



**Thomas E. Bowe Middle School**  
**BOARD REPORT**  
October 2023

Principal - Craig Stephenson  
Assistant Principal - Lauren Kerr

**PERSONNEL**

- Appointments: Brandon Leyden – Counselor; Allison Deschler (Transfer from Bullock)
- Resignation/Retirement: 0
- Staff Evaluations to Date - 16
  - Tenured: 10
  - Nontenured: 6
  - Non-Certificated Staff: 0

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- **Attendance Committee** – 10/4/23
- **Character Council** – 10/4/23
- **Bowe Character Champions Meeting** – 10/5/23
- **GPSD Safety & Security Team Meeting** – 10/5/23
- **Staff Inservice Day #2** – 10/6/23
- **Bowe Threat Assessment Team Meeting** – 10/6/23
- **AVID Site Meeting** – 10/6/23
- **I&RS** – 10/17/23
- **CST/TEBMS Meeting** – 10/25/23
- **School Leadership Team (SLT) Meeting** – 10/25/23
- **2-Hour Delayed Opening** - 10/27/23
- **AVID Site Meeting** – 10/27/23

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (C&I)**

- **Unit Plans & Curriculum Rewrites** - N/A
- **Individual Data Meetings (Beginning Week of 10/30/23)** - In the months of October and November, Bowe is in the process of conducting data meetings with a focus on MAP Fall Benchmark data and other measures. Teachers are meeting with Mr. Stephenson to discuss class data and strategies to provide targeted support.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- **Bowe Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC)** - Thomas E. Bowe Middle School parents, guardians, and community members are invited to join me to participate in the Bowe School Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC). BPAC meetings are held periodically throughout the school year. These meetings are open to everyone and provide an opportunity to meet with the principal and discuss events and programs at our school. The next BPAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 6 PM to 7 PM in the Thomas E. Bowe School Media Center. Even if you have not attended a BPAC meeting in the past, you are more than welcome to join us at the next one. For more info on BPAC and future meeting dates - [Bowe Parent Advisory Committee](#). Information on how to register for the November 15 meeting will be shared out in advance via SchoolMessenger.
- **Information Regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony** – In the October Newsletter to parents, the following information was shared:

***End-of-Year 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony** - Each year, we honor our 8th grade students through a promotion ceremony commemorating the milestone achievement of completing middle school and transitioning to high school. This year's ceremony is scheduled for June 12, 2024. Even though this event is months away, we felt it was important at this time to communicate the academic requirements for students to be eligible to participate in this wonderful tradition. For students to be eligible to participate in the year-end 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, they must meet the following academic requirements:*

- *Students must earn a passing grade (60% or higher) for the year in the following subject areas:*
  - *English*
  - *Health/Physical Education*
  - *Math*
  - *Science*
  - *Social Studies*

*Students who have not earned a passing grade by June 7, 2024, will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.*

*To monitor your child's academic progress throughout the year, I encourage you to access from time to time the [Parent Portal of PowerSchool](#). Also, do not hesitate at any point throughout the year to contact your child's teacher(s), and/or Ms. Garcia.*

## **OPERATIONS**

- **Safety & Security Drills** - In October, Bowe School conducted a fire drill and a security drill as per NJ State Law 18A:41-1 (the drilling law).
- **Fire Drill Observed by Glassboro Fire Department** - The Glassboro Fire Department observed a Bowe Fire Drill on October 12<sup>th</sup> as part of Fire Prevention Week and provided feedback.

## **FACILITIES**

- N/A

## **PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (Guidance/SAC/CST)**

- N/A

## **BULLDOG PRIDE**

- **CITRS/Bulldogs of Character for October 2023** - The Thomas E. Bowe Middle School is proud to highlight those students who routinely demonstrate the virtues outlined in our CITRS/Character Education program. We do so through our CITRS/Bulldog of Character Awards program. The CITRS/Bulldog of Character Award recognizes one student per grade level each month for being outstanding students and citizens and for demonstrating the virtue of that particular month: wisdom, integrity, self-control, justice, fortitude, positive attitude, humility, respect, love, and charity. The October 2023 Bulldogs of Character as selected by our science teachers for their exemplary demonstration of the virtue “Integrity” are Dylan Parto (6), Ivoryanna Littles (7), and Elizabeth Fithian (8). Congratulations to these outstanding Bowe Bulldogs!
- **TEBMS Fall Sports/Field Hockey** – Coach Parto’s squad played a competitive schedule this year, finishing with a 2 – 5 – 1 record and showing tremendous growth. Coach Parto had the following to say about our Bowe Bulldog Field Hockey Team: “The team exhibited integrity and self-control even when the other teams did not. They played hard and demonstrated sportsmanship in every single game. They encouraged and supported one another and truly believed that every win and every loss was a team effort. Extremely proud of how the team represented our school and community.”
- **TEBMS Fall Sports/Cross Country** – Led by Coach Montana, the Thomas E. Bowe Middle School Cross Country Team 2023 had 16 runners in 6th-8th grades, both boys and girls. They competed in 8 meets this season with several runners consistently in the medals. Runners practiced 3-4 times a week through September and October, running up to 3 miles a day at Bowe Middle School. Coach Montana is proud of the growth of our runners, and the character and perseverance they demonstrated as representatives of Bowe.

## **UPCOMING/OCTOBER EVENTS**

- **GPSD Safety & Security Team Meeting** – 11/2/23
- **Challenge Day** – 11/7/23
- **Attendance Committee Meeting** – 11/8/23
- **Character Council** – 11/8/23
- **School Improvement Panel (ScIP)** – 11/8/23

- **Bowe Faculty Meeting** – 11/13/23
- **School Leadership Team (SLT)** – 11/15/23
- **BPAC (*New Date*)** – 11/15/23
- **Gloucester County Reunification Response Team (GCRRT) Meeting** – 11/16/23
- **Annual School Plan (ASP) Team Meeting** – 11/16/23
- **Bowe Career Day** – 11/17/23
- **Referendum Committee Meeting** – 11/20/23
- **I&RS** – 11/21/23
- **CST/TEBMS Meeting** – 11/21/23
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** – 11/21/23
- **GCAEMSAA Meeting** – 11/30/23
- **Bowe Character Champions Meeting** – TBD
- **Bowe Threat Assessment Team Meeting** – TBD