



# James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Dear Bowie High School Community,

Because of the construction at Bowie this summer, the Class of 2022 did not have the opportunity to participate in the **annual Camp Bowie transition program**. We do not, however, want our incoming 9th grade students to miss out on some of the meaningful Camp Bowie activities, so our 9th grade math, science, English, and social studies teachers will be embedding these activities in their classes during the first and second week of school. The incoming 9th grade students will no doubt learn the ins-and-outs of life in Bulldog Nation and other Bowie traditions!

To allow our incoming 9th grade students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the campus prior to the first day of school, some amazing leaders among Bowie's upperclassman will conduct **hourly tours at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, and 2pm on Thursday, August 16, 2018**. To participate in the tour, we request that the 9th grade students register in advance using the following link: <http://bit.ly/BowieCampusTour>. To ensure all our 9th grade students can participate, we will not be able to include parents in the tour -- tours on this date are for incoming 9th grade students only! A sign language interpreter will be available for the 1:00pm tour.

We would like parents of our incoming freshmen to join us for our **9th Grade Parent Information Night on Thursday, August 16, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. in the JBHS cafeteria. Our team will be reviewing a number of topics including school policies, first-day procedures, graduation plans, freshman programs, planning for the future, components of social emotional learning, and the inner-workings of the adolescent brain. We want to ensure that you have all of the information you want to start your student's year off on the right foot! We are looking forward to a spectacular year with the class of 2022!

All Bowie students are required to bring a device with a minimum of a 10" screen to school every day. Chromebooks are available to issue to students at no charge, in much the same way that textbooks were issued in the past. Chromebooks will be issued to 9th grade students who participate in the Everyone:1 initiative during their English class on August 22 or 23, 2018. Students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade who are new to Bowie, or now wish to opt in to the AISD Everyone:1 Chromebook program, can check out a Chromebook from the A-hall Technology Room before school or during lunch on August 22 and 23. **Please note that before a Chromebook can be checked out to the student, the parent must submit the Everyone:1 consent form through the [AISD Parent Cloud](#)**. If you do not have a Parent Cloud Account, you can register for one online. Parents are encouraged to take care of this soon as possible!

If you are having an issue with your Chromebook during the summer months, please email Ms. Theis ([debby.theis@austinisd.org](mailto:debby.theis@austinisd.org)) to set up an appointment. Appointment hours are Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**All students will take their yearbook pictures** and receive their student IDs during their math classes on August 22 or 23, 2018. As a reminder, this year students will be provided with a lanyard and will be required to wear their student IDs during the school day. To order school photos online, parents and students should go to [www.phototexasphotography.com](http://www.phototexasphotography.com) and enter code 1819-0054. This link will allow you to choose packages, pay for multiple students at once, and select the option to have orders shipped directly home. The online order code should be working in early August. Photos may be ordered in advance or after the student's photo is uploaded to the Photo Texas website.

**Parking permits will be available for purchase online** after the first full week in August. Seniors eligible for a reserved painted parking spot -- *because of their outstanding attendance* -- must submit their parking spot contract and design proposal to the purple box on the Bowie main office front counter between August 6 and 9, 2018. Reserved painted parking spot selection will occur on the morning of Friday, August 17th in C102. Painting will commence all-day Friday and continue after 2:00pm on Saturday and after 1:00pm on Sunday. More information about the [reserved painted parking spots attendance incentive](#) program for seniors is available on the website.

To allow students the extra time and support needed to be successful in their classes, Bowie will continue to have a 22-minute Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) period following 1st and 5th periods each school day. Students and teachers will be able to schedule FIT sessions on a day-by-day basis with **a newly developed program in the AISD Cloud called AISDLearn**. This new-and-improved scheduling portal not only enables the scheduling of FIT sessions, but also provides a way for teachers and administrators to set up tutoring sessions, club meetings, attendance recovery, and other activities before and after school. **AISDLearn** will notify students by email when a teacher assigns them to a FIT session, and as a pilot program, it will notify parents by email when a student is added to any session before or after school. We hope this notification system will be helpful to parents as they plan before and after school schedules, so please look for those emails!

Your student only has a couple more weeks to **complete any summer reading and/or homework assignments!** Some Pre-AP and AP courses have assignments designated in their course contracts and due at the beginning of the school year. Please see the [JBHS website](#) to be sure your child is ready for school to start.

Go Dawgs!



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