



MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT

January 2024



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INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

#BOWIEVERTICALTEAM

BOWIE BAND STAFF



Jennifer Hanford
Director of Bands



Tyler Jacks
Asst. Band Director



Joshua Balli
Asst. Band Director



Daniel Riley
Color Guard Director



Reid Paxton
Percussion Director



CURRICULUM



COURSES OFFERED

- WIND BAND (1, 2, 3, and 4)
- MARCHING BAND (OPE and JV)
- JAZZ BAND (1 and 2)
- STEEL BAND
- PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
- COLOR GUARD



CONCERT BAND

- Enter “Wind Band 4” as your #1 elective on your Choice Sheet
 - Rank your other electives 2, 3, and 4
 - If you make Wind Bands 1 or 2, counselors will drop your 4th choice; those two classes are double blocked
- Bowie Band Directors will visit middle schools for auditions and place incoming students into the appropriate concert band.
 - Early March: Pass out music
 - Early April: Audition students
- **CONCERT BAND 1 & 2** will be double blocked and meet daily
- **CONCERT BAND 3 & 4** will be single blocked and meet on “B” Days

**All Concert Bands require JBHS Director Approval

**All Percussion students will single block band and have a percussion ensemble class



MARCHING BAND

- All students in a CONCERT BAND must be enrolled in MARCHING BAND
 - Enter “Marching Band” in the Before/After school spot
 - PE credit after 2 years
- James Bowie High School Outdoor Performing Ensemble (**JBHSOPE**)
 - Spring Camp - April 29th - May 3rd
 - Movement Camp - May 27th - 28th
 - Summer Band starts on July 22nd, and concludes at the start of the school year
 - School year rehearsals occur on weekdays, outside of the school day
 - Football games and Saturday performances throughout the fall
 - *Audition for primary and secondary marching band positions*
- JV Marching Band
 - **Only for students with unsolvable schedule conflicts with OPE**
 - **Very different band experience at this level**
 - Spring Camp, Movement Camp, and one week of Summer Band Camp
 - Participation at home games only; rehearsal on those days before school
 - Discuss with a band director to choose this option

IMPORTANT SPRING & SUMMER DATES

Spring Camp: April 29th - May 3rd

Movement Camp: May 27th - 28th

Color Guard Camp: June 17th-20th

Summer Band Camp: Starts July 22nd

Three weeks of all-day camp

One week of only-evening camp



FALL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE (NEW!)

Weekdays, once school starts

August-September

Monday-Friday 7-8:45am

Game day rehearsal will end at 8am followed by a rehearsal with Silver Stars and a run through of our halftime performance

October (when temperature allows)

Monday 7-8:30am

Monday 5:15-7:45pm

Tuesday OFF

Wednesday-Friday 7-8:30am

Game day rehearsal will end at 8am followed by a rehearsal with Silver Stars and a run through of our halftime performance

Why the change?

Student safety

AISD's new heat guidelines require 5 minute breaks every 20 minutes anytime the temperature is over 95 degrees. That means 30 total minutes of lost time and a very fragmented rehearsal. Based on last year, there was only 1 rehearsal until October with a high of less than 95 degrees. Rehearsing in the morning allows us to keep students safer in cooler temperatures and be more productive with our time.

Respecting student time

We hope that giving students back all of their evenings in the beginning of the semester, and only having one evening rehearsal in October, allows for more flexibility with student work schedules, and more time for students to get homework done and to study.

PERCUSSION

Battery (drumline) and Front Ensemble (pit)

- Every percussion student enrolled in band must be enrolled in a percussion class.
 - Students will **single block** Concert Band and also have a Percussion class
 - Enter “Percussion” as your #2 elective on your choice sheet
- 2 classes - Percussion Battery and Percussion Pit
 - Students will be placed in classes after spring rehearsals and auditions
 - Fall focus on marching/region music, Spring focus on percussion ensembles
- Open rehearsals will start in March and continue through the spring. These will be outdoor rehearsals, weather permitting.

*Email Mr. Paxton with any questions -
anthony.paxton@austinisd.org*



JAZZ BAND

Jazz Band 1 & Jazz Band 2

- Jazz 1 - by audition only
 - Auditions early April
- Jazz 2 - no audition or experience required
- Requires JBHS Director Approval
- CONCERT BAND enrollment required
 - Exception for guitar, bass, and piano players
- Performance opportunities around Austin and other cities



Email Mr. Balli with any questions - joshua.balli@austinisd.org

STEEL BAND



- No experience needed! All are welcome to join!
 - Ability to read music is a plus, but not required.
 - Student does not have to be enrolled in concert band to join.
- Performance opportunities around campus and the Austin area.

Email Mr. Paxton with any questions - anthony.paxton@austinisd.org

COLOR GUARD

- Dedicated class
- No prerequisite; anyone is welcome to join!
- Dance and movement experience is a plus.
- Color Guard Summer Camp: June 17th-20th
- Must be enrolled in the COLOR GUARD class (6th Period) as well as the MARCHING BAND (before/after school course) for the fall
- Can be one semester, or year-long (referred to as Winter Guard in the spring semester)

Email Mr. Riley with any questions - daniel.l.riley@austinisd.org





JBHS COUNSELING RESOURCES

YOUR CHOICE SHEET:

Enter “**Wind Band 4**” or “**Color Guard**” as your #1 elective choice.

If you are a percussionist, enter “**Percussion**” as your #2 choice.

All should enter “**Marching Band**” in the before/after school spot

JBHS Directors will receive a list of all students from the counselors and move them into correct concert bands after auditions in April.



BOWIE COURSE SELECTION/ADVISING DATES

December 5th	Dawg Show Campus Preview Day Feeder middle schools will visit Bowie
January 10th	Incoming 9th Grade Showcase at Bowie Course & Club Fair 5:30PM-7:30PM
January 16th & 17th	Classroom Advising at Small MS
January 18th	Classroom Advising at Gorzycki MS
January 22nd	Classroom Advising at Bailey MS
January 23rd	Classroom Advising at Covington MS
January 24th	Classroom Advising at Lively MS 1:40PM- 2:15PM Classroom Advising at Kealing MS
January 25th	Incoming 9th Grade Student & Parent Advising at Bowie 5:30PM- 6:30PM Last Names A-K 6:30PM- 7:30PM Last Names L-Z
January 26th	All Choice Sheets must be submitted
March TBD	Round One of Course Verifications Sent to Parents via Email
April TBD	Round Two of Course Verifications Sent to Parents via Email
May TBD	Round Three of Course Verifications Sent to Parents via Email
May 23rd	"Change of Mind" Deadline
August TBD	Meet at the Tree- Campus Preview Event

IMPORTANT DATES & FEES



Event	Date	Time	Location
Spring Camp	April 29 - May 3	5:15pm - 7:30pm	Bowie HS
2024 Show Reveal & Live Auction	May 3	6pm	
Spring March-a-thon	May 11	8am - 12pm	Neighborhood TBA
Movement Camp	May 27 - 28	8am - 4pm	Bowie HS
Sectionals/Fitness	June/July	Scheduled by student leaders	Varies
Color Guard Camp	June 17 - 20	9am - 5pm	Bowie HS
Summer Band Camp [Note: 4 weeks long]	July 22 - July 26	7am - 5pm	Bowie HS
	July 29 - August 2	7am - 5pm	
	August 5 - August 8	7am - 5pm	
	August 9, 12- 15	5pm - 9pm	
	August 16 & 19	7am - 5pm	
Shopping Day	Saturday, August 3 (\$\$\$)	9am - 4pm	Bowie HS
Burgers at Burger	Saturday, August 17	7am - 11am (Rehearsal) 11am - 1pm (Exhibition)	Burger Stadium
School Starts	Tuesday, August 20		
Fall March-a-thon	Saturday, August 24	8am - 12pm	Neighborhood TBD

Item	Fee (all approx.)	Description
Marching Band - OPE Fair Share Fee	\$750 [\$150 of that is paid at Spring Camp as registration for the coming year]	REQUIRED. Funds year-round band/guard program's annual operating expenses not provided by Austin ISD. Examples: marching drill design, music arrangement/copyrights, certain contest fees, school & charter buses, props, and specialized marching and guard instruction.
Color Guard Fair Share Fee	\$600 [\$150 at registration]	REQUIRED (See above)
Marching Band Summer Uniform & Gear	\$230	REQUIRED. Worn during warm weather football games, and used at events when not in competition uniform. Includes polo, shorts, marching shoes, dry-fit, pep shirt, hoodie, rain gear, jug koozie, and duffle bag.
Color Guard Summer Uniform & Gear	\$440	REQUIRED. Worn during warm weather football games, and used at events when not in competition uniform. Includes gloves, flag bag, top, leggings, warm-up pants, dance sneakers, guard shoes, pep shirt, hoodie, rain gear, jug koozie, backpack, and rifle.
Competition Meals	\$120	REQUIRED. Meals and snacks provided by the Hospitality team during marching competitions.
Instrument & Equipment Usage Fee	\$50	Annual fee charged to students who use district-owned instruments and equipment (oboe, French horn, baritone, tuba, percussion, guard, etc.)
Feed the Dawgs	\$90	OPTIONAL, but recommended. Meals delivered to the band hall after school on football game days.
Photos	\$40-\$120	OPTIONAL. Every student must take a photo in uniform, but you choose whether or not to buy a photo package.

PAYMENT TIMELINE	Spring Band Camp (4/29)	Shopping Day (8/3)	Shopping Day (8/3) or Monthly Payment Plan (Aug-Nov)
Marching Band (OPE)	\$150 Registration Fee (part of Fair Share)	\$230 Summer Uniform & Gear	\$600 Fair Share Balance
		\$120 Competition Meals	
		\$50 Instrument Fee (school owned instrument users only)	
		<i>Optional: Feed the Dawgs (\$90), merchandise, photos, Booster membership</i>	
Color Guard	\$150 Registration Fee (part of Fair Share)	\$315 Summer Uniform & Gear	\$450 Fair Share Balance
		\$120 Competition Meals	
	\$65 Gloves & Flag Bag	\$50 Equipment Fee	
		<i>Optional: Feed the Dawgs (\$90), merchandise, photos, Booster membership</i>	
RaiseRight	Program to reduce the Fair Share cost to individual families. Purchase e-gift cards to make everyday purchases; rebates accrue and are credited twice a year.		
Financial Assistance Fund	Available to help cover Fair Share and some uniform/meal costs. Applications open in June; notification of awards in early July.		

BOWIE BAND BOOSTERS



BAND BOOSTERS

- The parents, guardians, and even grandparents of band and color guard students.
- Supports our directors and all the band and guard programs by:
 - Coordinating volunteers so directors can teach our students.
 - Feed the Dawgs & Water the Dawgs
 - Props, Pit Crew & Transportation
 - Hospitality, Uniforms, & Finance
 - Chaperones
 - Raising money to help pay for clinicians & technicians, equipment, props, transportation, scholarships, and so much more.
 - Corporate sponsorships
 - Fundraisers
 - Special events
 - Dues
- A great community to be a part of that gives you a front row seat to your kids' world. (These four years will zip by!)
- Financial Assistance is available to help cover student's Band or Guard Fair Share fees and some uniform/meal costs.



ROOKIE COORDINATOR

- Veteran parents share tips and explain in detail the “wide world” of Bowie Band & Guard
 - Newsletter
 - Section Liaisons
 - Special events (parent socials)
- **Send questions via email to**
 - **rookie@bowieband.org**
 - **colorguard@bowieband.org**
 - **president@bowieband.org**
- There are NO dumb questions!



COMMUNICATION



Join our mailing list!

Please fill out the form linked through this QR code to receive information from Bowie about news and upcoming events for our band and guard programs!



CONTACT US:

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- Director of Bands
- Finances

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- 8th to 9th Grade Transition
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- School-Owned Instruments
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- Color Guard

Band Boosters - president@bowieband.org

- Louisa Thollander (Band Booster President)
- Natalie Cottam (Booster President-elect)

Rookie Coordinators - rookie@bowieband.org

- Traci Rademacher - Band
- Deborah Jistel - Guard

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Join the Bowie Band & Color Guard



- *The largest organization at Bowie**
- *200+ friends on the first day of school**
- *Our students make great grades**
- *OPE is a nationally-ranked program**
- *Out of state and international trips**
- *Financial Assistance Fund**
- *Arts matter more than ever**
- *Marching band is FUN!**

THANK YOU!

