



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

January 22, 2026

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR - We are proud to announce that **Mr. Alejandro Garcia** has been selected by the Bowie faculty as the **2025–26 Teacher of the Year**. A proud Bowie graduate, Mr. Garcia has dedicated all 16 years of his teaching career to serving the Bowie community. Throughout his time on campus, he has taught World History and U.S. History and previously taught PALS from 2011–2022. Since 2021, he has also served as the Student Council sponsor, supporting student leadership, voice, and campus engagement. Mr. Garcia's deep connection to Bowie, commitment to students, and leadership on campus make him a truly deserving honoree. Thank you, Mr. Garcia, for your continued dedication to Bowie and for the impact you make every day.

TEACHER OF PROMISE - Each year, Bowie High School recognizes one novice educator as our Teacher of Promise—an honor given to a teacher who demonstrates exceptional care for students, a strong commitment to their success, and active engagement in the school community. We are proud to name **Ms. Vannex Lopez** as our **2025–26 Teacher of Promise**. Ms. Lopez is known for creating original, engaging lessons that invite all learners into her classroom while building strong relationships and fostering a supportive learning environment. Her creativity, innovation, and genuine care for students have made her a valued asset to our campus and department. Ms. Lopez has already made a positive impact at Bowie, and we are excited to see all she will continue to accomplish. We are proud to have her as part of the Bowie community.

PRINCIPAL SEARCH: COMMUNITY INPUT OPPORTUNITY - Bowie families, including current Bowie students, are invited to help shape the profile of Bowie High School's next principal. Please use the [online form](#) to share the qualities and attributes you believe are important in our next campus leader by **February 3, 2026**. Community members are also encouraged to attend the **in-person Principal Profile Meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:15 p.m.** in the **Bowie High School Library**, where families and students can engage in conversation and share feedback alongside the school community.

LOCKDOWN DRILL - Texas state law requires Bowie to conduct a number of safety drills per year, including two lockdown drills. **Bowie will conduct a lockdown drill on Monday, January 26.** The Texas School Safety Center provides [information to parents](#) about what to expect during a lockdown drill:



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“During a lockdown drill, an announcement will be made, generally over the public address system, and the school will go into lockdown. Language should be clear that a drill is taking place and not an actual emergency. Teachers will scan the hall and pull any students, staff, and visitors into their classrooms, and lock their classroom doors. The lights will be turned off in the classroom and the students and teacher will hide out of view from the window. The door to the classroom may not be opened by anyone inside the classroom, regardless of what is said from someone that might be trying to get in. The occupants of the room are taught to remain quiet.”

Campus administrators in collaboration with the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Bowie will “clear” the campus before classes return to normal instruction.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION - If you have a student enrolled in a Spring-Semester Only Advanced Placement course, students will have an opportunity to receive college credit by taking the AP Exam. AP Registration will only be open for students currently enrolled in AP United States Government, AP Comparative Government, and AP Macroeconomics. AP Exam Registration opened on February 2. **A \$40.00 late fee will be applied starting Saturday, February 28.** AP Exam Registration will close by 11:59 pm on March 6.

AP Exam Registration consists of two parts. First, students must be enrolled in their teacher's AP Classroom with the College Board. Secondly, registration and payment must take place in Total Registration. For more information and details about AP Exam Registration, please visit our [website](#). You may contact Bowie's AP Coordinator, [Kaylin Brett](#), if you have any questions about AP Exam Registration.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal