



Middlebrook PTA Messenger Oct. 28, 2018

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Monday	October	29	Gr. 8/WHS Orchestra Concert at Clune Center 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	October	31	Gr. 7 & 8 Bands play at Cider Mill Halloween Parades: 8th Gr. 8:20-9:50 a.m.; 7th Gr. 9:10-10:30 a.m.
Mon-Fri	Oct./Nov.	29-2	Red Ribbon Week
Tuesday	November	6	No School for Students
Thursday	November	8	Brown Bag Lunch with Mrs. Feltz: 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Principal's Office

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	October	29	Day 1
Tuesday	October	30	Day 2
Wednesday	October	31	Day 3
Thursday	October	18	Day 4
Friday	October	19	Day 5

Note from the President:

Congratulations! We made it through a Nor'easter without losing a week of school. This week's messenger is a long one, but I encourage you to read all of it-- there's so much happening around school and town in the coming weeks.

MB Families:

Please read the following from Wilton Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Smith:

The Board of Finance is conducting an online survey of Wilton taxpayers to better understand their financial priorities. The Board would like to encourage all taxpayers to complete the survey which should

take no more than 10 minutes and can be found at www.wiltontaxpayer.com. The survey is anonymous, and data will only be reported at an aggregate level. The survey questions were composed by a subcommittee with representation from the Boards of Education and Selectmen as well as Wilton citizens. The survey will remain online for at least the next six weeks or until an adequate number of responses has been received.

Board of Finance member Richard Creeth who chaired the subcommittee tasked with creating the survey said “We understand that everybody would like their taxes to be lower, but equally most people realize that providing the high level of service including schools, roads and public safety costs the Town a lot. Hopefully this survey will increase our understanding of the taxpayers financial priorities.”

In order for the results to be meaningful the survey should be completed by as many people as possible across all sections of the community including all age groups and socio-economic segments. The Board of Finance encourages all Wilton citizens to take this opportunity to let their voice be heard.

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SCHOOL NEWS

MB Photo Retake / Absentee Day: Tuesday, November 13th

Who Should Go on Absentee/Retake Day:

- Any student not satisfied with original portrait - Return your complete portrait package to the photographer on retake day. Parents: feel free to write a note on package saying what you didn't like about the original photo so they can try to get it right this time.
- Any student who was absent on the original day
- Any student who did not purchase on the original day and would like to purchase a package.

Order forms are available in the school office one week prior to retake day. Only a small batch of order forms will be available as in past years many end up being unused/discarded. If you are planning on writing a check please have your child pick up a form from the main office. If you are using a credit card please use the website.

Order online at mylifetouch.com picture id: EJ218018Q1 (site is available for ordering approximately 2 weeks prior to retake day)

Any questions, please call Lifetouch at 203-735-5933

Online PTA Membership and Directories

Join the PTA and show your support for all of the programs and activities we organize each school year. Student Assemblies, Outdoor Classroom, Media Center Supplies, Activity Nights, Science & Engineering Fair, Social Opportunities, Weekly Messenger, Photo Day, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Events and Soaring Ahead are just a few of the programs our PTA supports. When you join, you will gain instant access to our online directory that is desktop and mobile device friendly, just download the app.

Join here, and use the code - 'wilton'

https://mobilearg.com/schooldirectory/school_directory_parent_register.html

Parents: please update your profiles to include email and cell phone numbers! One easy spot to register for all your kids' PTAs and make a donation at the same time! Questions? Email our **Membership VP Laura Rowley at rowleylg@gmail.com** .

Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA)

Formerly the PAB, we are open to all who want to support Special Services in Wilton Public Schools. For general questions, inquiries about membership and Executive Board positions please contact wiltonsepta@gmail.com

Volunteer!

Volunteering is a great way to know your child's school and be a part of the Middlebrook community. If you're interested in helping with any event, email Meire Mouracade at mouracadefamily4@gmail.com

MB Clubs

Middlebrook School is proud to offer more than 20 clubs and intramural activities before and after school at Middlebrook Please see this [link](#) also available on the district website) to learn about the offerings at Middlebrook. Clubs and intramurals are starting to meet - there are varied dates depending on the activity, please see the informational document for more details. Our diverse options provide students with the opportunity to explore interests in a safe, supportive environment

Stop & Shop Rewards Program

Those families who frequent Stop & Shop can support Middlebrook through the Stop & Shop's A+ Rewards program. The program gives money to our school based on all of your purchases made September 7, 2018- March 16, 2019. It does not cost you anything and does not impact your gas points. You can sign up directly online at www.stopandshop.com/school-rewards/ --spread the word to friends and neighbors that we would love to have them support Middlebrook through this program. Even extended family that do not live in Connecticut can sign up if they shop at Stop & Shop. The funds raised will be used for projects that help Middlebrook feel like a fun and friendly place through groups including Team Change and Kindness Club. Of course, we are not asking anyone to change their shopping habits or switch stores! This is just an easy way to take advantage of no-cost fundraising with folks who already use Stop & Shop.

Box Tops for Education

Please Support This Effort! Please donate your Box Tops to Middlebrook School. Box Tops for Education can be found on hundreds of everyday products from companies like Food Should Taste Good, Yoplait, Kleenex, Scott, Ziploc, Hefty, Old El Paso, Green Giant, Land O Lakes, and Hanes. Collection boxes are located in the front reception booth, the media center, and the teachers' lounge. Proceeds from Box Tops go directly to the school to help buy new equipment and supplies. Last year we raised over \$1,000! That works out to just 10 box tops per student! If you would like more

information about this program, including participating brands, visit www.btfе.com, or contact Jennifer Acerra- Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net.

Science & Engineering Fair Tuesday, January 29, 2019 (snow date January 30)

Time: New Gym- 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. & Old Gym- 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Fair invites students to explore and expand their understanding of a science or engineering related topic. Students, working independently or in teams of two, will:

- develop a hypothesis
- conduct their own experiment
- draw conclusions
- organize results into a visual display
- present their project to judges

Registration packets and a list of important dates are available on the PTA website www.middlebrookpta.org. A number of help sessions conducted by our science teachers and volunteers will be available both before and after school. **Entry forms are due Friday, November 30th.** The Middlebrook Science & Engineering Fair is sponsored by the Middlebrook PTA and the Wilton Education Foundation. For questions or additional information contact Madhavi Sharma Vallabhajosula at madhavi_sharma@hotmail.com

Media Center Volunteers

The media staff would greatly appreciate your help in the school Media Center to assist with a variety of projects. Shifts are extremely flexible- you can pick the time and day that works best for you! Can be weekly/ biweekly/monthly, or just periodically throughout the year! Please contact Claire Carbonier at carbos@optonline.net

School Sponsored Events in Partnership with Wilton Youth Council:

A Community Conversation: CHARTING THE COURSE

Monday, November 12, 2018; Clune Center at Wilton High School

10:00 AM – RaceToNowhereWiltonAM.eventbrite.com

AND 7:00 PM – RaceToNowhereWiltonPM.eventbrite.com **Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of**

America's Achievement Culture

Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Youth Services invite you to the first of a special 3-part series to explore the purpose of education, the importance of childhood and our community's opportunity to chart the best course for our children.

From preschool to college, kids are being pushed, coached, sculpted, scheduled and reviewed in an effort to compete in today's high-stakes, high-pressure achievement culture. RACE TO NOWHERE examines the pressures faced by young people, educators and parents, calling upon us all to challenge current assumptions and come together to chart the best course for their future.

Join us for this 85-minute documentary followed by a brief panel discussion. This is the first of a 3-part series. Parents, educators, concerned members of the community, and students in middle school and up

are encouraged to attend.

The series continues in February, with screenings of the movie *Beyond Measure*, and a Community Conversation. For more information visit wiltonyouth.org.

Admission is free; registration is recommended in the links above. Please contact Genevieve Eason at Genevieve.Eason@gmail.com with questions.

Sponsored by: Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council, and Wilton Youth Services

COMMUNITY NEWS

ISlides and New Wilton Swag - Must-See New Arrivals

Just in time for holiday shopping and coaches' gifts, visit [our online store](#) for all your shopping needs!

New items available to order:

- ISlides are back! We sold 158 pairs during our first sales window! Don't miss your chance to get your pair. Great for before/after games, around the house, coaches' and holiday gifts. Create your own custom pair.
- Cooler weather brings cool new Wilton merchandise. Check out our new arrivals of Wilton apparel, including sweatshirts and hoodies, sweatpants and pj pants - *perfect for anyone in your family* - featuring exclusive new designs.

Go online to make your purchases **November 5th-18th** by clicking [here](#).

Project 2023 8th Grade Movie Day

Grab your friends and head to Bow Tie cinemas in Wilton Center right after the half day on Friday, November 16th! Order tickets at:

<https://warriorclass2023.wixsite.com/mysite.events>

Movie will start at 1:15pm (exact movie title will be announced the week of based off the theater schedule).

Kids are encouraged to walk or carpool.

Tickets are \$25 and include the movie, popcorn and a drink. All proceeds benefit the Class of 2023.

Any questions, please reach out to Heather Kreter (h.kreter@gmail.com) or Alison Lombardi (alisonlombardi1@gmail.com)

Class Project 2023

Show your support with 2023 T-shirts, shorts and our **brand-new** apparel - hoodies, pj pants and sweatpants! Be sure and check out our new designs on our [Wilton 2023 Online Store](#).

Visit our [Wilton 2023 website](#) and join our Facebook [WYC Class Project 2023](#) for more Class Project 2023 information. To become involved with the Project 2023 planning group, email warriorclass2023@gmail.com.

Wilton High School Play

This year's WHS Fall play is Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution". Performances are:

Thursday, November 1st at 7:30 pm

Friday, November 2nd at 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 3rd at 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Tickets are now on sale for \$12 each at
<https://red.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=cc4da6013f9beccc863d48d0fc24b58a>

Please remember that since we are now doing sales online with an outside company all sales are FINAL. There are NO exchanges or refunds. (No exceptions, we cannot adjust the website sales).

Please remember to print your tickets at home before you come to the show!!

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. [Click here for an overview of this year's events!](#)

Looking to Get Involved? Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering? Email Courtney Boucher at Courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com

WYC Presentations

Teenagers - Sexting and Pornography: What Parents Need to Know with Sharon Lamb, EdD, PhD, ABPP, Professor of Counseling & School Psychology, University of Massachusetts

Thursday, November 1st, 2018

10:30 AM -12:00 PM at The Weston Library, 56 Norfield Road, Weston

Free; registration recommended - www.westonpubliclibrary.org, click on Calendar

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM at The Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton

Free; registration recommended - www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334

Join us for the first presentation in the Wilton Youth Council Parent Information Series 2018-2019. Sharon Lamb, a practicing child psychologist, will take a look at the issues surrounding youth sexting and pornography use and how we as parents may guide our children to healthy and developmentally appropriate activity. You will learn about the prevalence of sexting and the where and how of kids accessing pornography. This program is appropriate for parents of teens and pre-teens.

Sponsored by: Wilton Domestic Violence Task Force, Wilton Library, Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Youth Services, Weston Youth Services, Weston Library

Medication, Not Magic: Making Wise Choices for Kids with ADHD with Kevin T. Kalikow, MD, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, New York Medical College

Thursday, November 8th, 2018, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton

Free; registration recommended - www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334

Join us for a thorough and balanced presentation of a thorny topic. Kevin T. Kalikow, MD, will help untangle the complexities of pharmacological treatments for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

(ADHD) and co-existing conditions. He will discuss indications for medication; whether or not to give psychiatric drugs to your child or adolescent and, if so, when; potential benefits and risks; and ethical dilemmas.

Sponsored by SPED*NET Wilton, Wilton Library, Wilton Youth Council, and Wilton Youth Services

WYC's Youth to Youth Club

WYC's Youth to Youth club is excited about the new school year of fun activities, community service projects, ski trips etc. New members are always welcome. The schedule and list of activities will be posted on our Google Classroom page using code 3pjwzr. Contact Y2Y Program Leader Tanya Leonard (leonardt@wiltonps.org) or Room 133A. More information can be found on our website:

<http://www.wiltonyouth.org/youth-to-youth>

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns.

The Wilton based support group meets on the 4th Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday, November 26th, from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. at the G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. For more information, contact Beth at [203-984-0123](tel:203-984-0123) or Beth44es@gmail.com; or Vanessa at EliasVanessa5@gmail.com, or call [203-970-4130](tel:203-970-4130).

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, email middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com