

December 17, 2021

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**BELL SCHEDULE FOR 01/05/2022** - Classes will resume for the spring semester on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. When students arrive on campus, they will report directly to their Advisory class. Each student's Advisory teacher's name and classroom number is listed on their schedule in the Student Self-Serve tile in the Austin ISD Portal. The bell schedule for January 5 will be slightly modified:

January 5th Modified Bell Schedule
9:05-9:27 Advisory
9:33-11:03 1st Period
11:09-4:35 Resume Regular Bell Schedule

**UPCOMING COURSE ADVISING** - Upon their return to school in January, students in grades 8-11 will begin selecting their high school courses for the 2022-23 school year. Over the winter break, you and your child are invited to explore scheduling and course videos on the JBHS.org website. The Bowie counseling team will host an Academic Planning Night for students in grades 9-11 and their guardians from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday, January 10 in the Bowie competition gym. Counselors will share information about graduation plans, course pathways, advanced academics (Advanced Placement, On-Ramps, and ACC dual credit courses), and PSAT score interpretation. Throughout January, counselors will be visiting classrooms to review graduation requirements and teachers will be advising students about course options in their respective content areas. Students currently at Bowie will be electronically submitting their 2022-23 course requests during their 1st period class on February 9, 2022.

**PAYING FOR COLLEGE** - On October 26, 2021, Bowie alum Matt Worthington shared his personal story about how he overcame hardship to graduate from college debt-free, and he offered some practical advice to seniors about how to pay for college. Click <u>HERE</u> to watch a video of his message. Seniors in attendance received a copy of Matt's book <u>Ultra Productive: Graduating Debt-Free and Getting Ahead</u>. Extra copies of his book are available to any interested student in Bowie's College and Career Center.

**PARKING PERMITS** - Due to high demand through the fall 2021 semester, parking permits for lot A and B sold out during the original summer and December releases. We have ordered more permits and hope to continue to accommodate juniors and seniors as soon as possible (check the 2021-22 Parking Plan for updates about online permit sales). In addition, sophomore parking permit requests will be reviewed as soon as the new permits become available. We encourage sophomores to check their school

email regularly where they will receive their approval or denial for a parking spot. The Bowie parking team would like to thank everyone for their continued patience through this process.

As 2021 draws to a close, I am grateful for the return of students to campus, for the sincere commitment of my staff, and for the involvement of our community. My wish is that the winter break provides everyone in Bulldog Nation opportunity for rest and meaningful connection with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Go Dawgs! Mark Robinson Principal James Bowie High School