



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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August 2, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**NEW ADMINISTRATORS** - I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce our new Assistant Principals, Mrs. Christina Burbank Shelton and Mrs. Amanda Pfeiffer!

**Mrs. Christina Burbank** will supervise the Fine Arts, Health and PE teams in addition to being the point of contact for families with the last names CHI-GEL. She is beginning her 23rd year in public education. She worked as a High School Theatre Director in Hidalgo ISD and Austin ISD before transitioning to administration as the Supervisor of Marketing and Events for Austin ISD, facilitating districtwide enrollment and inclusion efforts. She is excited to be returning to campus life as part of the Bulldog Nation. When she isn't working, you might find Mrs. Burbank performing in a community theater production, hiking with her five rescue dogs or traveling to a new destination. This summer she traveled to the Eiffel Tower, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Edinburgh Castle, and the Cliffs of Moher.

**Mrs. Amanda Pfeiffer** will supervise the Math Department in addition to being the point of contact for families with the last names OS-SMI. Mrs. Pfeiffer is beginning her 19th year in public education, a career she began right here at Bowie High School as an ELA teacher from 2006 - 2020. She worked as an ELA teacher here at Bowie for 14 years before transitioning into administration in Austin ISD. Her most recent position as an Assistant Principal at Kealing Middle School provided her with the opportunity to support programs in Fine Arts, English Language Arts, Restorative Practices, and Social Emotional Learning/Cultural Proficiency and Inclusiveness practices. A longtime resident of south Austin, she's excited about spending more time in our community and less time commuting! When she isn't working, you might find Mrs. Pfeiffer visiting coffee shops around Austin, traveling the world with her husband and son, reading and visiting bookstores, playing and watching sports, enjoying the great outdoors, listening to music, and decorating her house and office for any and all holidays. Mrs. Pfeiffer is thrilled to be in the Bulldog Nation again and is looking forward to getting to know Bowie students, staff, and families in this upcoming school year.

**CHROMEBOOKS FOR INCOMING 9th GRADERS** - Information Technology and our vendor, CDW-G, have begun deploying new Chromebooks for incoming 9th grade students at high school campuses. Devices will be distributed to our freshmen on campus on the first few days of school. Consent for student devices is included within the Austin ISD student registration process. Parents may complete the registration process through the Austin ISD portal using their parent account. All students will follow the [Austin ISD Acceptable Use Policy](#). More information is available on the [Everyone:1](#) page of the AISD website.

**TRANSPORTATION** - Starting Aug. 5th, you can use the “Bus Stop Finder” system on <https://www.austinisd.org/transportation> to see your child’s pickup and drop-off times. A few bus schedules will be adjusted as more students enroll, but this should give you an idea of your schedule and pickup and drop-off locations for the new school year. Please do not hesitate to call the transportation office at 512-414-0238 with any questions you may have.

**AUSTIN ISD CAMPUS ENROLLMENT** - Campus Enrollment Event is scheduled for **August 14, 15, and 16, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Families are invited to come to campus to enroll during this time, if you need assistance or haven’t already. Representatives from the AISD Ombuds Office will be on campus Wednesday, August 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. if you would like to meet the staff or learn more about the services of the Ombuds Office.

**COLLEGE COLORS DAY** - Austin ISD is excited to participate in College Colors Day, scheduled for Friday, August 30th, 2024. Across the United States, students, parents, family, faculty, fans, and alumni celebrate College Colors Day every year on the Friday before Labor Day. This year, it takes place on August 30th. You show spirit and school pride by rocking your college colors and apparel. The hashtags we will be using for this social media campaign are #AustinISDCollegeColorsDay and #CollegeColorsDay and tag @AustinISD\_CCR and @AustinISD on X.

Stay tuned for more specific information regarding starting the school year to be released soon.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal