



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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February 27, 2026

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**CHARACTER STRONG** – This week in Character Strong, **9th graders** focused on recognizing when to ask for help during challenging times and practiced giving constructive advice to themselves. **Tenth graders** finalized their “To Be” goals and explored the concept of “Habit Stacking” as a strategy for making steady progress. **Juniors** began a three-part series examining barriers to belonging, including how those barriers may show up on Bowie’s campus. **Seniors** concluded their unit on life dreams by reflecting on how skepticism can influence their willingness to set lofty goals.

**NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK & MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WEEK (MARCH 1-7)** – This week, we proudly recognize and thank our Bowie mental health team: **Katie Aslan** and **Kira Guillory (Licensed Mental Health Professionals)** and our CARS counselors **Shawn Clark-Martinez, Caitlin Everett, and Rebecca Cook**. Their compassionate support and collaboration with students, families, and staff play a vital role in promoting academic, social, and emotional well-being on our campus. Please join us in thanking them for the meaningful impact they make every day.

**SAT SCHOOL DAY REMINDERS (MARCH 3)** – On **Tuesday, March 3**, all juniors will participate in SAT School Day testing. Students may initially appear absent in the attendance system if they are testing in alternate locations; attendance will be updated once exam rosters are processed. Please note that juniors **may not be picked up before 1:00 p.m.** on testing day. We appreciate your patience and partnership as we ensure a smooth and successful testing experience.

**VIRTUAL COLLEGE PLANNING PRESENTATION (MARCH 3)** – Families of students in grades **9–11** are invited to attend a **Virtual College Planning presentation on March 3 at 7:00 p.m.** hosted by PTSA. Nationally recognized college counselor **Yvonne Espinoza, CEP**, will share key insights to help juniors prepare for senior year and navigate the college planning process with confidence. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/L-B0ImY40Q2D8PsYMmBEdg>

**GT DISTRICT VIRTUAL SHOWCASE SUBMISSIONS** – The submission window for the **GT District Virtual Showcase** is now open and will close on **April 10, 2026**. This opportunity is available to all identified **Gifted/Talented (GT)** and **Talent Explore (TE)** students and provides a platform for students to demonstrate advanced learning,



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creativity, and depth of understanding aligned to their strengths and interests. Families and teachers are encouraged to review the flyer and support student participation. [The flyer is available in English and Spanish here.](#)

**2026 SUMMER ARTS GUIDE** – Looking for arts opportunities this summer? The **2026 Summer Arts Guide**, created by MINDPOP and the Creative Learning Initiative’s Community Arts Partners, features free and paid experiences for Austin ISD students and families—including live music, theater, museum days, and arts-based summer camps. [Explore the guide in English and Spanish](#) to discover ways to stay connected to the arts all summer long. Questions may be directed to Meg Greene at [meg.greene@mindpop.org](mailto:meg.greene@mindpop.org).

**SENIOR WALKS** – We are excited to celebrate the Class of 2026 as they return to their elementary campuses for Senior Walks! Families are welcome to cheer them on at the following locations:

- **Patton Elementary:** May 18 at 8:00 a.m.
- **Clayton Elementary:** May 26 at 2:05 p.m.
- **Baldwin Elementary:** May 26 at 2:15 p.m.
- **Cowan Elementary:** May 27 at 7:30 a.m.
- **Baranoff Elementary:** May 27 at 7:45 a.m.
- **Mills Elementary:** May 27 at 7:45 a.m.
- **Kiker Elementary:** May 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Our elementary feeder campuses look forward to welcoming and honoring our seniors as they walk the halls where their journey began.

## **CAMPUS ACCESS & PARKING REMINDERS** –

- **Parking:** Please ensure you are parking only in designated areas. Do not park in any "no parking" zones.
- **Walking to Campus:** When walking to school, please stay on public paths and sidewalks. Do not cross through or over private property.

Thank you for your cooperation in being good neighbors and keeping our campus accessible.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson, Principal