



Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

January 19, 2020

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Monday	January	20	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday	January	27	8th Gr Parents: WHS Orientation 7:00pm
Tuesday	January	28	Science and Engineering Fair: 3:30 - 5:45 p.m.--Gym
Thursday	January	30	MB Parents New to Wilton Coffee: 9:00 a.m. Principal's Office
Thursday	January	30	Science and Engineering Fair <u>Snow Date</u>

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	January	20	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	January	21	Day 2
Wednesday	January	22	Day 3
Thursday	January	23	Day 4
Friday	January	24	Day 5

News From The PTA President

Wow - what a plethora of exciting things going on at Middlebrook right now! The Science Fair on January 28 is always an impressive event and still looking for volunteers if you want to help out and see the amazing work our students are doing. Last week the PTA brought Visiting Poets into all 8th graders for an assembly and then smaller workshops. We also recently voted to help fund four teachers attendance at a National Science Conference. I can't wait to see the innovative ideas our teachers bring back from the conference and share with our students.

-Chandra Ring

SCHOOL NEWS

Class of 2024 High School Orientation Evening

Current eighth grade parents and students are invited to attend an orientation meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Wilton High School (snow date Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 5:15pm). Members of the WHS faculty will provide an overview of the academic and elective programs at Wilton High School.

Middlebrook Science & Engineering Fair

Tuesday, January 28, in the Middlebrook gyms (snow date is Thursday, January 30)

3:00-3:30 pm - Registration and setup for participants

3:30-5:45 pm - Judging and open science fair

5:00-5:45 pm - Mad Science Show

5:45-6:00 pm - Awards Ceremony

The Science & Engineering Fair welcomes everyone to come browse the projects, as well as watch the Mad Science Show. Come and learn about all sorts of science and engineering topics, stay for the fun show, and cheer on the participants during the awards ceremony. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are still looking for Science Fair volunteers - please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4faea92aa5f58-middlebrook>

Middlebrook PTA 8th Grade Dinner Dance:

The PTA sponsors the 8th grade dinner dance in June which is a fun celebration of their time at Middlebrook. The kick off meetings for the dinner dance will be Wednesday, January 29th at 7:30pm and Thursday, January 30th at 9:30am. These meetings are the same so you do not need to attend both. The meetings will be at Comstock Room 12. This will be an opportunity to sign up to volunteer and to talk about preliminary ideas.

If you have any questions, you can contact Kristen Doran at kdoran718@gmail.com or Tara Snow at tarasnow4@yahoo.com.

MB Health Office

Health Requirements for Students Entering Grade 7 in Fall of 2020

In accordance with Connecticut State Law, the Wilton Board of Education requires that prior to the opening day of school, an appropriate health examination, including an immunization record, be filed in the health office. Prior to August 1, 2020, please submit a State of Connecticut (blue form, HAR-3). Please check to see that all asterisks on the State of Connecticut form are completed by the physician. The physical must be within 15 months of the first day of entering the 7th grade.

Box Tops

You may have heard that Box Tops are going digital, meaning less clipping and submitting, all while making it even easier for families to earn money for their school. To donate box tops just follow a few simple steps:

1. Download the Box Tops (BTFE) app on your smartphone (only need to do this once).
2. Buy products with the Box Tops Logo.
3. Using the BTFE app, scan your receipt (within 14 days of purchase). The app instantly tells you whether any of your purchases earned monies for Middlebrook.

The app is quick to download and simple to use! We will, of course, continue to accept any of the “old” clipped box tops that families may have floating around their house. If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Acerra-Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net.

Online PTA Membership and Directories

Get instant access when you join – no waiting, easy updates to address or phone number changes throughout the year! Join at: www.middlebrookpta.org

It’s green, searchable and portable! Available on phones, tablets and computers!

Parents can update their profiles at any time.

One easy spot to register for all your kids’ PTAs and make a donation at the same time!

Questions? Email our Membership VP Donna Arnold at mallorysleeping@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Budget Spotlight 2020

Jan. 21-23 : Budget Workshops with Administrators 1-3pm at WHS Professional Library

Jan. 23 : Regular Meeting - Presentation of Budget to Public 7pm at Middlebrook auditorium

Jan. 30 : Special Meeting – Budget Deliberations 7pm at WHS Professional Library

For more information, use these links:

<https://www.wiltonps.org/about/board-of-education> (click on 2020-2021 Budget Documents)

Good Morning Wilton [Article](#)

Wilton Library Programs

Monday, Jan. 27th *Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities: What They Are, What They Aren’t, and What We Can Do About Them*, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. In this interactive presentation, school psychologist Dave Sylvestro will compare and contrast NVLD, Asperger’s and LD and will discuss how to help kids with NVLD develop and practice key social skills and anticipate emotional pitfalls often associated with NVLD. He currently is the school psychologist at The Southport School, in Southport, CT. He has worked in the field for more than 40 years providing individual and group counseling to students, parents, service staff and professional development. Co-sponsored by SPED*NET and Wilton Library. Registration is strongly suggested.

Trackside Teen Center

As one of Wilton’s unique town gems, Trackside Teen Center is excited to be celebrating our **15th Anniversary as the “go-to” place for Wilton’s Teens**. As many other Teen Centers in the surrounding towns have closed their facilities, we are raising donations to continue to support the needs and interests of our Teens and community.

Every donation dollar counts to sustain, grow and evolve Trackside, helping us remain one of the safest places where our Teens can socialize with each other, meeting new friends and expanding their interests. Each year, we count on your support and that of our generous Wilton community members and donors to provide for our Wilton Teens.

This year, our fundraising challenge is to raise at least \$65,000 by March 15th. The funds raised will directly support our mission of being a safe and substance free place where Wilton's Teens gather, socialize and thrive. Like you, we believe it is essential to engage and support as many of our Teens as possible, by providing a safe, supervised, and substance free opportunities for our Teens to gather together. This past year, we have **increased our impact**, engaging over 2x more of Wilton's Middle and High Schoolers versus the same time last year.

Trackside is truly a space being imagined **"For Teens, by Teens"** as our Teens and Student Advisory Boards have designed a blueprint of programs and events that **empower and engage** their peers. Since the start of the 2019 school year alone we have enhanced four existing programs, including our Gaming and Improv Comedy Clubs and have added eight new programs including Trivia and Open Stage Nights, which offer opportunities for **both High School and Middle School students** to socialize on Friday nights. Teen interest is driving no less than **six new programs after school and evening ideas that we hope to launch and grow with your support.**

A gift from you today will enable us to continue to provide *fun, safe and substance free* programs and events at Trackside for Wilton's Teens to *socialize together*.

To learn more about our programs, events and to show your support for Wilton's Teens, please

DONATE NOW at www.trackside.org/donate.

Thank you for your support!

The Trackside Teens

Cindy Moser, John Priest and the Trackside Board of Directors

Trackside 80's Dance Party

Feb. 22, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Adults over age 21 only!

Click [HERE](#) for information and tickets.

SEPTA Wilton Special Education PTA

Below is the Jan. 2020 Newsletter:

[Wilton SEPTA Newsletter](#)

Wilton Turnover Shop

The Turnover Shop needs volunteers! We are looking for several people to work at the front desk. The commitment is for a regular shift only once a month for 3 1/2 hours, September-June. Each year, The Turnover Shop gives generously to the Wilton PTAs, but we need your help to make this happen. Come join the fun and meet some new people in our community! Please send an email to turnoverfrontdesk@gmail.com to get started.

Wilton Youth Council (WYC)

WYC promotes and protects the social, emotional and mental well-being of Wilton's students by educating and empowering youth, parents and the community. Find us on FB or visit wiltonyouth.org for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Want to get involved with Wilton Youth Council? We are looking for volunteers to join our fundraising committee and/or the Free Play Matters Task Force. If you are interested, contact Genevieve Eason at geason@wiltonyouth.org for more information!

Wilton Youth Council Sponsored Events

Youth to Youth Ski Club 2020

Join the fun as Youth to Youth travels to Mohawk Mountain. Anyone in grades 6-8 is eligible to attend these trips, although active Youth to Youth members have priority sign up. A parent and participant must sign the Youth to Youth "Participation Waiver and Photo Consent" in order to be registered for this trip. We must have your completed agreement on file by the Monday before the trip is scheduled in order for you to attend.

Date: Friday Jan. 31st

Depart: Middlebrook School - 3:20 p.m.

Return: Middlebrook School - 10:45 p.m.

Lift ticket and Transportation: \$87.00

Register [HERE](#)

Wilton Youth Council's Annual Appeal

Did you receive our Annual Appeal letter in the mail? We hope you'll accept our invitation to become one of the helpers! Together, we make our community a healthier, happier place for our children of all ages to grow. Respond to the letter, or donate through our website, www.wiltonyouth.org. Thank you!

MB Messenger Announcements:

Have an important announcement to post in the MB Messenger? Please note that the messenger alternates bi-weekly between the "LITE," calendar based Messenger and the fuller edition. Requests must be in by Wednesday at noon to be included in the next FULL Messenger. To submit a request for a non-profit, school related announcement in the Messenger, please email:

middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com.