



# Middlebrook PTA 'Full' Messenger

Aug. 29, 2021

## Middlebrook Calendar

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| Monday   | Aug.  | 30 | First Day of School for Students                               |
| Monday   | Sept. | 06 | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Labor Day                                   |
| Tuesday  | Sept. | 07 | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Rosh Hashana                                |
| Thursday | Sept. | 09 | Board of Ed meeting - Zoom and WHS Professional Library 7:00pm |
| Monday   | Sept. | 13 | Grade 6 - Parent Open House 7 pm                               |
| Thursday | Sept. | 16 | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Yom Kippur                                  |
| Monday   | Sept. | 20 | Grade 7 - Parent Open House 7:00 pm                            |
| Thursday | Sept. | 23 | PTA Meeting 9:30 am  |
| Thursday | Sept. | 23 | Photo Day for Students - Lifetouch                             |
| Thursday | Sept  | 23 | Board of Ed meeting - Zoom and WHS Professional Library 7:00pm |
| Monday   | Sept  | 27 | Grade 8 Parent Open House - 7:00 pm                            |

## Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

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|-----------|-------|----|--------------|
| Monday    | Aug.  | 30 | Day <b>1</b> |
| Tuesday   | Aug.  | 31 | Day <b>2</b> |
| Wednesday | Sept. | 1  | Day <b>3</b> |
| Thursday  | Sept. | 2  | Day <b>4</b> |
| Friday    | Sept. | 3  | Day <b>5</b> |

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank you to the teachers, staff, WEB leaders, and volunteers who welcomed students back at events in the last week such as walkthroughs, teacher/staff welcome lunch, and WEB orientation. There was so much positive energy!

We appreciate the engagement of the community in volunteering for the upcoming year and supporting each other as we prepare for Back to School. It takes a village! We look forward to connecting with you in the year ahead.

There always seems to be a flood of emails to digest. Focus on the big stuff (like the kids have to be at school on Monday), read what you can, use all at your own pace, and reach out to the community for help. We have an active parent [Facebook](#) community, approachable staff at the schools, PTA volunteers, and soon PTA membership will be available which includes a helpful directory. There are also many local community resources and events and we highlight some of these here. Enjoy this week!

Best,

*Michelle Haggerty*

Middlebrook PTA President

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### **PTA Volunteers**

Opportunities are still open for the upcoming year. We need volunteers across all areas and especially for the following featured positions for upcoming events. Please email [michelle.mbpta@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.mbpta@gmail.com).

- Parent at Large
- 7th Grade Activity Night

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Wilton Public School Event:**

**What:** Coming Together: Responding to Unfinished Learning and Supporting Social-Emotional Health in the 2021-2022 School Year

**When:** Thursday, September 9; 10:00 -11:30 AM

**Where:** Wilton High School Clune Center (A virtual option will be available and a recording will be posted.) **Register** at <https://comingtogetherwilton.eventbrite.com>.

The 2020-2021 school year was unlike any in modern memory and has left many asking the question: Are our kids prepared for the year ahead? While the pandemic has created much that is unprecedented, unfinished learning is not new. Wilton's educators are well-prepared to re-engage students in the concepts they'll need to master in order to successfully navigate the upcoming year's curriculum; as family members, there is a great deal we can do to support them in the process.

Please join us for a panel discussion led by Wilton Public Schools Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Charles Smith, that will address the district's response to unfinished learning and plans for

implementing a prioritized curriculum in the upcoming school year. In addition to WPS staff members, Tracey Masella L.C.S.W., will join the panel to offer guidance on how families can support students and foster social-emotional well-being as kids make the transition back to full-time school.

Panelists:

Charles Smith, Ed.D. - WPS Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

Andrea Leonardi - WPS Assistant Superintendent, Special Services

Trudy Denton - WPS Curriculum Coordinator - Math/Science

Karen Brenneke - WPS Curriculum Coordinator - Humanities

Kim Zemo, L.C.S.W - WPS, Safe School Climate Coordinator

Tracey Masella, L.C.S.W - Private Practice, Silver Hill Hospital

This program is appropriate for parents of 1st -12th grade students.

If you would like to submit a question to the panel in advance, please email it to

[info@wiltonyouth.org](mailto:info@wiltonyouth.org).

**Health Office:**

**A NOTE FROM THE MB NURSE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 7 IN AUGUST 2021:**

In accordance with Connecticut State Law, the Wilton Board of Education requires that all children have a physical examination to enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

*The State of Connecticut mandates that the blue Connecticut State physical examination form HAR-3 and the full immunization record be completed within fifteen months before the first day of school.*

Students will not be allowed to enter class on August 30, 2021 until proof of compliance with this State requirement is received and approved by the nurse. For your information, a second dose of varicella, one dose of Tdap, and one dose of meningococcal vaccine are required to enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Please call the nurse or health assistant if you have any questions. 203.762.8388

Nancy Flaherty, RN ext 5254

Katie Marchese, Health Assistant ext 5268

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Ms President US, starts Oct. 1st**

**Who:** Girls entering grades 4-8, you are invited to enroll in the Ms President US program

**When:** The sessions will be held either in person or via Zoom (depending upon health and safety guidelines) from 4:15pm-5:45pm on 8 Fridays between October and March. In addition, there is a field trip to the State Capitol, and an Election.

**What:** [Ms President US](#), a non-partisan, non-profit civics and leadership program, motivates and prepares girls to aim for the highest civic leadership positions and know that they can achieve them. By introducing the girls to students and women who are leaders in their community, state, and on a national level, participants learn about the political process. The girls

then have a chance to interact with the leaders, and engage in activities that help them develop their own leadership skills. Each session is facilitated by high school girls who serve as mentors throughout the program.

Session topics include:

- Civic Leadership / Public Service
- Meet & Greet Local, State, and Federal Leaders
- Women's History and Leadership
- Public Speaking & Debate
- Communications & Media
- State Capitol Visit

The program culminates in a campaign and election whereby participants have the opportunity to create their own campaign (or work on another participant's campaign) and run for Ms President US of Wilton.

To enroll or learn more, visit <https://www.mspressidentus.org>. Enrollment fee for the program is \$250 and scholarships are available. Space is limited. Enrolled Girl Scouts can earn several patches and badges for participation in the Ms President US program.

### **WYC News**

This fall, we hope you will join Wilton Youth Council for one of our great presentations and events. Each of these is a chance to learn a new skill, find a fresh perspective, or connect with others in similar circumstances. Get all the details at [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org) and text WILTONYOUTH to 22828 to join our newsletter.

### **Events Coming Soon:**

#### **Breathe and Connect: A Yoga / Mindfulness Experience**

**When: Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18**

**Who:** Jacqueline Jackson, E-RYT 500, will lead three age-appropriate workshops for children, teens, and adults.

**What:** Explore mindfulness, meditation and yoga to manage back-to-school stress. Choose options to build your own toolbox of helpful techniques. Our goal? To get rid of the tension in the body so it is better able to house a quiet mind.

Learn more at: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/breathe-connect>

#### **Wilton's Big Block Party Weekend**

**When: Friday, September 17 - Sunday, September 19**

**What:** Has your neighborhood had a block party this year? It's not too late to participate in Wilton's Big Block Party Weekend. Don't miss this great opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with those you haven't seen in a while!

Learn more at: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/block-party>

### **Trackside Teen Center**

Clubs and Programs for Middlebrook and WHS students at Trackside!

Check out our fall lineup of clubs like improv, art, sports, Dungeons and Dragons, baking, gaming, poker and casino games... and our fantastic fall Friday movie nights in the outdoor theater! Middlebrook's Dr. Priest, Tracey, Cindy and our team of high school leaders are ready to crush this fall with fun!

Students can WALK to Trackage and Dr. Priest will even meet them in the lobby at 3:15pm and drive their backpacks and gear down to Trackage for the clubs!

Register and find more information at [www.tracksiderg.org](http://www.tracksiderg.org)

### Wilton SEPTA

Wilton Special Education PTA - We invite you to learn about our current initiatives, gifts and grants program and more! **Registration for membership will begin around August 31<sup>st</sup>.** Please access our membership through the MobileArq system. Each school in the district has its own registration. SEPTA will be an additional option provided when you join any of the other schools' PTAs. Contact us directly at [wiltonsepta@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonsepta@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved and like our [Facebook](#) page to stay up to date with the latest news and information.

SEPTA Board and School Representatives for the 2021-2022 for Middlebrook is Kara Berghaus - [karaberghaus@hotmail.com](mailto:karaberghaus@hotmail.com)

Join us for our First SEPTA Meeting on October 6th, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Please click on the link below to access the meeting via Zoom. We look forward to serving everyone in our community this year! SEPTA meeting link

### Wilton Soccer

TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) provides learning, development, and physical participation opportunities for young athletes with disabilities.

"Just for Kicks" is fun soccer and play for 3-8th graders endorsed by [The Free Play Matters Task Force of Wilton Youth Council](#) emphasizes. participation, fitness and fun.

Register at [LINK](#).

### Wilton Children's Theater

Register by August 31st for one of Wilton Children's Theater's school year shows. Registration for BOTH our fall AND winter programs ends August 31st. You can simply register online here: <https://www.wiltonchildrenstheater.org/register> . The fall show will be Shrek The Musical Jr. The winter show is Beauty and The Beast. Both shows are going to be amazing.

### MB Messenger Announcements

Have an important announcement to post in the MB Messenger? Submit a request for a non-profit, school related announcement to: [middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com). Please have all requests in by Wednesdays at noon. Please note that the Lite & Full Messengers alternate every other week.