Maroon Family,
Thank you for the questions, comments, and concerns that you have shared with me. As you may know, last Thursday morning August 26th, a staff member noticed a suspicious man near the back of the school. Following protocol, the staff member immediately notified Austin ISD police. AISD Police immediately responded, located, and detained the individual, who was found to be in possession of two firearms. The incident was contained to the area of the rear of the school, near the highway and fortunately did not impact normal school operations. Austin ISD police department is currently leading the investigation and has ruled out the individual was targeting a student, a group of students, or the campus. We again thank the AISD police for their quick response and security during this event.

This situation was also curtailed by the vigilance of staff members following our campus safety standards. These standards include the presence of 3 security officers and 1 police officer on campus throughout the day, locked exit doors at all times, and security checkpoints at all entry door points. We also have video surveillance for administrative staff, security, and campus police. Our security standards include the belief that if you see something, say something. All staff has attended safety and security training on how to respond when there is a danger to the campus. This training extends throughout the year with monthly drills that include lockdown or lockout drills. These drills train staff and students how to respond when there is a danger to the campus.

In response to this incident, we have heightened our security. Our Austin High leadership team, district police, and district leadership have been in constant communication to ensure the safety of our students. Some steps that will be taken include, frequent campus perimeter checks, increased video surveillance, additional law enforcement on patrol in the area, and additional administrator support and security presence in hallways during transitions. Our campus police officer and I will also increase our presence throughout the day to protect the safety of our students.

Melvin Bedford
Principal, Austin High School
Maroon Recognition

THANK YOU to the student council and their sponsor Isabelle Salazar. They have a great year planned.

THANK YOU to our Black Student Alliance sponsored by Coach Jocelyn Satterwhite for sharing with me their vision. WAY TO GO students!

CONGRATULATIONS TO the AHS Cross Country Team on a successful start to their season! The team competed at the Chaparral Invitational on Friday, August 27th against teams from all over the State of Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NICOLAS URQUIDEZ
Nicholas (10th grade) placed FIRST in the Varsity Boys’ division with an impressive 5K time of 15:50.30. WAY TO GO, NICOLAS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUKE BATIANSILA
Luke (9th grade) placed THIRD out of 182 runners in the JV Boys' division

The JV Boys placed 8th out of 21 teams and the JV Girls placed 13th out of 21 teams!

CONGRATULATIONS VOLLEYBALL!!!
volleyball placed 4th at the Texas Showdown in Smithson Valley. Senior outside hitter Brooke Jeffrey was named to the all-tournament team.

CONGRATULATIONS FOOTBALL!!!
The Austin High Football team won its home opener 23-21 over Pflugerville Connally on Friday at House Park. Wilder Davenport threw two touchdown passes to Jax Rush and Josh Garcia. Anthony Rodriguez scored a rushing touchdown and Lorenzo Garcia added a field goal. Junior Andrew Alexander had an interception and Herd Holland forced a fumble. Colten Molak had 14 tackles and Andrew Mosser had 11 tackles to lead the Maroon defense.
Arrival/Dismissal

Buses will drop off and pick up students on the Eastside (near the PAC) of campus in the circle drive

Private vehicles will drop off and pick up students on the Westside (closest to the rowing center) of campus
College & Career Center

Upcoming Events:
Counselor Senior Class Meetings in English class September 2nd and 3rd
College 101 Presentation, early September
FASFA/ TASFA Nights:
   Wednesday, October 20th 5-7pm
   Tuesday, November 16th 6:00-8:00pm
Senior TO DO:
Update your email in Naviance. It must be a personal email, not the AISD issued email. (Do this in the about me section of Naviance in the top right corner)
Click on > FAQ Frequently asked questions for College Applications, letters of Rec, and Financial Aid
College application process for Seniors 2022: How to apply, how to use Naviance to manage application materials, and who on campus is responsible for each part of the application.
College & Career Readiness Checklist for class of 2021 & 2022: Included are hyperlinks to google forms to request counselor letters of recommendation, links to teacher brag sheets, and timeline of many events and suggestions to stay on track. (en espanol)
Counselor Letter & School Evaluation, Request:
In the FAQ: fill out the google form completely & follow up with your counselor via email! (Common App requires a counselor evaluation)
Student Brag Sheet for teachers
College Visit questions, contact Karyn Reiber, karyn.reiber@austinisd.org, 512-841-1957
Naviance technical questions, contact Kelly Blake, kelly.blake@austinisd.org, 512-736-1750
College Financial Aid Info (opens Oct. 1st)
   English
   Spanish
Safety

Face masks are required for all students, staff, and visitors to any AISD property.

There will not be temperature checks nor will the screener be checked on campus.

Parents are encouraged to have students complete the screener at home.

Face masks and hand sanitizer will be made available throughout campus.

Stephen F. Austin PTSA

Welcome to the Stephen F. Austin High School PTSA. We support ALL students and staff in ALL grades and departments in ALL academies at Austin High. Our goal is to provide opportunities for parents, teachers, students, and the general community to come together to provide an outstanding high school experience for ALL of our AHS students. We host meetings, educational programs, and volunteer opportunities along with providing regular communications to inform and actively engage our families and students. We also provide grants, much needed supplies, and appreciation events to support our dedicated staff.

PTSA President: president.austinhighschoolptsa@gmail.com
Your membership, donations, and volunteerism help us maintain a long-standing tradition of excellence at AHS and we invite you to join us!
ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Dr. Melvin Bedford
Principal
Melvin.Bedford@austinisd.org

Charlsie Johnson
Academy for Science and Technology
Charlsie.Johnson@austinisd.org

Dr. Jonathan Purser
Academy for Design and Technology
Jonathan.Purser@austinisd.org

Tanya Mast
Operations and Special Programs
Tanya.Mast@austinisd.org

Steven Maddox
Academies Director
Steven.Maddox@austinisd.org

Adriana Longoria
Academy for Global Studies
Adriana.Longoria@austinisd.org

Elizabeth Jenkins
Academy for Classical Studies
Elizabeth.Jenkins@austinisd.org

Visit AISD Let's Talk Webpage to view links related to various topics for families and employees, such as reopening, technology support, community support, transportation, etc. and to have your message directed to a specific department.

To access your class schedule:

Go to portal.austinisd.org “AISD Cloud” Self Serve.
You can find your schedule in the Self Serve tile in the
Student Cloud (or Parent Cloud). Once you get logged on,
press the Schedule tab at the top to view your schedule.

To access your class schedule:

Go to portal.austinisd.org “AISD Cloud” Self Serve.
You can find your schedule in the Self Serve tile in the
Student Cloud (or Parent Cloud). Once you get logged on,
press the Schedule tab at the top to view your schedule.