

Thomas E. Bowe Middle School Newsletter
November/December Edition
December 14, 2023

Greetings, Bowe families, and happy holidays to all! On behalf of the Bowe Team, we wish all of you a joyous and safe holiday season spent with family and friends!

Please enjoy this edition of our Newsletter...

Congratulations to Thomas E. Bowe Middle School's Educational Support Professional 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 Bowe School and proud to announce her as our Educational Support Professional of the Year.

Congratulations to Thomas E. Bowe Middle School's 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 Bowe School and we are very proud that she is our nominee for Governor's Educator of the Year.

CITRS/Bulldogs of Character for October and 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 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). 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!

Principal’s List and Honor Roll Recipients/MP 1 - On December 7th, we held a breakfast to recognize those students who earned Principal’s List and Honor Roll for Marking Period 1. To achieve principal’s list, a student must earn grades of 90% or higher in all subject areas. Straight A’s is not an easy accomplishment. To achieve honor roll, a student must earn grades of 80% or higher in all subject areas. In other words, all A’s and B’s. Also, a great accomplishment. These students are to be commended for their efforts and the excellent example they set for their peers:

Principal’s List

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Abou Assali, Ryan Baratta, Rocco Vincent Barro, Mariama Blossom, Thomas Briscoe, Jeremiah Bucci, Seth Chen, Dylan Cox, Gianna De La Cruz Hofer, Carlos Fajardo, Calya Fajardo, Maya Harris Manns, Katerina Hughes, Christian Kelly, Dannylee Kudless, Zachary Mozo Crisantos, Conner Mumbower, Brody Parto, Dylan Tyrell, Zachary	Ackiewicz, Olivia Bailey, Zoey Branch, Akeemi Deitz III, George Edu, Miliani Ehrke, Deanna Grubaugh, Charles Hoang, Ryan Hoffman, Fred Holden, Jayvontay Littles, Ivoryanna Moore, Majesty Patel, Vansh Ruiz del Moral, Allanys Rulon, Hannah Sarracino, Ryleigh Screven, Neela Smith, Maxwell Tarasevich, Gabriel	Armenia, Carly Baratta, Anastasia Batie Jr, Timothy Beteta Vasquez, Adan Burrell, Nasir Cusato, Abigail Dark, Madelyn Dungca, Sofia Edu, Leilani Fitzgerald, Shane Gulla, Samuel Johns, Abigail Kirk, Nyla Liparota, Cole Lowe, Samantha Mazhar, Muhammad Osinowo, Olutumi Padams Altersitz, Giselle Perino, Chance

	Villone, Gianna	Russell, Caiden Sabillena, Alexander Santiago, Tyler Taylor, Miles Tsoukalis, Nicholas Ufomba, Ijeoma Villone, Sophia Whitaker, Ellie
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Honor Roll

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Antonucci, Olivia Askins, Milania Bango-Jarwood, Amber Brody, Justin Brown, Ella Elizabeth DelBorrello, Mia Dominguez Varela, Erick Domond, Julian Garrison, Paris Hopely, Grayce Horne, Deborah Ilacqua, Annabell Jones, Ellie Jurich, Ryan Mazhar, Seher McDonald, Laila Melchor Ramos, Juliana Miller, Noah Ozdemir, Ceylin Ozdemir, Mert Perino, Destiny Russ, Lyric Sinor, Aaron Slotkin, Evelyn Taylor, Austin Uzhca, Jesslyn	Adams, Noah Alonso Garza, Jayson Askin, Gianna Brown McCormick, Zion Consuelos, Dominick Contreras Lagos, Guadalupe Dempster, Bethany Drapeau, Jocelyn Esgro, Bianca Harmon, Piper Iuliucci, Ava Johnson, Cara Johnson, Jayden Knecht, Lacie Kowal, Ethan Kudless, Ella Nop, Alan Pasquarello, Vincent Shehzad, Hooria Shutau, Kiryl Soucy, Emmalyn Thomas, Kevon Tiscavitch, Isabella Townsend, Erika Ward, Isaiah	Adams, Dylan Anderson, Colin Barger, Brandon Cortez Zamora, Danny Cowley, Brandon DeMaria, Ava L Dempster, Jude Dillard, Miranda Drummond Bey, Allahna Facio, Ivan Gray, Ashton Harrell, Kody Heckert, Ty Huggup, Nalani Hussein, Iman Martinez Morales, Kelly Mensah, Nana Kwabena Miller, Christian Morales, Gisselle Orr, Tyson Pennell, Trevor Perez, Marisol Regan, Giovanni Russell, Gabriella Saicic, Joseph Santiago, Zoey Taylor, Seth Theresa Jr, Hakim

NJHS - Congratulations to the officers for Bowe's Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The following students are the elected officers: President Ijeoma

Ufomba, Vice President Sophia Villone, Corresponding Secretary Abigail Johns and Historian Ashton Gray. NJHS is currently planning its group service project and fundraiser. NJHS is advised by Mrs. Rencher.

Bowe Winter Concert (December 12) – On Tuesday, December 12, 2023, the performing arts ensembles at the Bowe School (Band, Chorus & Orchestra) held their Winter Concert at GHS. The program began at 7:00 PM and certainly did not disappoint. The audience was treated to wonderful performances by our very talented Bowe musicians and vocalists. To have an opportunity to watch their progress from elementary school through the middle school is such a treat! We are really proud of them. Kudos to Mr. Myers (Band), Mrs. Hasheian (Orchestra), and Mr. McCarrick (Choir), along with our clinical intern, Mr. Stathokostas, for the great work they have done in developing this talent. Thank you as well to our art teacher, Mr. Monaco, for the work he did with our art club to contribute holiday decor to the stage.

Marching Band Enjoys A Very Successful Season - As you may know by now, the GHS Marching Band, led by Mr. Myers, enjoyed a very successful 2023 season. They earned the title of Cavalcade of Bands Independence A Division State Champions for their performance at the NJ Regional Championships on October 21st at Washington Township High School. Additionally, they earned Third Place, out of twelve bands, in the Independence A Conference at the Cavalcade of Bands Championships in New Oxford, Pa., on November 4th. We are proud of our marching band and want to give a special shout out to the Bowe students who were part of the championship squad: Alex Sabillena, Concepcion Soriano, Ijeoma Ufomba, Sofia Dungca, Ellie Whitaker, Max Smith, Chance Perino, Brianna Alavez, Lenny Palma, Leilani Wallace and Ashton Gray.

Congratulations to Bowe 8th Grader **Samantha Lowe** on her acceptance into the **All-South Jersey Jr. High Orchestra!** This is a very prestigious ensemble. Way to go Sam!

Congratulations as well to Bowe 8th Grader **Giselle Padams Altersitz** on her acceptance into the **All-South Jersey Choir!** This is also a very prestigious ensemble. Awesome work, Giselle!

A huge **congratulations** 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 occurred on Dec. 9. Joey more than held his own. Way to go Joey, and congratulations on a very successful season!

The Bowe Green Team club meets every other Monday until 4 PM. The Green Team takes on projects such as care of Turtle Town, Community Cleanups, courtyard gardens,

environmental awareness at the Bowe School, hikes on the school property, and recycling efforts inside the building. Students who love the environment and the outdoors are encouraged to see Mrs. Montana to sign up.

“Bulldogs After School Program” To Offer Additional Day - Our after school academic support program will now run three days a week (Tues., Wed., Thurs.) 2:30 to 4:00 PM. Students must sign up via Schoology in homeroom each they wish to attend. For more information, contact Mrs. Garcia (bgarcia@gpsd.us).

Salem Branch of NJ CAP (Child Assault Prevention) to Provide Workshop For Our Community - The NJ Child Assault Prevention Project, known as CAP is a statewide child abuse prevention program with its central headquarters located in New Jersey. The Salem branch of CAP will be providing workshops to our teachers, students, and parents on how we can collectively work to prevent child abuse. The parent program will be held via Zoom on February 6th, 2024 @ 5:30 PM. For more information on CAP, visit the CAP website - <https://njcap.org/about-cap/>. Information on the parent program is available on [our website](#).

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 10th meeting will be shared in advance via SchoolMessenger.

Challenge Day (November 7) – On Tuesday, November 7th, 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 2nd Career Fair on Friday November 17th 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 who does a great job organizing this successful event!

6th Grade Dance (November 21) – On Tuesday, November 21st, Bowe Middle School hosted a dance for 6th 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!

SmartPass - As shared previously, the Bowe School officially launched [SmartPass](#) on November 27th. The SmartPass system requires that students use their school-issued devices to request a hall pass. The system will tally the number of passes for each student and track the duration of each pass. SmartPass also enables us to set limits on how many students are in the Bowe hallways/restrooms at a given time and will help us identify more readily students who may be abusing hall passes at the expense of their learning. We are excited about SmartPass and its support of our efforts to maximize student learning and keep our students safe.

Sharing of Food - As we enjoy the holiday season, some students feel the desire to bring in treats and share them with friends. Please know that we discourage this in the effort to protect our many students have diagnosed or even undiagnosed life-threatening food allergies. We appreciate you assisting us in this effort.

A warm Bowe **welcome our new counselor, Mr. Brandon Leyden, to the Thomas E. Bowe Middle School Team!** We are extremely excited to have him join us. Mr. Leyden brings a wealth of experience as a paraprofessional, mental health specialist, and Police Athletic League site and program manager. Mr. Leyden serves as the counselor for Grade 6 & Grade 7 (A – M). As is always the case, he is available to support any student in need of immediate assistance if Ms. Garcia is unavailable. Mr. Leyden is a great addition to the Bowe Team! **ATTENTION BOWE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS!** Less than 55 **yearbooks** are left & there are many students who haven't purchased one yet! Last year we sold out, will you get a yearbook before they sell out again!? Make sure to reserve yours today at yearbookforever.com!

To access prior editions of the newsletter - [2023-24 Bowe Newsletters](#).

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Upcoming Bowe Events:

Early Dismissal – 12/22/23

Winter Break – 12/22/23 – 1/01/23

BPAC - 1/10/24 @ 6 PM

8th Grade Class Picture - 1/18/24

End of MP 2 - 1/26/24

2-hour Delayed Opening - 1/26/24

Beginning Marking Period 3 - 1/27/24