

Thomas E. Bowe Middle School Newsletter
October Edition
October 23, 2023

Greetings, Bowe families! I hope this October Edition of the TEB MS Newsletter finds you and your family well and enjoying the fall weather! It has been a great start to the 2023-24 school year. We appreciate the efforts of our faculty and staff, as well as our families for your continued support of the Bowe School as we strive to make it a great year for our students.

Here are some news and notes for your perusal...

CITRS/Bulldogs of Character for September 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 September 2023 Bulldogs of Character as selected by our ELA teachers for their exemplary demonstration of the virtue "Wisdom" are Jack Thompson (6), George Deitz III (7), and Giselle Padams Altersitz (8). Congratulations to these outstanding Bowe Bulldogs!

Governor's Educator of the Year Nominations - Glassboro Public Schools takes great pride in the talent and dedication of our faculty and staff, and it is our honor to highlight one (1) outstanding classroom teacher from each building and one (1) educational service professional (ESP) each year. There are many members of the faculty who are worthy of distinction, and we are asking for your help in selecting the candidate by contributing to the process through which these distinguished faculty and staff members are identified. We ask that you please take the time to complete the form below and help us by nominating a "Bulldog" whom you believe is worthy of the title "*Educator of the Year* and *Educational Service Professional of the Year*." This is your chance to help us shine a light on someone you know who truly represents the spirit of Glassboro and Bulldog Pride. **Directions— Please nominate one (1) classroom teacher and one (1) educational service professional (ESP).** PLEASE RESPOND NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 10th. Thank you in advance for your response! [Governor's Educator of the Year \(GEOY\) Nomination Form](#)

Bowe Halloween Costume Policy - As October 31st is quickly approaching, we know that many students are excited about Trick or Treating. While we will not have in-class celebrations, students are permitted to wear costumes on Tuesday, October 31st provided they meet the guidelines below. We want all our students to have a fun day, but as always, the safety of everyone is our priority.

- Students may not change clothing or apply makeup at school. Students who have gym class may bring sneakers to change into.

- Costumes must be appropriate for a school setting-please avoid blood and gore, violent images, or items that are more revealing than the student dress code permits.
- Masks of any kind are strictly prohibited.
- Limited face makeup will be permitted (i.e. cat whiskers, mustache).
- Toy weapons of any kind are prohibited.
- Out of concern for life-threatening food allergies, students are not to bring food or candy to school. (Of course, they may bring their lunches, but as always, no food should be shared with peers.)

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 the 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.

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](#)

Bowe Back to School Night - The Thomas E. Bowe Middle School Back to School Night program was held on Thursday, September 28, 2023. It was a successful night that provided an opportunity for staff to provide parents with an overview of what their children will experience in their classes. Several agencies, present to share information with our families, participated in a Health & Wellness Fair on this evening. These included: Boys & Girls Club, Angels Outreach,

Glassboro Child Development Center, Habitat for Humanity, Acenda Health, Glassboro Public Library, Apple Counseling, Bullock Garden Project, The Samaritan House, and Glassboro PTO. Thank you to all of our families who attended this program!

Grade Level Presentations – On September 8, the Bowe administrative and counseling teams delivered presentations to each grade level in the cafeteria. Topics covered include Code of Conduct expectations, Dress Code, HIB policy, attendance requirements, safety & security procedures, and eligibility for clubs/sports. Each grade level was attentive throughout the presentations. Here is a link to the presentation slides - <https://www.gpsd.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=8939>.

Anti-Bullying Presentations (Week of 9/18/23) - The Thomas E. Bowe Middle School team is committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for all our students. This commitment includes a variety of events, programs, and policies to create a school that is free of harassment, intimidation, and bullying. As part of this comprehensive effort, our counseling team with the support of the administrative team visited all ELA classrooms to deliver an anti-bullying presentation designed to help students understand what bullying is, its profoundly negative impact on victims (as well as aggressors), how it negatively impacts our school environment, and what they should do if they are a victim of bullying or witness an act of bullying. For information on our district's anti-bullying policies - <https://www.gpsd.us/Page/2988>

Bowe Cross Country – The Bowe Cross Country Team, with 16 total participants, is off to a great start this season, led by 8th grade captains Joey Saicic and Tyler Santiago. Any 6th, 7th or 8th grader who is interested in running cross country next fall, please see Coach Montana for details or email Lmontana@gpsd.us.

Bowe Field Hockey - Our field hockey team, consisting of 23 players and 3 managers, is also having a successful season. With Coach Parto at the helm, they are 2-4-1 on the season, facing off against some tough competition and remaining competitive throughout these games.

Fiddle Club – Our Fiddle Club is also up and running with 30 total performers (including 6 9th graders). We are looking forward to opportunities to watch this outstanding ensemble perform throughout the year!

Health/PE Uniform & Participation Guidelines (From Our PE Department) - Our preparation grade is a Summative grade each marking period. Each student begins the marking period with 100 for their preparation grade. There are 10 points daily for preparation. Preparation is defined by first and foremost having sneakers. Even if the student has their proper gym uniform, and does not have sneakers, they are unprepared for the day. This is a deduction of 10 points off of their preparation grade. A proper gym uniform constitutes having any combination of maroon and gold gym shorts and t-shirt. They do not have to say Glassboro on them or any school logos. They can be plain in color or any design. The only stipulations are that they must be maroon/gold and be school dress code appropriate. As we get into the fall and winter months, students can wear sweatpants or sweatshirts over top of their maroon and gold uniform if they choose to, as long as they are changing into their uniform. All jewelry, cell phones, air pods, etc. should be

locked in their gym lockers during class and are not permitted in the gym during class. These guidelines are in place for hygiene and safety for all of our students during class.

Mr. Scott Rogers Joins The 100 Win Club! - A huge congratulations goes out to our very own Mr. Scott Rogers who, on Thursday, October 5th, earned the 100th win of his coaching career as the leader of the Glassboro High School girls soccer team. His team defeated Overbrook, 3-0, to hit this momentous milestone. Thank you, Coach Rogers, for all you do for our kids, school, and community! GO BULLDOGS!!!

Congratulations to GHS Marching Band - Congratulations to the Glassboro High School Marching Band, directed by Mr. Art Myers, for earning the title of Cavalcade of Bands Independence A Division State Champions. This title was awarded following their competitive performance of their 2023 show, *La Clown Maladroit (The Bumbling Clown)*, at the NJ Regional Championships on October 21st at Washington Township High School. In addition to their championship title, the marching unit was awarded Best Percussion and Best Auxiliary.

“Bulldogs After School Program” - Our after school academic support program begins on Tuesday, October 24th, and runs every Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. Students must sign up via Schoology in homeroom each they wish to attend. For more information, see attached flyer or contact Mrs. Garcia (bgarcia@gpsd.us).

Bowe School Yearbooks are now on sale! - Last year we SOLD OUT by March. Don't miss out on the memories, order your yearbook today. Purchase online at https://yearbookforever.com/schools/thomas_e_bowe_middle_school_buy_yearbook_6759/wfYFmEIMUo44j0QU3SNkR1nT

Monthly Bowe Newsletters - The next edition of the Bowe Newsletter is scheduled to be released on November 3rd. It will arrive via SchoolMessenger email and will be posted on our website - [2023-24 Bowe Newsletters](#).

If you would like to request that a hard copy of the E-letter be mailed to you, please contact my secretary, Diana Cibo – dcibo@gpsd.us, or EXT. 3101.

Upcoming Bowe Events

10/27/23 - 2-Hour Delayed Opening
10/30/23 - Student Council Spirit Week
11/7/23 - Challenge Day
11/8/23 - Picture Retakes
11/13/23 - End Marking Period 1
11/14/23 - Begin Marking Period 2
11/17/24 - Career Day
11/21/23 - 6th Grade Dance