



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

September 9, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

CHARACTERSTRONG - This year, Bowie will be participating in **CharacterStrong**, a program designed to prepare students for success both in high school and beyond. Our focus will be on three key outcomes:

1. Increasing a sense of belonging for all students
2. Improving skills that support student well-being
3. Deepening engagement in academics, school life, and the community

Why this matters:

- A sense of belonging is essential for learning and well-being. Nearly one-third of students report a weak sense of belonging, and about half of 6th–12th graders say they don't enjoy coming to school most of the time.
- Mental health challenges are on the rise, with 7 out of 10 U.S. teens (ages 13–17) identifying anxiety or depression as a major issue among their peers.
- Engagement drives learning and is a key factor in school success.

CharacterStrong equips students with the life skills they need to thrive, including building positive habits, understanding emotions, resolving conflicts, and cultivating empathy for others with different life experiences. Lessons encourage students to identify areas they want to improve in their school, relationships, and community, and then provide practical tools to make meaningful change—both individually and in teams.

To learn more, visit characterstrong.com and/or explore their family resources page for tips and tools for students and families.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATIONS - Austin ISD invites you to learn more about the school consolidation process at our latest round of school consolidation process meetings. These sessions will all be held virtually on Zoom, and you'll have multiple opportunities to participate. Each meeting will explore the unique challenges and opportunities across different parts of the district. We'll also share our goals and limitations related to programming, accountability, capacity, and more.



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Meeting Details:

- 6-8 p.m., [Tuesday, Sept. 9](#)
- 6-8 p.m., [Wednesday, Sept. 10](#)
- 6-8 p.m., [Monday, Sept. 15](#)

We encourage you to join the conversation and learn more about this important process. Thank you for your continued support of our students and schools.

Austin ISD Tools for Success LIVE - Austin ISD Family and Community Engagement Support Office invites you to Tools for Success LIVE – Kick-off on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10–11:30 a.m. at LBJ Early College High School Theater + Online (7309 Lazy Creek Dr, Austin, TX 78724.) Join us for this hybrid event and learn about important topics that impact all campuses, including how schools are funded in Texas, and how attendance, income verification forms, and Title I services affect student success. Families can participate in person or online.

Broadcast live here: English session: [Austin ISD Facebook](#) or Spanish session: [Family Engagement Facebook](#)

In-person families will enjoy:

- Transportation
- Door prizes
- Snacks to-go
- Free hygiene kits (while supplies last)

This event is free and open to all families and the community. RSVP today: <https://bit.ly/SepTFSLIVE-RSVP> We look forward to seeing you there!

HOMECOMING - Homecoming on October 3rd is fast approaching! Many Bowie students participate in the Texas tradition of wearing Homecoming mums to school and to the Homecoming football game. Mums come in all shapes and sizes and can be exchanged with friends, gifted, or even worn by parents! Visit <https://www.silverstars.org/> to purchase your handmade, custom mums. You can even get special [uniform-approved mums for the Band](#), or photo button mums for [JV Star Dancers](#). **The last day to purchase your Homecoming mums from the Bowie Silver Stars is Friday, September 19th.**



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Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal