



Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

October 18, 2020

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Tuesday	October	27	Photo Day for Cohort A
Thursday	October	29	Photo Day for Cohort B

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	October	19	Day 3 (Cohort A In Person, Cohort B Remote)
Tuesday	October	20	Day 4 (Cohort A In Person, Cohort B Remote)
Wednesday	October	21	Day 5 (All Students Remote- Shortened Day)
Thursday	October	22	Day 6 (Cohort B In Person, Cohort A Remote)
Friday	October	23	Day 1 (Cohort B In Person, Cohort A Remote)

PTA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Congratulations to all of the teachers and administrators on the recent Gifts & Grants awarded by the PTA! Included in these awards are temporary tents to support outdoor lunches and classrooms, a new songwriting curriculum and a student-driven Digital Information Center for 8 Red. We're very excited to have been part of bringing all of these offerings into the schools.

As a reminder, PTA Membership is open. Details on joining can be found below and allow you access to MobileArq, our online directory.

Be on the lookout for details of our annual appeal -- this is our primary annual fundraiser. We look forward to your support, helping us bring programs and Gift & Grants into Middlebrook to support our parents, teachers and students annually.

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns at cring226@hotmail.com

-Chandra Ring

Middlebrook PTA President

SCHOOL NEWS

George DiRocco Memorial Scholarship

The Wilton Warrior Gridiron Club, the booster organization that supports the Wilton High School Football program, has established this fund in memory of George. This scholarship will be awarded annually to the teammate who demonstrates selflessness both on and off the field and will be personally handed the award by the DiRocco family members at either the end-of-season football banquet or at the high school end-of-year

awards ceremony. Donations towards this scholarship are held separately from other funds raised benefitting the football program. The DiRocco family has asked that gifts be made towards this fund and will receive a list of donors.

<https://www.wiltonwarriorgridironclub.com/teams/default.asp?u=WILTONWARRIORGRIDIRONCLUB&s=football&p=fundraiser>

School Picture Day

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Picture Day has been rescheduled and will take place during classroom hours on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27th, for COHORT A students and THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th, for COHORT B students.

Both date options will be available for REMOTE STUDENTS; pictures will take place after school hours. Sign up with date/time options will be available.

Please note: Due to the current school climate and social distancing protocol, volunteers will not be permitted in the building. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dana Quick at danaisquick@yahoo.com.

More details to follow...

Joining The PTA

Join the PTAs and access your online directory all at once. PTA Membership is a direct means of helping your child! Funds raised by the PTAs go directly back into the schools, supporting field trips, speakers, assemblies, professional development and individual teacher needs. We also offer programming and social opportunities for students. The PTAs are a voice for parents, teachers and students-- join and be heard! Joining the MB PTA is easy, online, and enables you to join all schools where you have students plus join SEPTA and make an additional donation at once, saving you time!

Three Quick Steps to Register!

Step 1: Go to <http://wilton.mobilearq.com> and click Parent Sign Up (or Teacher Sign Up if you are a teacher/staff member)

Step 2: Enter Email, Name, the code "wilton"

Step 3: Click the "REGISTER" button, pay membership dues with the option to make a supporting donation.

Your email and name must match the information in the Powerschool database

After you register, you will receive an email to confirm your email, payment of dues and be provided with an auto-login to access the directory. **Please create a new password as the temporary one expires within 24 hours of issue.**

Please contact Donna Arnold, Middlebrook PTA VP, at mallorysleeping@gmail.com with questions.

Wilton Board of Education

Upcoming Zoom Meeting Dates:

October 15th at 7:00 p.m.

October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Please visit <https://go.boarddocs.com/ct/wilton/Board.nsf/vpublic?open> for further details.

MB Health Office

This message is only for students who have not yet submitted a 7th grade Physical:

In accordance with Connecticut State Law and Public Act No. 07-58, the Wilton Board of Education requires that all school children, except those with valid religious objections, have a physical examination entering 7th grade. Due to the circumstances this year, the mandated physical dates will be May 31, 2019 to November 1, 2020. The State of Connecticut mandates that the Connecticut State Health Assessment Record form be completed and on file in the school Health Office by November 1, 2020. Provider appointments need to be scheduled prior to this date, and the Health Office is to be notified of this date as soon as possible. All physicals are to be emailed Katie Marchese

(marchesek@wiltonps.org) or mailed to the Health Office (131 School Road Wilton, CT, 06897) as soon as possible. Prior to entering grade 7, we will need a current immunization record for the start of the school year 2020-2021. Students will not be allowed to enter school on November 1, 2020, until proof of compliance with this State requirement has been received in the school Health Office. Questions pertaining to completion of this requirement should be directed to the Health Office by phone (203)762.8388 ext. 5254 or by email to our nurse boehmek@wiltonps.org.

Chartwells

It is imperative to create a Nutrislice account to order any food through the Wilton School Lunch Program this year. The details can be found on the Wilton School District Website or you can access the website by using the following link. <https://wilton.nutrislice.com> There is also a phone app available. [Creating a Nutrislice Account](#)

Stop & Shop Rewards Program

MIDDLEBROOK SCHOOL – (ID#: 06933) participates in the A+ School Rewards program to earn CASH, a great fundraising program run through our local Stop & Shop! Last year our school earned \$2398.01 and last month our August total was \$289.35.

The program runs from August 7, 2020 - March 13, 2021.

If you have already registered your card you do not need to re-register. If you haven't registered yet, sign up today! **THANK YOU** all for your support.

For new participants:

- Beginning *July 1, 2020*, visit stopandshop.com and select “SIGN IN” at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, you may select or modify your school choice in the Rewards and Programs section of your account.
- If you do not have an online account, visit stopandshop.com and click “REGISTER”. Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the same instructions as noted above.
- You'll need your 13-digit STOP & SHOP CARD number and the School ID number. If you need assistance, call 1-877-366-2668 option 1.

Zero Waste Committee

Now more than ever, our Zero Waste Schools Committee would like to remind our families of a few tips to help reduce the amount of waste in our schools:

- YES to using reusable containers, bags, silverware, and ice packs; purchasing bulk snacks to sort into reusable containers, packing realistic portions and taking home uneaten food (or compost!)
- AVOID disposable paper or plastic bags; Individually-packaged snacks; non-reusable food wrap; disposable ice packs, utensils, or drink containers (juice boxes or pouches) and plastic straws.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Trackside Teen Center

Trackside Teen Center is ready to take off with our Fall 2020 clubs and programs. We will be holding Open Houses this week, accepting memberships and registering students in grades 6 to 12 for an awesome collection of clubs and programs such as: **Open Art Studio, Running Club, LIVE Girl, Dungeons and Dragons, Quiz Bowl, MathCounts, Julia's Book Club, Gamer Days, Pre-Play Improv, Digital Design, Creative Writing and more!** Clubs begin in early October but registration is open to members now. Get a ton of information at www.Trackside.org

Wilton Youth Council

Wilton Youth Council's Youth to Youth is getting ready for an awesome year! Parents and students are invited to attend an informational meeting on October 19th. All information can be found on the club's Schoology page using access code - 56KV-8DKG-4SF6N. Youth to Youth is an international club founded in 1982 in Columbus, Ohio. In Wilton, we focus on four components: community service, personal growth, positive activities, and drug and alcohol education. During meetings, we enjoy team building activities and plan our community service projects and after-school events. For students seeking leadership opportunities, we have a "Board of Directors" comprised of students to help guide the final decisions that need to be made for the larger group. To learn more about Youth to Youth, visit <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/youth-to-youth>, or email club advisor Tanya Leonard at leonardt@wiltonps.org with questions. Visit us at WiltonYouth.org and on [Facebook](#).

NAMI

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviors have been triggered as a result. What was manageable pre-covid is now out of control. Find support for you, as you support your child who is struggling. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) is a Support Group for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. The meeting is free, confidential, safe and led by trained volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. Our meetings are a place to speak freely and be understood without embarrassment or the fear of being judged or treated differently. Our meetings are held virtually over Zoom and for security, you must contact Beth or Vanessa for the password. For more information: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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. Please have all requests in by Wednesdays at noon. Please note that the Lite & Full Messengers alternate every other week.