



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

March 27, 2026

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

CTE PRACTICUM PROCESS - Austin ISD follows a standardized process for all CTE practicum courses. Students interested in enrolling in a CTE practicum for the **2026–2027 school year** must complete a **Student Information Packet**. To receive the packet, along with deadlines and expectations, students should contact their current practicum teacher.

Please note that some CTE courses may be subject to the **Course Allocation and Placement Subcommittee (CAPS)** process. CAPS is used when enrollment must be limited due to factors such as facility space, safety requirements, skill readiness, or industry partnership agreements. All Austin ISD campuses are required to follow the CAPS process when course placements must be adjusted..

CHARACTER STRONG - This week, 9th graders continued their series on values, focusing on how they can support their friends and classmates. Sophomores began a two-part lesson on stress and coping, practicing how to identify what is within their control and how that impacts stress management. Juniors focused on normalizing the importance of asking for help. Seniors explored what it takes for empathy to lead to positive action and why both are essential.

STAAR EOC & FIT BLITZ - STAAR End-Of-Course exams are approaching. In order to help our students prepare, many departments are engaging in "FIT Blitz," where students are assigned to specific FIT tutoring sessions over the next few weeks aligned to skills tested for **Biology** or **Algebra 1**. Please encourage your student to double check their Enriching Students portal to make sure they know when and where they are scheduled. STAAR EOC dates are listed below. Please note that students who are testing will not be allowed to leave early on these dates:

- **April 9** - English 2 (10th grade)
- **April 10** - English 1 (9th grade)
- **April 15** - Biology (9th grade)
- **April 16** - US History (11th grade)
- **April 23** - Algebra 1 (9th grade)

SENIOR FINALS & ACTIVITIES - CLASS OF 2026 - Senior Finals will take place **May 19-22**, with exams scheduled during class periods throughout the week. Following finals, seniors will participate in mandatory Senior Week events, including **Graduation Practice** (May 26), **Senior Breakfast** (May 27), and **Senior Check-Out** (May 28). Families are



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encouraged to review the [full Senior Activities schedule](#) for important details, including Senior Walks and deadlines.

PTSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS - The James Bowie PTSA proudly offers scholarships to graduating seniors pursuing a certificate program, trade school, or two- or four-year college. Scholarships range from **\$500–\$1,000** and are funded through PTSA memberships and fundraising. Eligible students must be Bowie seniors, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and be current PTSA members. Applications are due **Wednesday, April 1, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.** For application details and forms, please visit the Bowie PTSA website or contact bowieptsascholarship@gmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH - April is International and National Autism Acceptance Month. Autism refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, speech, and communication. Campuses can review the [Autism Acceptance Guide](#) to support inclusive practices and celebration of persons with neurodiversity. For more information on training or resources for staff, please visit [Texas Autism Resource Guide for Effective Teaching - TSLAT](#). In honor of Autism Acceptance month, families, community members, and staff are [invited to attend these learning sessions](#).

CALENDAR REMINDER - MARCH 31 - Austin ISD schools and offices will be **closed on Tuesday, March 31** in observance of **Dolores Huerta Day**. We look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday, April 1.

Go Dawgs!

Dr. Cathryn Mitchell, Principal Substitute