

Course Selection Parent Night



Introductions

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Ms. Rutledge - Associate Principal

Mrs. Miles-Essone - 6th Assistant Principal

Mrs. Hinton - 6th Counselor

Mrs. Kocher- Math Department Head

Florence Boudreaux – PTO Treasurer



We will prepare every child to become



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 **JAMES BOWIE MIDDLE SCHOOL**
HOME OF THE BEARS

8:50 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.
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 **JOIN THE JBMS PTO TODAY!**
YOUR INVOLVEMENT (BIG OR SMALL)
IS KEY TO CREATING
A THRIVING, SUPPORTIVE, AND DYNAMIC
SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN.
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PREFER A DIGITAL FORM?
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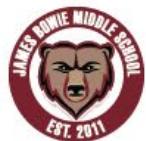



JBMS Website

- Has all you need to know about course selection
- Tab: Parents/Students
Select - Counseling

Left Hand Tab - Course Selection





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School Supply Lists

Student Passwords

Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D.)
Support

Clinic

Extended Learning
(Before and After School Programs)

Gifted and Talented

Counseling

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Homeless Children and Youth

Whole Child Health Initiative

JBMS PTO

COUNSELING

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ABOUT COUNSELING

Professional School Counselor
Comprehensive Development
areas of:

- Guidance Curriculum - life skills
- Responsive Services - Personal concerns
- Individual Planning - Planning for their personal, education, and post-secondary education
- System Support - Supporting educational, career, personal, and social needs

RevTrak Web
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Bus Routes



School Meals



Family Access



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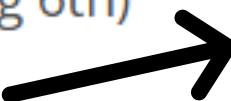
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Registration

Scroll down, and you will find



5TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION (Rising 6th)

Middle School Course Catalog Information



Where courses and descriptions can be found.

6th Grade Course Selection Worksheet



Where students will actually select their courses. This will be provided on pink paper.

6th Grade Universal Course Selection List



Where you can find a list of courses offered at JBMS.

Is AAC Right for Me

6th Grade Course Selection-Parent Night Presentation 

Middle School Math AAC Sequence



This will be available beginning tomorrow.

What is Career and Technical Education(CTE)?

Our students define CTE as a program that involves academic and hands-on skills to prepare students for a specific career that they want.

Career and Technical Education is a strategic educational plan for all students. It allows for academics, creativity and skills to merge therefore sparking career interest that will carry them from high school to college and career.



Why students should get active in CTE Early!

Foundation for Skill Development

CTE in middle school allows students to explore interests and develop essential skills early for future success.

Informed Academic Pathways

Early CTE exposure helps students make informed decisions about high school and post-secondary courses.

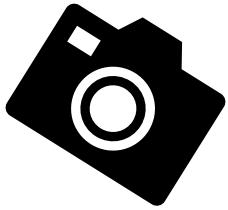
Increased Engagement and Motivation

Real-world learning applications in CTE increase student engagement and motivation in school.

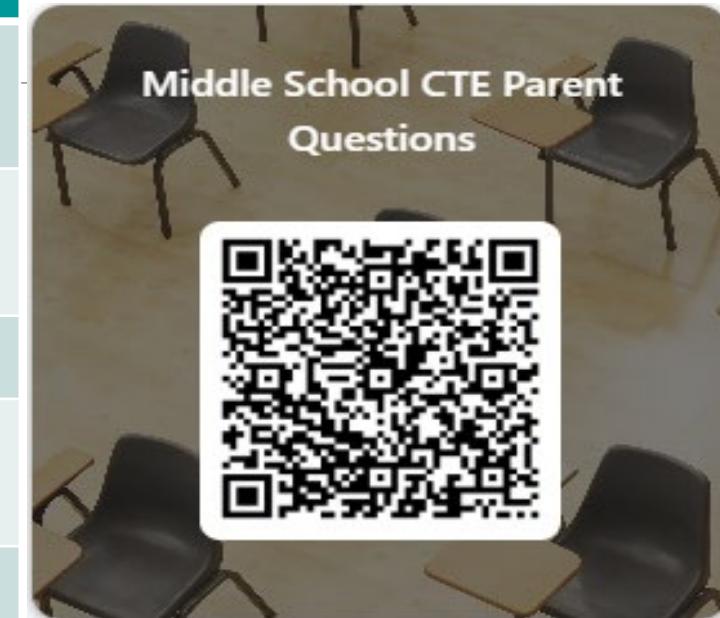
Family Benefits and Support

Families gain clarity and confidence in education planning, reducing stress and rushed decisions.

CTE Courses available for Middle School 26.27



6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Technovation I	Touch System Data Entry/Dollars and Sense	Fundamentals of Computer Science
	Career and College Exploration	Principles of Human Services
	Technovation II	Technovation II
		Touch System Data Entry/Dollars and Sense
		Career and College Exploration



To enroll your incoming 6th grader in Technovation I or a rising 7th or 8th in Technovation II, make sure to select the course during course selection, use one of your elective spaces to add the course.

AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination

- Goal Setting
- Focused Notetaking
- Organization
 - Time management
 - Use of binders
 - Effective study habits
- Colleges and Careers
 - Gaining knowledge
 - Career exploration
 - Developing strategies



Now for our Electives



Kickstart



Pre-Athletics



Theatre



Art



Band



Orchestra



Choir



What is Kickstart?

Within every child is the power to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more. Following in the vision of our founder **Chuck Norris**, we believe that power can be unlocked through the martial arts. **Kickstart Kids** teaches **character through karate** to empower youth with core values, such as **discipline and respect**, to achieve their greatest potential. Black belt instructors deliver daily in-school lessons that create a positive impact on students, their families, schools, and communities.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must join in 6th grade
- \$75 yearly fee
- Students will learn blocks, punches, kicks, forms
- Students will compete in tournaments
- Sparring is a requirement in 7th and 8th grade.
 - Do not join if you do not want to spar.



Pre-Athletics



- Prepare students and parents for successful participation in the middle school athletic program.
- Focus on upcoming UIL sports in which they will be eligible to participate as 7th graders
- Prepare students for the behavioral and academic expectations associated with being in an athletic program.

Requirements for Participation in Pre-Athletics



A desire to participate in FBISD athletics as a 7th grader.

Dress out and participate daily. Must have athletic shoes and cleats (for football and soccer).

Written permission/parental consent for participation required.

Must Have a Physical and Rank One Forms Complete

A desire to participate in FBISD athletics as a 7th grader.



FOOTBALL



VOLLEYBALL



BASKETBALL



TRACK AND
FIELD



TENNIS



SOCCER

**Interested in Pre-Athletics then
please complete the QR code**



THEATER



**Head
Director**

**Ms.
Dugan**



**Assistant
Director**

**Ms.
Willeby**

THEATER

Theatre at Bowie: First Semester

- **Theatre Fundamentals** such as:
- **Audience etiquette**
- **Rehearsal etiquette**
plays/musicals
- **Developing character**
- **Peer feedback**
- **Voice/Actor's Tools**
- **Group collaboration**

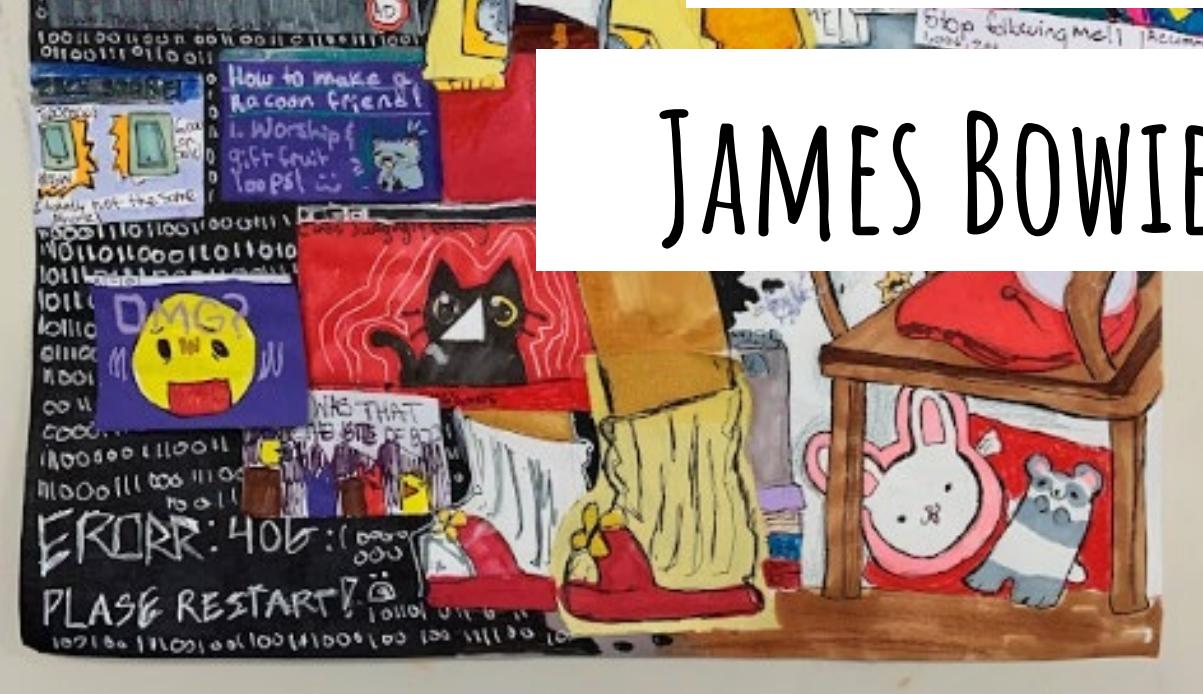
Theatre games/warm ups
Auditioning for

Theatre at Bowie: Second Semester

- Fundamentals of Theatre design
- Design projects
- Stage Combat
- Shakespeare
- Participate in an in-class play- where the students get to learn how to put on a play
- Other Perks of Being in Theatre:
 - Field Trips to see FBISD and Professional shows
 - 6th grade theatre social



JAMES BOWIE MIDDLE SCHOOL



WE RECOMMEND:

Art 1 - 6th grade

Art 2 - 7th grade

Art 3 - 8th grade

WE ALSO OFFER:

Art 1 - 7/8th grade

Art 2 - 7/8th grade

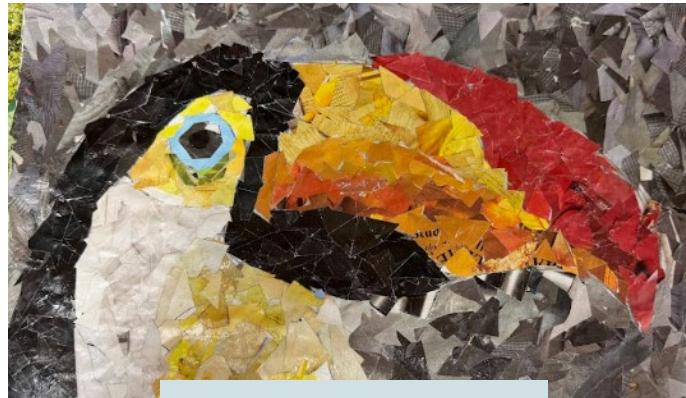
WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS WILL YOU CREATE IN ART CLASS?



Drawing



Painting



Collage



Sculpture

and more!

ART 1

- Elements of Art
- Principles of Design
- Color Theory
- Composition

ART 2

- Elements of Art & Principles of Design
- Drawing
- Painting
- 3D
- Multimedia

ART 3

- Design and Composition
- Observational Drawing
- Multimedia Exploration
- Sculpture
- Art Honors Show

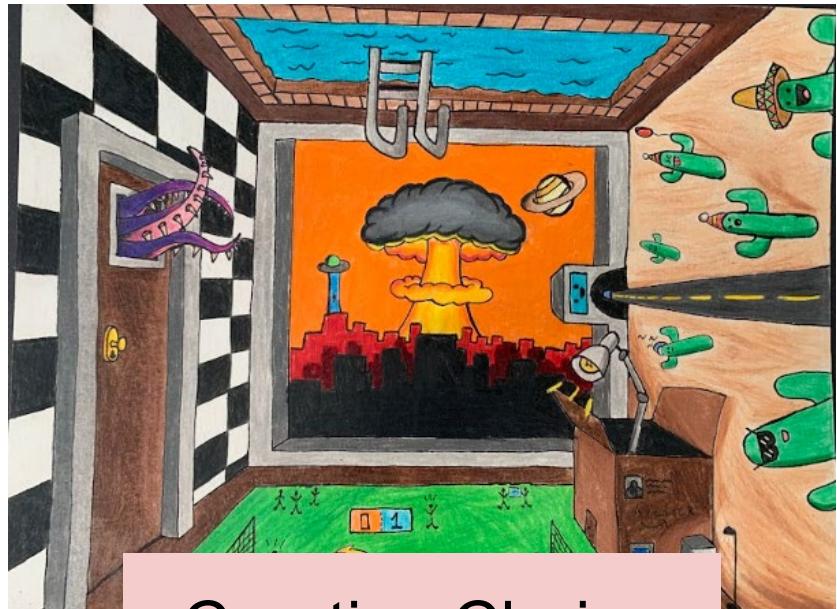
Do you have to be “good” at art?

No experience needed! Just bring a good attitude and your best effort!

However, if you would like to get better at drawing, practicing with a sketchbook outside of class is key!



THROUGH ART CLASSES, STUDENTS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR:



Creative Choice



Collaborative Art Projects



Art Shows



Field Trips



Art Competitions



- Sponsor: Ms. Picou
- Apply in September
- Fun art activities
- Helping the Art department
- Art Competitions
- Find your people!

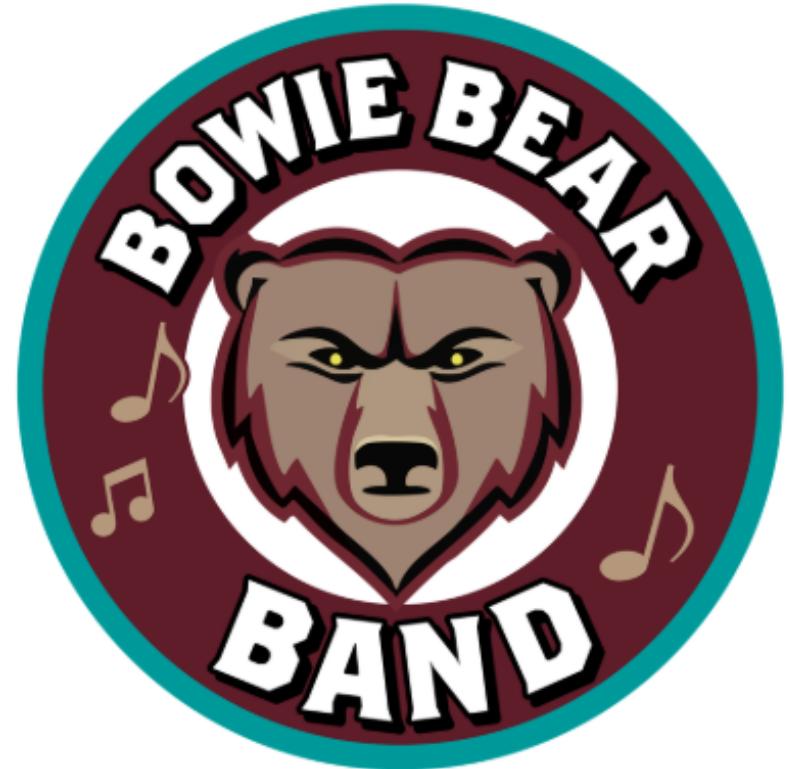
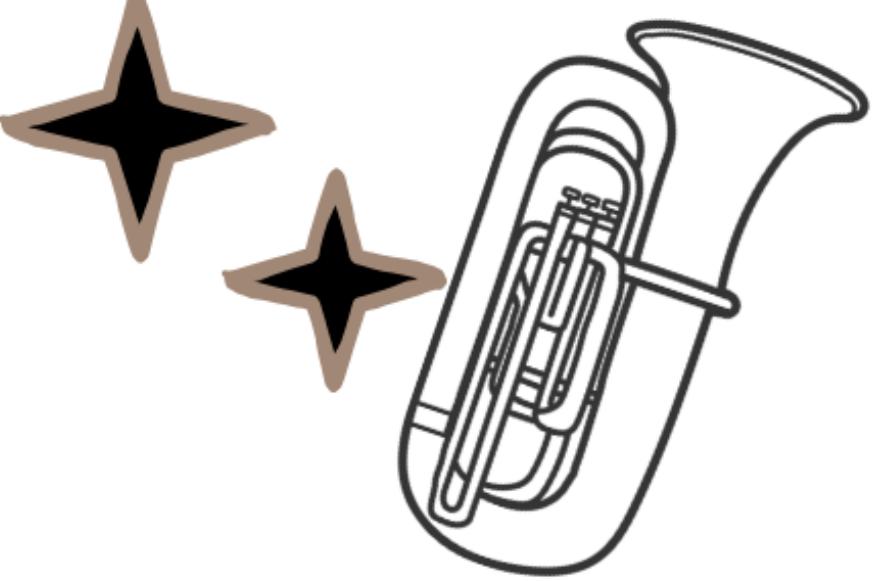
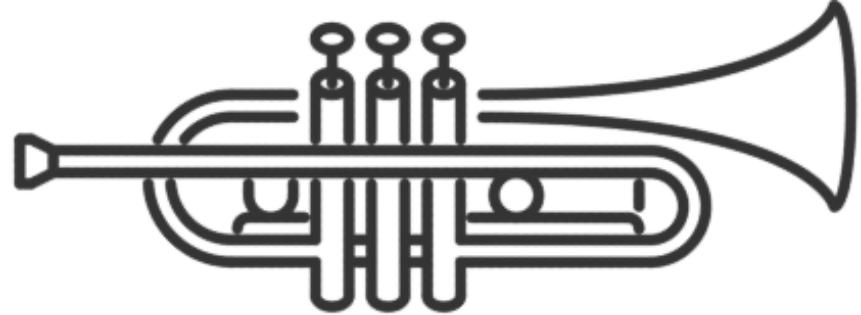


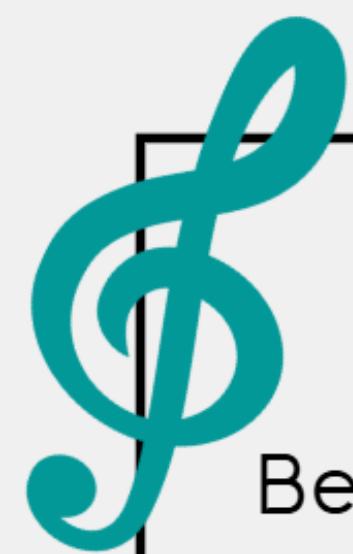
ART HONORS SHOW

- Join us on May 8th, 6-7:30 pm
- You can see the work of JBMS Art students
- Fun activities like face painting, photo booths, or a little art shop
- All are welcome!



BOWIE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

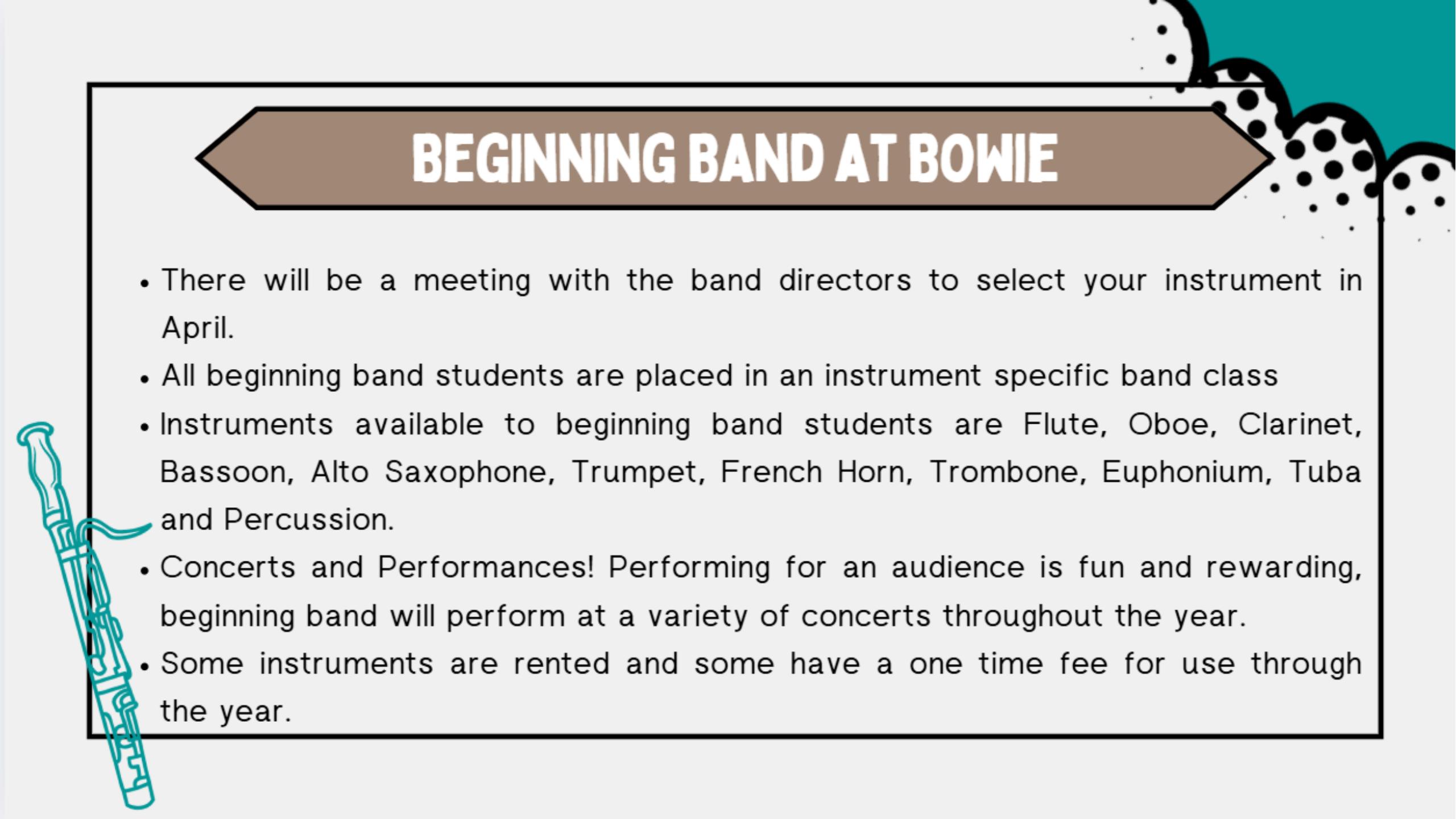




JOIN THE BOWIE BAND!

Being in Band is one of the best decisions you can make. The best part, no experience necessary! We teach you everything you need to know from the beginning. Together we learn to play our instruments, form great relationships with our fellow students and teachers, and most importantly have LOTS OF FUN!





BEGINNING BAND AT BOWIE

- There will be a meeting with the band directors to select your instrument in April.
- All beginning band students are placed in an instrument specific band class
- Instruments available to beginning band students are Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba and Percussion.
- Concerts and Performances! Performing for an audience is fun and rewarding, beginning band will perform at a variety of concerts throughout the year.
- Some instruments are rented and some have a one time fee for use through the year.



ADVANCED BANDS

- Bowie has 4 bands that are designed to match the level of every student.
- Advanced bands are for students who have already completed at least 1 year of beginning band
- Advanced bands perform concerts and contests throughout the year, including UIL
- Other examples include: Solo & Ensemble, Seasonal Concerts, and even Pep-Rallies and a Football game

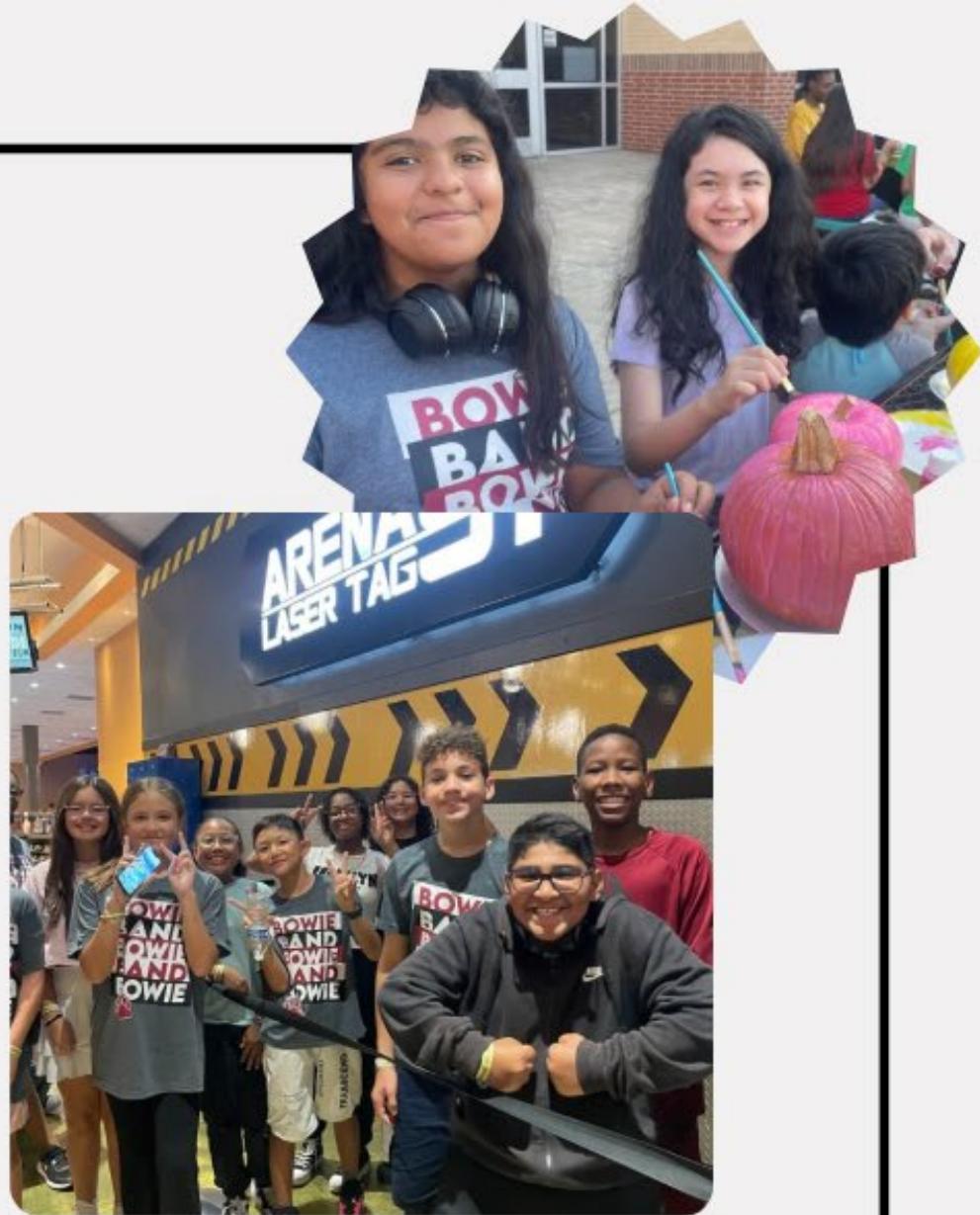


TRIPS AND SOCIALS

Throughout the year the band program has multiple trips and socials that are tons of fun! Some include:

- Main Event Social
- Houston Symphony
- Gator Music Festival and Kemah Boardwalk
- And many other fun events throughout the year

Some of these contests and socials throughout the year are optional, but are really fun! But don't fret! Many of these events are low cost or free!







BE PART OF THE AWARD WINNING BOWIE BAND!

- The Bowie Band has been recognized widely for its high level of achievement.
- Studies show that being in a musical group helps develop personal discipline, problem solving skills, attention to detail and ability to work in a group environment.
- Band is also a fine arts credit in high school and is the ONLY class where you can earn two credits at once in High School! Marching Band counts as a Fine Arts and P.E. credit, both are required for High School Graduation.



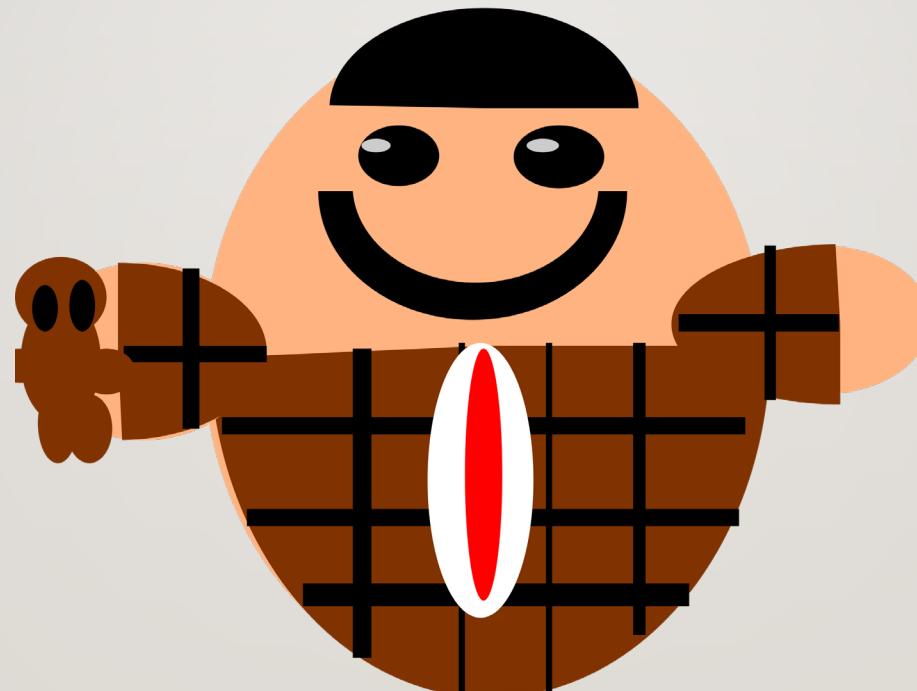
BOWIE BEAR BAND

bit.ly/bowiebearband



Paige Liccioni
Director of Bands
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ORCHESTRA FAQ!



QUESTION: DOES JBMS PROVIDE RENTALS?

Answer: Usually no, we have Lisle Violin Shop on site to answer any rental questions you might have.

QUESTION: DOES MY CHILD NEED ANY MUSICAL EXPERIENCE TO JOIN ORCHESTRA?

No, your child does not need any prior musical knowledge or skills to succeed in orchestra.

QUESTION:WHAT DO STUDENTS DO IN THEIR 1ST YEAR?

Students usually have a lot of fun in their 1st orchestra year. We perform concerts, learn new things, and take field trips to see the Houston Symphony.

QUESTION: DO BIGGER INSTRUMENTS NEED TO BE TAKEN HOME EACH DAY?

No, we will give students a “school” cello or bass. The rental will be taken home and kept there each day.

QUESTION:WHAT INSTRUMENTS ARE OFFERED IN ORCHESTRA

We offer 5 instruments:Violin, viola, cello, bass and harp

QUESTION: SHOULD MY CHILD PLAY THE BASS?

Yes, your child should consider playing the bass. Benefits include: less competition, more awesomeness, bonus bass guitar experience.

QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY ORCHESTRA FEES?

Yes, there are extra fees for things such as uniforms and field trips. Cellos/bass/harp students not on free/reduced lunch must pay a one time \$80 FBISD Instrument Use Fee.

QUESTION: DOES MY CHILD NEED PRIVATE LESSONS?

Private lessons are a **GREAT** way for your student to learn faster. Although they are not required, we highly recommend them for **ALL** students!

Bowie Choir!

2024-2025

Mr. Mustol

Mark.Mustol@fortbendisd.gov

Mrs. Auhing

Briana.Auhing@fortbendisd.gov





Mr. M (Mustol)



Mrs. Auhing



What is our goal?

To give students a lifelong love
of singing and the skills to sing
for life

Sing With Good Technique

Read sheet music

**Critically analyze themselves
and others**

**Able to self-monitor and
improve**

**What
should a
student be
able to do
after they
are in
choir?**



What do you do in Choir?

What do you do in Choir?

We build: CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE, and DETERMINATION through music and singing!

Where We Sing

- 1.Nursing Homes
- 2.Community Events
- 3.The elementary schools
- 4.The High School
- 5.Our Concerts

1. For the students/teachers/counselors at school
2. UIL
3. Festivals (Shadow Creek/ 6th grade festival)
4. Local Competitions (region choir/ solo and ensemble)

Creating Choral Community

Main Event Social

Guys Night

Girls Night

Altitude

Spring Trip

Choir Builds Kids!

Build a growth mindset through daily practice and improvement

Contribute to something greater than themselves

Build confidence through performance

What choices do I need to make?

Core
Classes

On Level

AAC

1

Electives
2,3,4,5

Band

Choir

Orchestra

AVID

Art

Theater

Technovation

Physical
Education

PE

Kickstart

Pre-
Athletics

AAC: Advanced Academic Courses



- AAC classes can be taken in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies
- You can take one AAC or you can take up to four AAC classes
- You can enter AAC classes at the start of any school year.
- Math is an exception because it covers more than one year of content. AAC Math should start in 6th grade because it covers more than a year's worth of content.
- Students that are high achievers, have good study habits, make A's and high B's, and are near Masters on STAAR should enroll in AAC classes.

Middle School Math AAC Sequence

AAC is strongly encouraged and open to ALL learners who welcome the challenge and are committed to strengthening academic performance.



6th Grade Math AAC

- 100% 6th Grade Content
- 50% of 7th Grade Content
- 6th Grade STAAR Test

7th Grade Math AAC

- 50% of 7th Grade Content
- 100% 8th Grade Content

Students will take the
8th Grade STAAR Test

8th Grade

Algebra I

- High School Credit
- Algebra I STAAR EOC Test

If a student completes the Math AAC Pathway

8th Grade Algebra I is the **ONLY** Option

AAC Algebra I

- Weighted GPA Points ↑



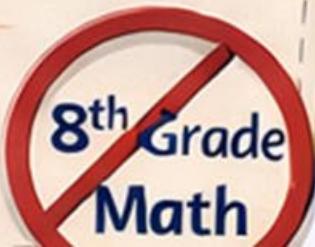
On-Level Algebra I

- Standard GPA Points

Both are on the High School Transcript

Once you are in Algebra I, there is no option
to level down to 8th Grade Math

- Already Completed 8th Grade Content
- Student took 8th Grade STAAR Test



**ANY QUESTIONS
ABOUT MATH
PLACEMENT FOR
YOUR CHILD NEXT
YEAR:**

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Physical Education

PE	Pre-Athletics	Kickstart
Focus on Team Sports	Focus on Sports offered in MS	Karate
Unlimited seating	Limited seating	Limited seating
Can still play sports in 7 th Grade	Not required to play sports	3 year commitment
\$20 PE Uniform	\$20 PE Uniform	\$75 yearly fee



Students will pick their elective choices.

After we build the master schedule the computer will randomly place students into their classes.

If the students elective choice is full then the computer will go to their next choice.

The same will occur for Kickstart and Pre-Athletics.

The selection is not first come first serve, it is not alphabetical, it is random selection.

How are Electives chosen?

■ Thank you for Coming

If you could please
help stack the chairs
10 chairs high that
would be appreciated.

