



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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February 13, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**STUDENT HOLIDAY** - Remember, Monday, February 17 is a student holiday! Enjoy the long weekend. Faculty and staff will be on campus for a day of professional learning.

**STUDENT COURSE SELECTION 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR** - Over the past week, students attended a course planning presentation with their counselors to help guide their selections for the 2025-2026 school year. It's hard to believe we are already planning for next year! For those who would like to review the information covered, we encourage you to visit our [course scheduling website](#) to watch the Choice Sheet Video specific to your student's grade level for next year.

After completing their choice sheet, students should have submitted it and received an email confirmation with their selected courses. We encourage families to review this email together to ensure alignment with academic goals. At this time of year, many students inquire about summer course options. The two most common opportunities are:

- **Austin Community College (ACC):** Students interested in ACC courses should work with our College and Career Advisor, [Amber Luna](#), for guidance on enrollment.
- **Garza High School Online:** Students can enroll in courses through the Garza High School Online [website](#). Common summer course selections include Health, as well as Government and Economics for rising seniors.

If students have questions about their course selections, we encourage them to speak with their current teachers, who can provide valuable insights. Counselors are also available to answer any questions and provide additional support. For more information about course scheduling and classes please visit this [link](#).

THE LAST DAY TO CHANGE A COURSE SELECTION IS MAY 29, 2025.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your students [counselor](#) if you need further assistance.

**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 **Bowie's Got Talent will be on March 1** at 7:00 pm in the new theater. **Auditions are on Wednesday, February 19** from 5:00 to 7:30 pm in room L144. 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 ([alejandros.garcia@austinisd.org](mailto:alejandros.garcia@austinisd.org)) or Mr. Bourgeois ([aaron.bourgeois@austinisd.org](mailto:aaron.bourgeois@austinisd.org)) with any questions.

**MARCH 4 TESTING** - 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 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).

March 4 was previously scheduled as a C day. However, because most students will NOT be testing, **Tuesday, March 4 will be a B day**, and the school will run on a normal bell schedule for 9th grade, 10th grade, and all non-testing 12th graders.

Go Dawgs!