

Bailey Bear Happenings



Week of February 11-15, 2019

Bailey Course Showcase Night this Tuesday, Feb. 12

Current 5th, 6th & 7th graders are invited to join us for our Showcase Night this Tuesday, February 12th from 6:30-7:45PM! Meet with your assigned counselor and review next year's choice sheet! Visit with elective and core teachers about classes available at Bailey!

Note: A green, half-sheet flyer went home with 6th & 7th grade students in advisory on Thursday. [See flyer for more details.](#)

Visit the Counseling Website for the 2019 Transition Schedule!

Looking for important dates for middle to high school, middle to middle school, or elementary to middle? Find the full calendar of dates on the [Bailey Counseling Website!](#)

Bailey Choice Sheets- Got Questions? We've got answers!

2019-2020 Choice Sheets are beginning to go home with students as Counselors begin classroom visits. There are several options for getting questions answered:

- Counselors will be in the cafeteria during lunch time for students to ask questions
- Counselors will be at Showcase Night! Teachers from both core & electives will also be available to answer questions on Tuesday.
- There will be a lunch time Q&A with our Counselors on Thursday, 2/14 from 11:30-12:15.

New Counseling Newsletter



Bailey Middle School

Guidance Newsletter

Visit our website baileycounseling.weebly.com/newsletters to view our January & February newsletters on Mental Health Tips & Choosing Courses.

No School on Friday, Feb.15 & Monday, Feb 18!

Just a friendly reminder that Bailey students do NOT have school on **Friday, February 15th and Monday, February 18th**. Both are staff development days for Bailey teachers & staff.

No Valentine Deliveries for Students, Please

Although we love Valentine's Day at Bailey, we are asking parents to refrain from having deliveries such as flowers, balloons, cookies, etc., sent to Bailey for their students on February 14th. Although such deliveries seem fun, many items, like glass vases and balloons are prohibited on school buses. Items delivered will remain in the front office for students to pick up at the end of the school day. With a student population over 1,000, it can be difficult to get items to students at the end of the day in a timely manner. If you'd like to show your student some love, Bailey Orchestra is selling [Valentine Flower Grams](#) that meet school requirements and will be delivered to the students first-period class. See the Flower Gram announcement for more details.

Send your student, teachers and friends a Valentine Flower Gram

Orchestra is selling Valentine Flower Grams- both real carnations and "forever flowers", which are carved wooden rose buds. Cost is \$2 for a single flower. A half bouquet of six flowers is \$10. A full bouquet of 12 flowers is \$20. Bailey Orchestra Boosters will be taking pre-orders before school and during all lunches until Wednesday, February 13th. Flowers will be delivered to students on Thursday, February 14th during 1st period. Parents can also stop by the front office anytime and fill out a valentine's gram and drop off payment in a drop box. Please be sure to have the correct change, as front office staff won't be able to make change.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE!](#) (Note: if you purchase online, be sure to create a personalized note which will be delivered with the flower(s). Please send the message via email to baileyforeverflowers@gmail.com. Remember to include the name of your student in the email.) Online sales end on Tuesday, 2/12.

Morning Drop Off Safety Concerns

Our staff assists with morning drop off for the safety of your children and to help make drop off go smoothly for everyone. Please be respectful and follow their guidance while in our loop. **Please refrain from dropping off from the inside lane. Please don't change lanes in the loop.** Pulling up as far as possible allows for the most efficient drop off for everyone. We appreciate your help and patience!

February Social Rescheduled - Friday, Feb. 22

The "Bears in Hollywood" Social scheduled for Friday, 2/8 has been rescheduled to Friday, February 22nd. Tickets will be sold the week of the dance. Volunteers and donations still needed: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4ea5af2ea57-bailey>

No Drama Club in February

Drama Club will not be meeting after school for the month of February. However, students involved in the drama club show are welcome to come and meet with each other during the usual time in Ms. Walkers Room. Drama Club will restart in March.

Wanted: U-Haul or other mobile storage unit

Bailey's library will be hosting a "Declutter Drive" in the spring. It would be very helpful to have a U-Haul type vehicle to store the donations in, and then transport to the drop off location. The truck would be needed for approximately one week. If you, or someone you know could help with the donation or coordination of such a vehicle, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Bailey Librarian, jennifer.heathripstra@austinisd.org, for more details.

Autographed Books Available

We have autographed books available for purchase! M.T. Anderson and Eugene Yelchin's new book *The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge* is both a literary and a visual treat!

Purchase options:

- order online at bookpeopleschools.squarespace.com/bailey
- check (payable to Book People) -- take to Mrs. Ripstra in the Library . See flyer for more details.

Let's get reading!

New Class at Bailey: Energy, Power & Transportation - small motor items needed!

Coming next Fall, Mr. Adams will be teaching an exciting new small engine repair class called "Energy Power & Transportation". You can learn more about it by reading its description in the [Bailey Course Description Guide](#)! Mr. Adams needs engines for his students to work on! Ideal items to work on include lawn mowers, go-carts and minibikes. Contact john.adams@austinisd.org if you have an item to donate to the cause! Thank you!!

African American Heritage Celebration Ceremony

The 36th African American Heritage Celebration is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Sunday, February 17, 2019, at the AISD Performing Arts Center, 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd. This year the McCallum High School students will host the event. Annually, this is the District's opportunity to recognize and honor the top two African American students, male and female, for each grade level in our secondary schools. The Fourth grade essay contest winners, MLK Oratory contest winners, and Boys and Girls Clubs of the Austin Area Youth of the Year Award winner will also be recognized. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this special celebration.

Been absent? Need make-up work?

The best way is to communicate directly with your student's teachers through email. Parents can email teachers through the parent cloud. All Bailey students should know how to access their student self serve account from home and should be able to email teachers. All staff email addresses are also available on our school website under the "Staff" tab located under the "Our School" Banner. <https://www.austinisd.org/schools/bailey/directory>

Please allow 24 hours for teachers to send work to the front office to be picked up. It is also helpful to call before you come to confirm there is, in fact, work for your student. Don't forget many Bailey teachers publish their homework assignments on their class websites on a daily basis.

From the Attendance Desk....

There are several ways to send an attendance note when your student is absent:

1. Send a written note with your student to drop off in the front office
2. Fill out the Google Attendance Form on the Bailey Website: <http://www.baileybears.org/parents/attendance>
3. Email the note to amanda.graves@austinisd.org.

Please be sure to include your student's first and last name, dates of absence and reason for absence. If you have a note from a doctor, you can take a picture or scan and email to the above email address.

State of TX 2017-18 School Report Card for Bailey

In accordance with the requirement in House Bill 3297 issued by the Texas Legislature, Austin ISD is providing the community online access to the most current "school report card" prepared by the Texas Education Agency. The "school report card" provides the most current school performance data available from the state and is routinely sent home every year. [Click here to see Bailey's 2017-2018 School Report Card](#). Additional information about state accountability ratings can be found on the [Texas Education Agency web site](#).

In search of: Foosball & Air Hockey Tables

The Bailey Library is evolving and changing! We are looking for a foosball table and an air-hockey table for our space! If you have one that you would like to donate, please get in touch with Jennifer Ripstra at jennifer.ripstra@austinisd.org ! As always, thank you for your support!

8th Grade Panoramic Picture - Rescheduled to Thursday, Feb. 21

Due to a conflict, the Goldbeck Co. will now be taking the annual 8th grade panoramic picture on Thursday, February 21st at 8:45am. [See updated flyer for more information!](#)

It is time to think about your 2019-2020 class schedule!

[Please visit the Bailey Counseling Website \(click here\)](#) and review the Bailey course selection guide with your student. It is critical to look at this information before the Bailey Showcase Night and filling out the choice sheet so your child can choose the classes that they are really interested in. Students should make these connections now and confirm that the elective is what they are expecting. You can also speak with core teachers about Pre-AP opportunities and if that could be a good fit. Please understand and consider the following:

- Student choice sheets determine class size and campus staffing.
- It is difficult to honor change of mind requests after the March 29th "change request" deadline.
- Prioritizing and accurately filling out your choice sheet is the best way to get the schedule you want.

Help! We need parents to fill out the AISD Family Survey!

Our school is participating in the annual AISD Family Survey. The Family Survey is an important way for the district to receive valuable feedback from parents/guardians. The results of this survey will be distributed to our principal, district administrators, and the Board of Trustees. The survey can be accessed by following the survey link: www.tinyurl.com/AISD-Family-Survey-2019

Online Registration for New and Returning Students for 2019/20 now open!

Current student information can be verified and updated for next year by selecting the Student Registration tile in the Parent Cloud at <https://my.austinisd.org/>

New students who live within AISD boundaries can also register early!

For more information, please visit <https://www.austinisd.org/enroll>.

Attn: 8th Graders interested in attending McCallum High School

On Tuesday, February the 26th, McCallum High School will be hosting Expo Knight, our course fair and choice sheet night for rising 9th graders. We will have our Principals, Counselors and Teachers on hand to present information on HB5, graduation requirements and all of the courses we have to offer. They will also be available to answer any questions students and parents might have. From 5:00 to 6:15 PM we will be hosting a course fair in the Gym. From 6:30 to 8:00 PM will be our Info Session in the Mac Theater. If you have any questions, please contact Gabe Reyes our Academy Director at 512-414-7530.

Akins AVID

Going to Akins next year? Planning on going to college? Join AVID! AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a year-long elective class that is offered to students who want to go to college. We are dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other post-secondary opportunities. AVID teaches skills and behaviors for academic success, provides intensive support with tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships, creates a positive peer group for students and helps develop a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination. The link to the online application for Rising 9th graders can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/AkinsAVIDco2023>. Deadline is Monday, March 25, 2019. Contact christina.garcia-mata@austinisd.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Events

February

- **9** Girls Soccer@Small; A@9AM; B@10:30AM
- **9** Robotics Tournament East Central ISD
- **11-13** Flower-Gram Sales Continue; Online Sales close 2/12; In person sales end 2/13;
- **11** 5th Graders Visit Bailey with their Elementary Schools
- **12** Bailey Course Showcase Night 6:30 - 7:45PM
- **12** CAC Meeting 3:45PM
- **13** 8th Grade Panoramic Picture
- **13** 5th Grade Parent Q&A with Principal Rocha 6-7PM
- **13** Akins Counselors meet with students to enter course contracts in science class
- **13** Bowie Counselors meet with students to explain choice sheets and advise students in science class
- **14** Parent Q&A with the Counselors 11:30-12:15; For current 5th, 6th & 7th Grade Parents
- **14** 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs Paredes; All Games at Akins High School; 6/7PM
- **15** Student Holiday / Staff Development
- **16** Girls Soccer vs Bedichek @ Bailey A@9AM; B@10:30AM
- **17** Robotics Team travels to Google Headquarters in California
- **18** Student Holiday / Staff Development
- **18** Musical Instrument Selection Day; 8:30am-2pm
- **19** NJHS Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fundraiser Begins (thru 3/4)
- **20** Course Advising with Bowie Counselors 4-6PM
- **20** February Social Ticket Sales @ lunch \$5 2/20-2/22
- **21** 8th Grade Panoramic Picture 8:45AM
- **22** 8th Grade Panoramic Picture available for Purchase at Lunch (see flyer)
- **22** "Bears in Hollywood" February Social 6:30-8:30PM
- **28** Musical: Singin' in the Rain 6:30PM in Cafe

March

- **1** Fun Friday - Hawaiian Day
- **1** Spring Picture Day (Social Studies)
- **1** Musical: Singin' in the Rain 6:30PM in Cafe
- **2** Musical: Singin' in the Rain 2:00PM & 6:30PM in Cafe

Helpful Links

Click here for the [2018-2019 Bell Schedule](#)

Click here for our [Online Absence Form](#)

Click here for the [2018-2019 AISD School Calendar](#)

Click here for additional [Student Holidays due to District of Innovation](#)

Click here for the [Bailey Athletics Website](#)

Click here for the [Clear Bag Policy](#)

Click here for [information on student-athlete physicals, including forms](#)

Click here for [School Bus Route Information](#)

Click here for [Bailey's Code of Conduct](#)

Click here for [School Cafe](#) information, including making payments, purchase history, cafe menus and applying for free & reduced meal benefits.

Click here for the [Bailey PTA Facebook Page](#)

Click here for the [Athletics Booster Facebook Page](#)

Visit our website: www.baileybears.org

BAILEY COURSE SHOWCASE NIGHT

For Current 5th, 6th & 7th Grade
Students & Parents

Come learn about Bailey's course
offerings, programs & more!

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 6:30 - 7:45 PM

6:30 PM Parents & students meet with their
counselor to review choice sheet.

Current 5th Graders in Cafeteria Lori Frels

Current 6th Graders in Library Carrie Baker-Fuscas

Current 7th Graders in Band Hall Chandra Windham

6:45 PM Visit with our elective teachers
in the main hall and core
teachers in the academic wings.



Want to know more about Bailey?
Join us for a Q&A session for
Parents of Incoming 6th Graders!

Q&A with Principal Rocha

Wednesday, February 13th, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Q&A with the Counseling Team

Thursday, February 14th, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Both Q&A sessions will take place in the Bailey Library.
If you are joining us on the 14th, please allow enough time to park
and check in at the front office before heading to the Library.