



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**INTRODUCING NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL** - We are thrilled to welcome Octavio Angel to our administration team! Mr. Angel will work with the Social Studies department and serve as the primary contact for families with last names A-Che. Additionally, he will support the Baseball and Softball programs/boosters at Bowie High School along with the Debate Club. Mr. Angel is entering his 7th year in public education, all of which he has spent in Austin, Texas. He began his career as a Science teacher at Austin High School, where he taught for 5 years and coached girls' soccer. In the fall of 2022, Mr. Angel transitioned to Burnet Middle School as an Assistant Principal. This year, Mr. Angel is thrilled to join Bulldog Nation and looks forward to becoming deeply involved with the community, building connections with students, staff, and families alike.

**CHARACTER STRONG** - As you know, we launched the Character Strong program at Bowie High School earlier this month. Every Monday, students go to their 3rd period teacher's classroom during FIT to participate in Character Strong activities that strengthen interpersonal skills. This week, all grade levels were building community through intentional connection with peers. These relationships are important for our sense of belonging and can lay a good foundation for creating a sense of safety and community in the classroom.

**AP EXAM REGISTRATION FOR SPRING COURSES** - AP Exam registration opens on February 3 for spring one-semester courses. Students currently taking AP Comparative Government, AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics, and/or AP US Government are eligible to register. (NOTE: AP Exam registration for year-long and fall-semester courses has closed). AP Exam registration for the four courses indicated above will begin Monday, February 3 and close on Friday, March 7. Please be mindful that after February 23, there will be a \$40.00 late fee applied to the exam fee and that the March 7 registration deadline is firm. Visit our website for [more information and registration details](#).

**ATTENDANCE RECOVERY**- This is a reminder that attendance is required for students to earn credit in a class. The state requires two components to receive credit for class. Students must have a semester average of a 70 or above and must be present in class for 90% of the time in a semester. If a student has more than 4 UNX absences in any given class per semester, students will not receive credit for the class and must do attendance recovery. Each absence over 4 absences requires 1 hour of recovery. Please visit the attendance page on our [website](#). Under Attendance Topic Categories, you will find information about Attendance Recovery to see the options students have to recover their absences.

It is the student's responsibility to monitor attendance. If a student lost credit last semester, they need to begin working on recovering their attendance immediately. If seniors are deficient in attendance, they will not be allowed to attend prom or walk at graduation.

**CURRENT STUDENT AND PARENT ADVISING NIGHT** - Rising 10th - 12th graders and their guardians are invited to attend an advising night with our counselors in the VC Room located in the Administration building on Tuesday, February 11, between 4:45 and 6:15 pm. This come-and-go event is designed for students and their parents/guardians to ask any general questions about scheduling for the 25-26 school year. We hope to see you there!

**SAT SCHOOL DAY FOR MARCH 4** - All 11th grade students in Austin ISD will be taking the SAT School Day on Tuesday, March 4. The SAT School Day will be administered digitally, and it is important that each student brings their Chromebook to school on that day. The SAT School Day is paid for by the district, and no registration is required for this exam. This is a great opportunity for students to attempt the SAT free of charge. Please be aware that there is a separate College Board administration in March as well that requires registration and a fee. Please contact Wendy Escobedo at [wendy.escobedo@austinisd.org](mailto:wendy.escobedo@austinisd.org) if you have any questions about the SAT School Day.

Additionally, any 12th grade students who have not yet taken or mastered the TSI exam will be scheduled to test on this day. If you have any questions about the TSI exam for seniors, please contact our College and Career Counselor at [amber.luna@austinisd.org](mailto:amber.luna@austinisd.org).

Go Dawgs!