



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

February 12, 2026

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

PARKING DISMISSAL ADJUSTMENTS – Slaughter Lane continues to be reduced to one lane between MoPac and Brodie due to construction expected to last approximately four more weeks. As a result, the Bowie campus will be **closed to all incoming vehicles starting at 4:00 p.m.** If you need to pick your student up before the end of the school day, you must pick up your student **before 4:00 p.m.** After 4:00 p.m., all parent pick-up will take place at **Bethany Lutheran Church on Wolftrap**. Any parents on Bowie property at 4:00 p.m. will be required to move to the Bethany pick-up lot. No parent pick-up on the Bowie property is available between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Campus access will reopen once buses have safely departed, approximately 5:00 p.m.

Families are encouraged to make alternate transportation or pick-up arrangements during this construction period if possible. For additional details, please visit speakupaustin.org/SlaughterLane. We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility during this temporary closure.

ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION – Every year, parents and guardians must complete the enrollment process for students remaining in Austin ISD. **Enroll Austin opens February 16**, and we ask that all returning students complete enrollment by **April 10**. Timely registration helps us accurately plan staffing, course offerings, and class sizes for the upcoming school year. Bowie High School will offer enrollment support sessions on **February 18 (9–11 a.m.)** and **March 5 (1–3 p.m.)** for families who need assistance. We appreciate your help in completing the Enroll Austin process by the April 10 deadline.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS – “When you miss school, you miss out.” When students miss school, they miss more than instruction – they also miss enrichment opportunities, fine arts and extracurricular experiences, and meaningful time with their peers. Daily attendance is a strong indicator of future success, and consistent absences can disrupt a student’s progress and mastery of course content.



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Nationwide, more than 8 million students are considered chronically absent—defined as missing 10% of the school year, or as few as two days per month. Missing 10 percent or more of school days due to absence for any reason—excused, unexcused absences and suspensions—can translate into third-graders unable to master reading, sixth-graders failing subjects, and ninth-graders dropping out of high school. (Source: [Attendance Works website](#)). Historically, the spring semester sees an increase in absences, and we need your partnership to ensure students are present and engaged. Thank you for helping us support your student's success.

CALENDAR REMINDER — Students will not attend classes on **February 16 and 17, 2026** in observance of Presidents' Day. We hope that all students and families have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal