



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

August 19, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

This morning, we welcomed 2905 students to campus for the start of the 2025-26 school year. I am pleased to report that we have had a GREAT first day of school! Thank you for sending your Bulldog to us ready to collaborate with their peers, teachers, and other staff in owning their own learning and establishing an inclusive and friendly environment at Bowie High School! The energy on campus is great; we are all excited, optimistic, and poised to have an amazing year.

WELCOME INFORMATION- Today during Advisory class, students had the opportunity to [hear from Bowie's administrators](#), receive their class schedule and student ID, and determine their lunch assignment. Beginning of the year orientation activities will continue with their Advisory teachers for the rest of the week during the Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) period from 10:41-11:07.

STUDENT ID BADGES - For the safety of our campus, **everyone on campus—students, staff, and visitors—is required to wear an ID badge.** Bowie provides each student with an ID and lanyard to be worn during the school day. All students received their 2025–2026 ID during Advisory this morning. Please remind your child to bring their ID to school every day.

- Replacement **lanyards** are available for \$2 and **replacement IDs** are \$5.
- All ID replacement requests must be submitted through the form at <http://bit.ly/GetABowieID>. Payment for both lanyards and IDs may be made by cash, check, or through the [Bowie Webstore](#).

TRAFFIC & PARKING- While traffic was heavy throughout the community, the flow of traffic through campus was efficient overall. Here are a few observations and requests for our parents and students driving to school this week:

- Allow extra time and be patient while everyone learns the campus procedures. Please pay attention to directional signage and follow any instructions from the staff.



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- The parent drop-off loop enters and exits on Slaughter Lane. The entrance from Wolftrap is intended solely for faculty, buses, and students permitted to park in the garage. Only faculty and buses are allowed to drive around behind the school.
- The right lane is for pickup and drop off and the left lane is designated as drive through only. **Please do not let your child out of the car in the left lane** to cross the pickup and drop off lane on the right.
- When dropping off your student, **please pull forward past the crosswalk and canopy at the main entrance and let them out of the car to use the sidewalk alongside the parking garage.** Parents are encouraged to pull all the way up to the stop sign at the northeast corner of the parking garage, which allows twice as many students to be picked up or dropped off at once. This applies to Athletics as well—please do not stop in the roadway to let your child out at the athletic building. Pulling more cars onto the campus will ease congestion on Slaughter Lane and keep our students safe as they arrive on campus.
- If you have any questions about parking permits, please contact Mr. Octavio Angel at octavio.angel@austinisd.org.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - Austin ISD is required to report student attendance to TEA based on a specific time each day. At Bowie, the official attendance time is **10:30 a.m.** You can help maximize Bowie's funding by scheduling your child's appointments before or after school, or—if that's not possible—after 10:30 a.m. While we aim to minimize unexcused and discretionary absences, we recognize there are legitimate reasons to miss school. Most importantly, please keep your student home if they are sick to support their recovery and protect the health of other students and staff. If your child is ill and worried about how this might affect their semester exam attendance incentive, please remind them that the incentive applies to only one or two courses. It is never worth jeopardizing their health by attending school before they are fully recovered.

CREDIT BY EXAM - The Quarter #1 testing window for Credit by Exam occurs September 15th - September 30th. The **Registration Deadline is August 29th, by**



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the end of the school day. Please contact your child's counselor for additional information about Credit by Exam.

FOOD SERVICE - We encourage all families to take advantage of the healthy, tasty meals offered at school. Breakfast and lunch are prepared daily by staff in our school kitchen. Our cafeteria can accommodate [food allergies and special dietary needs](#) with a completed [Request for Dietary Accommodation Form](#). Families may view menus for our school and add funds online by creating an account at www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD. The cafeteria accepts cash, money orders, or cashiers checks daily from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Families may apply for free or reduced price meals by creating an account and submitting an application at www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD. Download and complete an [English](#) or [Spanish](#) application; email to foodservicebusinesssupport@austinisd.org. If you have any questions about school meals, you may call Food Service at 512-414-0251 or submit a message [online](#).

BULLDOGS & HOTDOGS - On Saturday, August 23, Bowie's PTSA invites you to our annual [Bulldogs and Hotdogs](#) event, located in the Bowie courtyard under the shade of the second-best tree in Austin. The event runs from **5:00–8:00 p.m.** and serves as a collective fundraiser for Bowie boosters, student clubs, and school programs. Highlights include a **pep rally in the competition gym at 6:30**, along with games, food and drinks, and spirit wear sales. Admission is **free**, but be sure to bring cash or a check to purchase food, drinks, and spirit items.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal