



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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October 6, 2021

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**FALL SOCIAL EVENT** - This year the traditional Homecoming Dance has been reimagined as a Fall Social. Jointly hosted by the PTSA and Bowie Student Council, this on-campus event is scheduled for the evening of ~~Friday~~ **Saturday**, October 23, 2021. The event will be limited to Bowie students; non-Bowie guests will not be admitted. Event times and more information about tickets, safety protocols, and all the fun activities are coming soon.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Registration for year-long and fall semester AP courses is open from October 4 to October 15 for regular fees. Late fees will be applied for registration submitted between October 16 and November 12. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- The Bowie teachers and staff will be engaged in meaningful professional learning on Monday, October 11, 2021. Monday will be a holiday for students.
- Bowie's Student Flu Vaccine Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20. Your child's participation requires you to submit the consent form to the Bowie main office by Wednesday, October 13. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**TESTING DATES** - The [Bowie 2021-22 A/B Calendar](#) has been updated to include testing dates that may directly or indirectly affect your child. We respectfully request that you be mindful of these dates in scheduling appointments for your child; releasing students from campus during testing creates problems with our required test security protocols.

**PSAT** - On Tuesday, October 26, all students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will be automatically registered to take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) at Bowie, courtesy of Austin ISD. The PSAT measures what students are learning in school, determines if they're on track, and opens doors for opportunities to prepare and pay for college. For Juniors, taking the PSAT enters them into the National Merit® Scholarship Program. Parents of freshmen can click [HERE](#) to learn more about the PSAT 8/9 version of the test that will be administered to their student. Click [HERE](#) for ways 10th and 11th grade students can prepare for the PSAT.

While calculators are not required for the PSAT, they are **strongly encouraged**. Bowie does not have enough calculators to loan every student for the PSAT and will therefore prioritize the juniors because they will be competing for scholarship opportunities. If possible, your child should bring a personal calculator to the PSAT on October 26 (click [HERE](#) for a list of allowable calculators). For those of you considering investing in a graphing calculator for your child to use as they start taking more advanced math and science classes, Bowie teachers recommend the TI-84 graphing calculator.

**SENIOR ACTIVITIES ON 10/26/21** - Seniors will engage in college & career readiness activities on October 26 while underclassmen take the PSAT. Some seniors will be required to take the TSI exam unless they have demonstrated college readiness with other qualifying measures and uploading their documentation. Seniors will also work on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) which is now [required by TEA for graduation](#), and hear from a former Bowie student about how to graduate debt-free from college. October 26 may also be a good day for seniors to visit one of the colleges they are interested in attending. If seniors want to use one of their two allowable college visits on October 26, they should start making those arrangements now (click [HERE](#) for directions and the required college visit form). Be on the lookout for an email from Ms. Valverde for more information about the TSI and October 26 activities for seniors!

**PINK OUT SHIRTS** - Bowie Cheer is promoting the 2021 Pink Out shirt! To honor those in the fight against breast cancer, the Bowie Cheer program would love for the staff, students, and community to come together for the Pink Out spirit day and the game on October 22 against Lake Travis. The Pink Out shirts are \$15 and come in sizes S - XXL. To purchase a shirt please use [SchoolCashOnline link](#) or have your student bring a check or cash to Ms. Alex in room G112.

**AISD EQUITY ACTION PLAN** - Over the course of a year (2019–2020), the AISD Office of Equity met with over 1,500 staff, students, and community for a series of information gathering sessions. The goal for these sessions was to hear staff, student, and community concerns; what they thought about equity in our district practices; and to find areas where we as the district could adjust to be more equitable. The Equity Action Plan is available in [nine languages](#) for your review.

**HELP AISD ATHLETICS FACILITIES GO ZERO WASTE** - We are #AISDProud to announce recycling and compost is now available at AISD stadiums! To make waste reduction and recycling a true success, we need your leadership. The biggest challenge to our hard-working food service and custodial staff is litter in our stadium seating left after games. Please “Don’t Mess with Texas” by leaving your litter behind. Recyclable items found on the ground after a game will be placed in the landfill trash and will not be recycled. Thank you for encouraging each other to use best zero waste practices, including the following:

- Plan to “leave no trace” and reconsider bringing items that could easily become litter (wrappers, lollipops, etc).
- Clean up your seating area from litter before departing and place your waste in the stadium’s recycle, compost, or landfill bin.
- Bring reusable bottles and/or food ware as appropriate.
- Avoid creating landfill waste from soft, thin plastic (like chip and Ziplock bags) by selecting items with recyclable or reusable packaging.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY** - Austin ISD is excited to announce the launch of the [Austin Youth Climate Equity Council \(AYCEC\)](#), a partnership between AISD, the City of Austin's Office of Sustainability, UT's Planet Texas 2050, and EcoRise. They seek highly motivated high school students to engage in community issues around climate change, environmental policy, and environmental justice. This first year of the council will consist of AISD students that are directly impacted by climate hazards (ie. extreme heat, flooding). Students from [historically underserved AISD communities](#) including students of color, students with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, and/or immigrant/migrant experiences are encouraged to apply. Interested students should read the [application](#)

and complete the [application form](#) by **October 8, 2021**. They are also looking for mentors for the Austin Youth Climate Equity Council, and interested mentors can [apply here](#). If you need support or have questions about the application process, please feel free to contact [Celine@ecorise.org](mailto:Celine@ecorise.org).

Go Dawgs!

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