



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

Principal - Craig Stephenson  
Assistant Principal - Lauren Kerr

**PERSONNEL**

- Appointments: Stacy Walkowitz (Special Education Teacher – starts January 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Resignation/Retirement: 0
- Staff Evaluations to Date - 25
  - Tenured: 16
  - Nontenured: 9
  - Non-Certificated Staff: 0

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- **GPSD Safety & Security Team Meeting** – 11/02/23
- **Character Council** – 11/08/23
- **Bowe Character Champions Meeting** – 11/13/23
- **School Leadership Team (SLT) Meeting** – 11/15/23
- **BPAC** – 11/15/23
- **Gloucester County Reunification Response Team (GCRRT) Meeting** – 11/16/23
- **Attendance Committee** – 11/16/23
- **Annual School Plan (ASP) Team Meeting** – 11/16/23
- **Referendum Committee Meeting** – 11/20/23
- **I&RS** – 11/21/23
- **CST/TEBMS Meeting** – 11/21/23

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

- **Unit Plans & Curriculum Rewrites** - N/A
- **Individual Data Meetings** - In the months of October and November, Bowe conducted individual data meetings with a focus on MAP Fall Benchmark data and other measures. Teachers met with Mr. Stephenson to discuss class data and strategies to provide targeted support. A second round of data meetings will commence in January to review the December MAP data (Winter Benchmark).

**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. A BPAC meeting was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. The next BPAC Meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024 @ 6 PM in the Bowe 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 January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be shared out in advance via SchoolMessenger.
- **Challenge Day (November 7)** – On Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 40 Bowe students in Grades 7 & 8, along with 8 Bowe staff members, participated in Challenge Day hosted at GHS. Challenge Day focuses on building relationships and empathy for others. Through the experience guided by trained Challenge Day presenters, students learn that they are not alone in the challenges they face, and the hope is that they further strengthen their ability to be more inclusive and accepting of their peers and to spread this positivity throughout the school.
- **Bowe Career Fair (November 17)** – Thomas E Bowe Middle School hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Career Fair on Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> in our gym. Sixteen local businesses/entities and professionals were on hand to meet with students, sharing information about their careers and the training required of them. Many of the representatives also had items to give away to students as well as interactive activities that would give them an idea of the work in which they engage. A special shout out to Ms. Garcia for organizing this successful event!
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance (November 21)** – On Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Bowe Middle School hosted a dance for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Students in Good Standing were able to participate in this fun-filled event. In addition to dancing and food, the evening provided an opportunity for students to engage in fun activities led by Mr. Hollywood DJ (Everett Jackson). A great time was had by all!
- **CITRS Presentations (November 22)** – On Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Stephenson delivered a presentation on our character education program, CITRS, to each of the grade levels. In addition to presenting our core mission and the virtues we focus upon, Mr. Stephenson recognized the Bulldogs of Character who have been chosen to date.

## OPERATIONS

- **Safety & Security Drills** - In November, Bowe School conducted a fire drill and a security drill as per NJ State Law 18A:41-1 (the drilling law).

## **FACILITIES**

- N/A

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

- N/A

## **BULLDOG PRIDE**

- **CITRS/Bulldogs of Character for November 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 November 2023 Bulldogs of Character as selected by our math teachers for their exemplary demonstration of the virtue "Self-control" are Jeremiah Briscoe (6), Olivia Ackiewicz (7), and Nena Kwabena Mensah (8). Congratulations to these outstanding Bowe Bulldogs!
- **Congratulations to our ESP of the Year, Brittinee Garcia** - Ms. Garcia is a superb counselor. Throughout this summer and for a good portion of the year, Ms. Garcia stepped up and fulfilled the role of two counselors and has done so with superior skill, compassion, and commitment. She serves as our anti-bullying specialist, our testing coordinator, and is our scheduling guru. She actively serves on our school leadership team, our attendance committee, and our school safety & climate team. She spearheads great programs such as our successful career fair as well as our health & wellness fair. Schoolwide celebrations of Week of Respect and the implementation of small group and individual counseling are among the many proactive anti-bullying initiatives Ms. Garcia leads. Most importantly, she is tremendous with our students - they trust her and lean on her for support through challenging times. We are extremely grateful that she is a counselor at the Thomas E. Bowe Middle School and proud to announce her as our Educational Support Professional of the Year.
- **Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Vanessa Poggioli** - Mrs. Poggioli is an exemplary teacher. Her innovative teaching methods combined with her excellent content knowledge have earned the respect of her peers. She has consistently proven to be a hard-working, creative, tech-savvy, and dedicated professional, as well as a very strong advocate for her students and colleagues. She actively serves as a member of our School Leadership Team, Annual School Planning Team, and School Improvement Panel (SciP). This past

school year, we received word that Mrs. Poggioli is the recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Award, a recognition that has already led her to meet with educators in Colombia this past summer to share innovative practices. Most importantly, Mrs. Poggioli is truly dedicated to her “pumpkins” and you will often find her car in the parking lot well into the evening as she plans excellent learning experiences for them. We are extremely grateful that she is a teacher at the Thomas E. Bowe Middle School, and we are very proud that she is our nominee for Governor’s Educator of the Year.

- Congratulations to Bowe 8<sup>th</sup> Grader **Samantha Lowe** on her acceptance into the **All-South Jersey Jr. High Orchestra!** This is a very prestigious ensemble. Way to go Sam!
- A huge congrats goes out to Bowe cross country runner **Joey Saicic** who competed in the USATF-New Jersey 13–14-year-old State Championships. He raced against the best 8th and 9th graders in New Jersey and finished 15th, earning the last medal. More importantly, he clinched the final spot to qualify for the USATF Junior Olympic National Championships in Kentucky which was held on Dec. 9. Way to go Joey, and congratulations on a very successful season!

#### **UPCOMING/DECEMBER EVENTS**

- **Character Council** – 12/5/23
- **Referendum Committee Meeting** – 12/06/23
- **Bowe Character Champions Meeting** – 12/07/23
- **Principal’s List Breakfast** – 12/07/23
- **GPSD Safety & Security Team Meeting** – 12/07/23
- **2-Hour Delayed Opening PD Day** – 12/08/23
- **Bowe Faculty Meeting** – 12/11/23
- **Bowe Winter Concert** – 12/12/23
- **Attendance Committee Meeting** – 12/13/23
- **School Leadership Team (SLT)** – 12/13/23
- **I&RS** – 12/19/23
- **CST/TEBMS Meeting** – 12/19/23
- **Early Dismissal** – 12/22/23
- **Winter Break** – 12/22/23 – 1/01/23