



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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March 22, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**NEW COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVISOR** - I am pleased to welcome Amber Luna as our new College and Career Advisor! Ms. Luna grew up in South Austin. For the past three years, she's been a Senior Admissions Counselor for Texas Tech University. As an advisor for Tech, Ms. Luna had many opportunities to work with our previous College and Career Advisor to assist in the process of getting Bowie Seniors connected to the college experience! She is now thrilled to assist Bowie students as they determine their path to college or career after high school. Join me in welcoming Ms. Luna to Bulldog Nation!

**BOWIE'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS** - One of Bowie's most beloved traditions is returning to the stage! The Fine Arts Department and the Student Council are excited to announce that this year's show will be on March 30 at 7:00 pm in the new theater. **Auditions are on Monday, March 25 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm in room L145. All students are encouraged to audition if they have a talent they'd like to share with the school! Students can [use this SignUpGenius](#) to claim an audition spot.** Feel free to contact Mr. Garcia (alejandro.a.garcia@austinisd.org) or Mr. Cantu (randall.cantu@austinisd.org) with any questions.

**TICKETS FOR SENIOR PROM ON SALE** - The "Viva Las Vegas" Senior Prom is coming up on Saturday, April 13 at the DoubleTree by Hilton! Tickets are on sale for \$50 apiece. Seniors can [buy their tickets](#) today using Bowie's GoFan page. Seniors can purchase up to two tickets with their access code, which will be their student ID number. If their date is NOT a Bowie student, they will need to fill out the [Non-Bowie Student Prom Guest Approval Form](#). Important note: Guests must be between the ages of 14 and 20. Also, if this form is not filled out prior to prom, that guest will not be admitted. IDs will be checked at the door.

**PTSA SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS** - Attention BOWIE CLASS OF 2024 SENIORS - Bowie PTSA is accepting scholarship applications. Graduating Seniors who join PTSA and have a minimum 3.0 GPA could be awarded scholarships ranging between \$500 and \$1,000. Submit completed the [PTSA Scholarship Application](#) and Parent Authorization Form to bowieptascholarship@gmail.com. Deadline for applications is 4/1/24 at 11:59pm. GOOD LUCK SENIORS!

**PANORAMA FAMILY SURVEY** - Our district values your feedback! We are currently surveying Austin ISD families in order to gain insight into your perception of our school and district effectiveness. The Panorama survey safeguards your privacy, keeping your responses confidential. The survey shouldn't take more than a few minutes to complete.

You may [complete the survey online](#) between March 25 and April 12 using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. We thank you in advance for your thoughtful responses. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please don't hesitate to contact us at [whitney.black@austinisd.org](mailto:whitney.black@austinisd.org).



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**SPECIAL EDUCATION FAMILY ENGAGEMENT** - The Austin ISD Special Education Department is hosting multiple family engagement and learning opportunities.

- **Vela - Vela** is a local nonprofit dedicated to empowering parents to become their child's greatest advocates. Through an AISD & VELA partnership, we are offering a 3-part interactive virtual series for parents to gain knowledge, identify strategies, and find resources to support their child's special education services and individual education program (IEP). This opportunity is available in English or in Spanish! Parents, staff, and community members can [REGISTER](#) to participate in one, two, or all three sessions.
  - [IEP Learning Series Flyer \(Eng\)](#) & [IEP Virtual Learning Series Flyer \(Spn\)](#)
  - [Autism Learning Series \(Eng\)](#) & [Autism Learning Series \(Spn\)](#)
- **Additional Empower Hour opportunities in March & April**
  - **Austin Community College (ACC) and Student Accessibility Services (SAS):** SAS staff will assist students by identifying reasonable accommodations, establishing and coordinating accommodations, conducting one-on-one meetings in person, online, or by phone, providing access to Assistive Technology, offering disability-related problem-solving and advocacy, and providing information and referrals to additional ACC resources.
    - March 26: 12-1, 6-7 - VIRTUAL online [LINK](#)
  - **Family Empower Hour: Child Find:** This session will review district Child Find responsibilities - including referral, timelines, and process from evaluation to the determination of special education eligibility and services.
    - April 16: 12-1, 6-7 - VIRTUAL online [LINK](#)
- For information, please contact [lisa.vasquez-saldana@austinisd.org](mailto:lisa.vasquez-saldana@austinisd.org) or [liena.deleon@austinisd.org](mailto:liena.deleon@austinisd.org).

**CALENDAR REMINDERS** - Students will not attend classes on March 29 or April 10, 2024, for the observance of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta Day. Cesar Chavez Day is a U.S. federal commemorative holiday, proclaimed by President Barack Obama in 2014. The holiday celebrates the birth and legacy of the civil rights and labor movement activist Cesar Chavez on March 31 every year so Austin ISD will be closed on Friday, March 29. [Austin ISD will participate in the Annual ¡Sí Se Puede! César Chávez March & Day of Action!](#) Saturday, March 30, at Parque Zaragoza, 2608 Gonzales St., Austin, TX 78702. April 10 is Dolores Huerta Day and honors the legacy of her work in protecting the rights of farmworkers and advancing the rights of women. Wednesday, April 10, is dedicated to staff professional development so students will not attend classes.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal