



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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November 7, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**CHARACTER STRONG** - This week in Character Strong students discussed the importance of identifying values through the concept of a 'To Be' List, which asks students to list what kind of person they want 'to be' instead of always focusing on tasks that need doing. Additionally, this week introduced the 'To Be Challenge,' which provides a way to put our values into action. Each grade level received the same challenge: introduce yourself to someone and invite them to do something with you.

**ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE** - JBHS Student Council is hosting our annual canned food drive benefiting the [Central Texas Food Bank](#). Last year, through a huge effort made by the numerous student organizations and clubs including National Honor Society and the Silver Stars, as well as individual donations, James Bowie High School donated an astonishing 2,388 pounds of food! We increased our goal this year to 2,500 pounds and if every student donates just 1 or 2 cans of food, we will easily hit our goal. We are also seeking donations of rice, dry pasta, dry pinto beans, whole grain cereal, peanut butter, and [other non-perishable food](#) and can be dropped off in the collection bins in front of the office or outside of Mr. Garcia's classroom in C201. If you would like to provide a monetary donation that will go towards the purchase of canned food, peanut butter, rice, etc., please use this [LINK](#) that will take you to the Bowie Webstore. Let's break our record again this year while helping families across Central Texas during the holiday season. **Our canned food drive will last through Friday, November 21.**

**2026 SALUTE AWARD NOMINATIONS** - The Salute Award winners will be celebrated at our Salute Awards ceremony on May 6, where we will also honor Teachers of Promise and Teachers of the Year. All AISD staff, students, family, and community members are invited to nominate Austin ISD staff members in the following categories:

1. Transportation Staff of the Year
2. Custodial/Facilities Maintenance Staff of the Year
3. Food Service/Warehouse Staff of the Year
4. Teaching Assistant of the Year
5. Campus Support Staff of the Year



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- Includes Library Clerks, Front Office teams, Parent Support Specialists, Assistive Therapists, and Campus Safety staff
- 6. Campus Professional Staff of the Year
  - Includes School Psychologists, OTs, PTs, Instructional Coaches, Diagnosticians, Licensed Mental Health Professionals, Mental Health Specialists, Speech Pathologists, and Nurses
- 7. Library Staff of the Year
- 8. Counseling Staff of the Year
- 9. Administration Staff of the Year
  - Includes Assistant Principals, Academy Director, and Academic Deans
- 10. Principal of the Year

**Please submit nominations using this form.** Nominations close on January 16, 2026.

**ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD DURING FALL BREAK** - When schools are closed, it can be tough for some Austin ISD students to get healthy meals at home. Families may access community resources to locate food assistance in their area while Austin ISD offices and schools are closed for the fall break.

- [Central Texas Food Bank \(www.centraltexasfoodbank.org\)](http://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org)
- [United Way for Greater Austin - ConnectATX \(www.connectatx.org\)](http://www.connectatx.org)
- [Texas Health and Human Services](#) - Call 2-1-1 or (877) 541-7905 to speak to a live operator.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal