



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

May 14, 2026

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

SENIOR ASSEMBLY (MAY 15) – On **Friday, May 15**, seniors will participate in a special assembly during 3rd period, featuring a presentation from **Arrive Alive** by Tom Crawford. Mr. Crawford will share his family's story and speak with students about safe decision-making as they approach graduation celebrations. During the assembly, seniors will also review prom expectations and receive important reminders about upcoming senior events and graduation procedures.

PROM REMINDERS (SATURDAY, MAY 16) – Prom will take place on **Saturday, May 16**, from 8:00–11:00 p.m. at the **Hyatt Regency Austin** (Zilker Ballroom). Students must bring a **photo ID** (driver's license or student ID) for check-in. All attendees and belongings will be searched upon entry, and school rules and expectations remain in effect throughout the event. Guests must be pre-approved and arrive with the Bowie student who purchased the guest ticket. Parking is available at a reduced rate of \$10 plus tax in the hotel garage. Students who still need to purchase tickets may do so at bit.ly/PromTickets2026 using their student ID as the access code. Additional event and parking details have been shared directly with seniors via email.

SENIOR FINALS & ACTIVITIES - CLASS OF 2026 - Senior Finals begin next week and will take place **May 19–22**, with exams scheduled during class periods throughout the week. Following finals, seniors will participate in mandatory Senior Week events, including **Graduation Practice (May 26)**, **Senior Breakfast (May 27)**, **Senior Check-Out (May 28)**, and **Graduation on May 28 at 8:00 p.m.** The Senior Check-Out sheet must be turned in in order to receive graduation wristbands in the event of inclement weather. Families are encouraged to review the [full Senior Activities schedule](#) for important details, including Senior Walks, deadlines, and graduation information.

GRADUATION UPDATES – Graduation for the Class of 2026 will take place on **May 28 at 8:00 p.m.** at the Burger Athletic Complex. Graduating seniors should arrive by **7:00 p.m.** When viewing the stage, graduates with **last names A–K will be seated on the right side**, and **L–Z on the left**, to help families plan seating accordingly. Each graduate will receive **7 wristbands** for guest entry if graduation is moved indoors to Burger Center due to inclement weather and limited seating capacity.

Parking: Due to the increasing cost of [graduation ceremonies](#), Austin ISD will continue with paid parking at the Burger Athletic Complex. **Pre-paid parking is \$15**, and



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day-of-event parking is \$20. Guests can pre-purchase parking through the [district parking website](#). **Free shuttle service** will continue to be available from each high school. For **ADA parking**, families are encouraged to arrive early, as spaces are available on both sides of the stadium on a first-come, first-served basis.

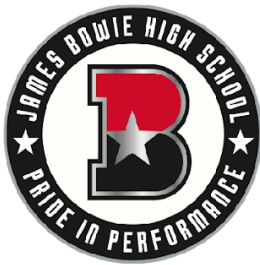
SENIOR BREAKFAST SLIDESHOW – As a fundraiser, the junior class officers are creating a slideshow for the **Senior Breakfast on May 27**. Families may purchase a slide featuring their senior’s name, a childhood photo, a recent photo, and a short message. The cost is a **\$10 donation**, and submissions are due by **Wednesday, May 20**. Interested families should complete payment through [MySchoolCentral](#) and submit photos using [the provided form](#). For questions, please contact [Ximena Gamboa](#) or [Justine Lashley](#).

SENIOR BREAKFAST DONATIONS – Parents, please [sign up to donate items](#) for the Senior Breakfast on May 27. Donations of gift cards, drinks, and paper goods can be brought to the front office anytime between now and the morning of May 27 (please label the items “SENIOR BREAKFAST”). Perishable food such as donuts, muffins, fruit, etc. can be brought to the front of the campus before school starting at 7:45 am on the morning of May 27 (student volunteers will be waiting at the curb to unload the items from your vehicle). **The Senior Breakfast will take place from 9:05 to 10:35 am as part of the senior week celebrations.**

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of tacos, food, and other supplies for the event, please select “Bowie Class of 2026 Senior Breakfast Donations” on the [Bowie Webstore](#).

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES – With spring exams approaching, we wanted to share some reminders about Bowie’s Attendance Incentive program. Bowie offers exam incentives to reward excellent attendance. The exam incentive allows eligible students to replace their exam grade with a higher semester average in either one or two of their classes. The [Understanding Incentives document](#) provides a helpful overview of the exam incentive program. Some things to keep in mind:

- **All absences count, regardless of the reason.** The few exceptions (like school-related absences or partial-day absences for a medical appointment), can be viewed on the [Summary of Attendance Rules](#) document.
- The incentive eligibility list is based on the official attendance record you see in the AISD Portal’s Self-Serve (Attendance and Grades) tile. **The student should contact the teacher regarding any attendance errors as soon as possible.** Only the teacher of record can initiate an attendance correction.



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- Students should be on the lookout for more information coming soon regarding how many attendance incentives they earned for this semester and how to apply them.

STAAR EOC SUMMER MAKE-UP TESTING INFORMATION - We are preparing for summer STAAR EOC make-up testing. This administration is for students who were absent during the Spring testing window or for students who did not pass in the Spring and need to retest. Parents will be able to access student results beginning June 10th through the [Texas Assessment Family Portal](#).

Summer Testing Schedule:

- June 16
 - 8:30 AM – English I
 - 12:30 PM – U.S. History
- June 17
 - 8:30 AM – Algebra I
 - 12:30 PM – English II
- June 18
 - 8:30 AM – Biology
 - 12:30 PM – Make-Up Exams

If your student was absent for an EOC test, please complete [THIS GOOGLE FORM](#) so we can register them for summer testing. If you are unable to attend the assigned testing date but are available on another testing day, please let us know as soon as possible so we can try to accommodate your schedule. For any questions, please contact **Alyssa Paramski**, Testing Coordinator, at alyssa.paramski@austinisd.org.

Go Dawgs!

Dr. Cathryn Mitchell, Principal Substitute