



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

October 16, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES - All Bowie High School teachers will be offering 10-minute conference slots for parents and guardians on **Monday, October 20**. This optional opportunity allows families to connect directly with teachers and discuss student progress. By now, parents should have received sign-up instructions from teachers—please check your email or BLEND for details. If you have concerns that require more time, you are encouraged to schedule a separate meeting with the teacher. We look forward to partnering with you to support every student's success!

PSAT/NMSQT ADMINISTRATION - As a reminder, the PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to all 10th and 11th grade students on **Tuesday, October 21st** promptly at 9:05am. Students will need a FULLY CHARGED Austin ISD Chromebook for testing. Parents should have received an email with test day details. For additional information on PSAT/NMSQT, please visit the [College Board](#) website. Austin ISD has provided a list of PSAT Practice Resources for students [HERE](#).

COURSE LEVELING SCHEDULE CHANGES - Due to an increase in student enrollment, we have been granted additional staffing allocations. As a result, some schedule adjustments will take place at the start of the second nine weeks. These changes will help balance class sizes and improve the student-to-teacher ratio, allowing for more individualized support and stronger learning experiences.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATIONS AND BOUNDARY CHANGES - Austin ISD is welcoming feedback from the community about the proposed changes to attendance boundaries and school consolidations scheduled for implementation with the 25/26 school year. To ensure your comments are systematically reviewed and fully considered by the appropriate subject matter experts, we kindly ask that you **submit your ideas using our official [online comment card](#)**. This system allows us to efficiently gather, categorize and track all feedback, making sure nothing is missed as we develop potential refinements to the plan. Staff, families, and community members can also join the conversation at one of the [Preliminary Plan Question & Answer Sessions](#), happening via Zoom throughout October and on Nov. 8 at Delco Activity Center.



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- [Thursday, Oct. 16, 6–7:30 p.m.](#) (Virtual)
- [Monday, Oct. 27, 5:30–8:30 p.m.](#) (Virtual)
- [Saturday, Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.](#) (Delco Activities Center)

EMPOWER HOUR: ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORTS FOR CHROMEBOOKS - Join Kelly Spahn, Necol Roager, and Shira Goldberg on Wednesday, October 22 at 12 p.m. or 6 p.m. via Zoom (bit.ly/SPEDsessions) for an informative session on the accessibility and assistive technology tools available on AISD Chromebooks. Learn how features like speech-to-text, text-to-speech, and more can support a wide range of learning needs and help every student succeed.

PARENT U: COLLEGE READINESS WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES - Austin ISD's Parent U is back for the 2025–26 school year! These free virtual workshops are designed to help parents and guardians support their student's journey to college and beyond. Sessions cover important topics like financial aid, testing, advanced academic opportunities, and supporting students through transitions. Check out the flyers for more information and session dates — available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

GRADUATION ORDERS COMING SOON - Graduation season will be here before you know it! [Online orders](#) for custom Bowie Class of 2026 caps and gowns, class rings, graduation announcements, and more will open the first week of November. Items can be ordered individually or as part of a Graduation Package. Stay tuned for more details and online ordering instructions.

CALENDAR REMINDER - A reminder that students will not attend classes on Monday, October 20, for parent teacher conferences. Additionally, on October 22nd ([UNITY DAY](#)), please wear orange to show support for bullying prevention and for students who have been bullied. Orange is the special color for this day, and it stands for safety and support.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal