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022, from 9:05 a.m. to approximately 2:15 p.m.**

- Rosters listing each student's testing location will be emailed to students and posted in front of the library on the morning of the exam.
- In advance of the exam date, students are encouraged to visit the College Board website to learn more about the [PSAT 8/9](#) and the [PSAT/NMSQT](#) exam's structure and to access sample exam questions. The [Khan Academy website](#) also has great PSAT practice materials which, for 10th and 11th grade students, can be personalized when linked to their prior PSAT scores.
- Although not a requirement of the College Board, **students in grades 9-11 are strongly encouraged to bring a graphing calculator to the PSAT on October 12** (you might consider your student putting a reminder in his/her phone). A list of approved calculators is available on the [College Board website](#). Please note that Bowie does not have enough graphing calculators for all students who will be testing that day. Juniors will be given priority in the distribution of available calculators because they are the only grade-level competing for the National Merit® Scholarship Program.
- Students will not break for lunch until after completing the PSAT. Freshmen will be provided a lunch break from approximately 1:15-1:45. Lunch for sophomores and juniors will occur from approximately 2:15-3:00. We encourage all students to bring healthy and tidy snacks to their test sites to eat during the PSAT's short breaks.

**OCT 12 PLAN FOR SENIORS:** All seniors should bring their Chromebook or personal computer for the college and career-readiness activities planned for Oct. 12. Seniors who have not taken or passed the TSI, or who have not demonstrated college-readiness on another indicator, will first be required to take the TSI exam. Seniors will also hear from Bowie alum Matt Worthington about how to graduate debt-free from college, get started on their [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA®\)](#), participate in an SEL workshop, and

watch an equity-focused documentary. Seniors considering using October 12 as one of their two allowed college-visit days are reminded to carefully review Bowie's [college visit attendance policies](#) prior to their absence.

**2022 BOND MEETING:** Austin ISD is holding a community conversation to share information about the upcoming bond referendum at Bowie High School on Tuesday, October 11, from 6-7:30. Please link to the flyer on [our website](#) for more information.

**BOWIE WEBSITE REMINDER:** Bowie has a new website this school year and has deactivated the previous one. For news, upcoming events, and other information, be sure to check [bowie.austinschools.org](http://bowie.austinschools.org).

**VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW:** Austin ISD is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month with its 2022 Virtual Talent Show "Proud to be Hispanic. Join the Fiesta!" Teachers, staff and families are invited to participate in this open call with prizes of \$250 and \$500 for Class Performance. Categories are singing, music, dancing and art (drawing or painting) that involve Hispanic Culture. Students can submit their videos or pictures at <https://bit.ly/FiestaAISD22> until October 9. Accepted entries are being posted on [Facebook](#) (pictures and drawings) and [YouTube](#) (videos of Singing, Dance and Music categories). Voting ends on October 12. More than \$4,000 in prizes will be awarded in an in-person ceremony on October 15—Save the date! Click [HERE](#) for more information in English or Spanish.

**THE HUNTER 5K:** The Hunter 5K was created to honor and celebrate the fast and free spirit of four-year-old Hunter Henderson, who tragically passed away in December of 2018. Hunter loved Halloween and dressed up in costume throughout the year. Held on Halloween weekend, race participants are strongly encouraged to dress in their most creative Halloween costumes in his memory. The Hunter 5K is the inspiration of Chance Henderson, Hunter's father. An avid runner, he was moved to create a fun and inclusive event that Hunter would be proud of. Please join the Bear Creek Elementary School community on October 29, 2022 at 9 am for the fourth annual Hunter 5K Halloween Fun Run! Register today at <https://thehunter5k.com/>! Funds raised from the event benefit the Dell Children's Medical Center who helped the Henderson family immensely during Hunter's stay.

Go Dawgs!

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