



Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

May 23, 2021

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Monday-Friday	May	24-28	MB PTA Book Fair
Thursday	May	27	Gr. 8 Next Generation Science Standards Test
Monday	May	31	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	June	9, 10 & 11	SHORTENED DAYS- Students Dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
Friday	June	11	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	May	24	Day 1
Tuesday	May	25	Day 2
Wednesday	May	26	Day 3 (All Students Remote- Shortened Day)
Thursday	May	27	Day 4
Friday	May	28	Day 5

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to all who worked to plan and who participated in the recent Middlebrook Nailed It! Event. I loved seeing the wonderful pictures of watermelon cakes that the students created.

Looking ahead to summer, remember to stock your child's bookcase with reading materials and check out the details of the Summer Reading Book Fair found below.

If you ordered Spirit Wear from our shop at Signature Style, pickups will take place in the parking lot behind the store from the Signature Style van on Wednesday, May 26, from 4-6pm and Thursday, May 27, from 12-2pm.

Finally, if you are interested in getting involved with the Middlebrook PTA next year, please reach out at cring226@hotmail.com

Best,

Chandra Ring

Middlebrook PTA President

SCHOOL NEWS

NEWS FROM PREVIOUS MESSENGERS

Summer Reading Book Fair

Students will be visiting the book fair and browse books in the LLC over the next week, but all purchases will need to be made **online** at our dedicated website for the MB Book Fair. So be on the lookout for their wish list! Please go to the Main Street Middlebrook page at: [Middlebrook School page](#) for all titles that are currently at the in person fair at the school, there are also 7,000 other titles that are available to our students and parents online at Main Street. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HIT THE MIDDLEBROOK SCHOOL TO YOUR CART FOR OUR TO GET CREDIT FOR YOUR PURCHASES.**

Once you have done that - just enjoy your shopping! Not only do they have most of the required and suggested summer reading for our students but they also have an incredible selection for summer reading for our younger children, high schoolers, and even our parents.

Upcoming 9th Graders have Summer Required reading - all 9th graders will be asked to read the Alchemist by Paulo Coelho and depending on what classes they are taking, other titles also. See the attached for the full list for 9th -12th grade required summer reading list- most of the titles are available through Main street: [WHS Summer list](#) Main street also has a tab under Middlebrook school specifically for 9th grade reading list. [Main street 9th grade title available](#) The LLC budget got completely cut this year and the book fair is an important fundraiser so our LLC can buy books that are new and needed. So please consider getting all of your summer reading from the book fair and support our Library!!!

Any question can be directed to Lara Paschalidis at Larapaschalidis28@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

The LLC staff

Gifts and Grants Update

Joining the PTA creates better experiences for Middlebrook in many ways - including through the Gifts and Grants program. At our last meeting, we approved 5 grants totaling \$9,300. This brings our total grants funded this year to over \$16,000. Thanks to the your support, here are samples of the diverse ideas funded this year:

- Piloting two new curriculum initiatives, including a song writing unit and a new Spanish digital leveled library tool
- Investing in 7th grade enrichment experiences like Birds of Prey and Shakesperience
- Funding whole school enrichment opportunities like Visiting Author and World Language Assembly
- Bringing kids' ideas to life by funding an 8R digital info center
- Supporting Middlebrook activities and events through the purchase of tents.

If you like helping spend money on worthwhile initiatives like these, please consider signing up to be the next Gifts and Grants Chair. It is a rewarding, straightforward, and manageable role. Feel free to reach out to the current chair (Kim Hall, kimhall@rocketmail.com) or our current PTA President (Chandra Ring, cring226@hotmail.com) with any questions or to express interest.

Class Of 2025 Information

1. * ATTENTION... 8TH GRADE PARENTS *

If your child **DID NOT** attend Kindergarten in Wilton, we need your assistance. We are working on a special photo wall for an 8th Grade end-of-year celebration and we will need a 4x6 photo of your child from Kindergarten. Ideally, it would be a school photo, but if not, any picture of your child from

Kindergarten could work too. Please send a digital file (needs to be high quality resolution and JPEG format). Photos can be emailed to Wiltonphotos2025@gmail.com

Thank you for helping to create something special for our 8th graders!

2. Class of 2025 upcoming events:

6/4/21: Outdoor comedy movie night featuring “Billy Madison” at Trackside

Additional details and registration will be coming soon.

MB 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 7th 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. (The 21-22 school year is scheduled to begin on August 30, 2021.)

Before August 30, 2021, please fill out page one, sign, and date the HAR-3 form before sending the form to the MB health office. Your physician should have the form; it can be found on the Middlebrook website as well. (*MB Information, MB Health Office, scroll down to MB Health Office Forms, drop down and select State of Ct-Physical Exam.*)

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 7th 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

Jory Higgins, Principal

MB School Store

The Middlebrook School Store is open for business! Need a pencil, pen or a mask? The Middlebrook School Store has you covered. Please check out our website for all of the above and so much more.

Please come visit us at the [MB School Store](#):

<https://sites.google.com/wiltonps.org/middlebrookschoolstore/home>

Wilton SEPTA

Join us! Support our families, students and staff! Open positions for next year include President, Secretary and Committee Chairs!

We are excited to present new programs coming early this Spring 2021:

For Students:

Sensory Integration Art Experience Classes.

Free for SEPTA member families

Social Hangouts, Cooperative Play Groups:

Facilitated by trained BCBA's from the **Hangout Spot**

Free for SEPTA member families

<https://www.wiltonsepta.org/projecto-5>

Join the Middlebrook PTA Today

You belong in PTA! ...and so do your relatives, neighbors and friends... Spread the word and look out for new events in the spring!

Everyone—parents, educators, students and other citizens active in their schools and communities—is invited to join our not-for-profit parent association. The number one reason to

join the Parent Teacher Association is to **benefit your child**. In doing so, you also help your school. Joining the Middlebrook PTA is easy, online and enables you to join all schools at once where you have students at. By joining, you not only show your support for our programs and activities, you also gain access to our MobileArq online student directory.

[Click here](#) to join or download the app from the app store on your mobile device. Click on PARENT SIGNUP and use the code "wilton" (all lowercase). Once you join, you can even edit your family's profile, add or change your directory contact information and choose how much information you want to show-- it's up to you. Questions or issues joining? Contact Middlebrook PTA Vice President Donna Arnold at arnolddonnaa@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

“NEW NEWS”

Service League of Boys Volunteer Organization

Calling all rising 9th grade Boys and their Parents. My son, Jackson, and I run a volunteer group called [S.L.O.Bs](#) (Service League of Boys). It is based off of the premise of a larger, established organization in New Canaan, whose mission is to provide high school boys and their parents with opportunities to volunteer in their town and surrounding areas, encouraging community responsibility and strengthening the parent-son relationship. Not all events need to be attended by parents, boys can volunteer themselves or just with their friends. However, the opportunity to volunteer with your son is there if you would like. If you are interested in learning more or participating, please contact Claire at carbos@optonline.net and/or Jackson at jaxcarbonier@gmail.com. Thanks!

Wilton High School Your Academics Program

Please click

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QD69HesiJIAR6xnkZHbu7GI05JO123GOWMoez5yxuzE/edit> for more information.

NEWS FROM PREVIOUS MESSENGERS

Trackside Teen Center

Summer Programs are returning to Trackside!

Last year's favorites plus new options!

Monday-Thursday mornings and special 1 day programs on Fridays.

Starting June 28th.

Registration is now open for all Rising 6th-10th Graders at www.trackside.org

You may also visit <https://www.trackside.org/summercamp.html> for information on summer camps.

Registration remains open for our weekly programs!

Among Us - Mondays after school

Open Gamers - Fridays after school

Vent - Thursday evenings (open to non-members too!)

Members Only Outdoor Family Movie Nights!

More information and registration at www.trackside.org

Wilton Warrior Welcome

Wilton Warrior Welcome is a mentor program that matches new-to-Wilton families with those who have been here awhile to help connect new families to the community. Please take a look at how to join this program as either a family new to town or one that has been here and is looking for a virtual volunteer opportunity. For more information:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1c4TsqX7xfScGdpOW0FcT_7fE1LF2ZH2cmUxbx-Jw8Vs/edit

Wilton Turnover Shop

Did you know that the most generous donor to the PTA is a local nonprofit? The Turnover Shop has

provided long-standing support for the PTAs and other local organizations. Operating costs have increased during COVID. The shop was shut down for several months. The shop needs help more than ever. Please help those who have helped the PTAs! **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Regular commitment of one or two WEEKDAY morning (10:00 am-1:00 pm) or afternoon (1:00-4:00 pm) shifts a month (Ex. third Friday morning of every month). Please come to donate items/clothing or shop for hidden treasures.

Wilton Soccer Association

Wilton Soccer Association (WSA)

Spring Opportunities 2021 - Registration is Open

Intramural, Travel/DevelopmentTravel, TOPSoccer, Junior Ref, Volunteers

We believe strongly in a healthy and welcoming community and competitive soccer program that provides opportunities for everyone, from kids just starting out no matter their age, to more experienced players. WSA's mission is to positively contribute to the growth of children and our community by reinforcing values such as sportsmanship, teamwork, integrity and respect for others through a range of fun and high quality soccer experiences. WSA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and part of the Wilton community for 40+ years. #onetownoneteam

Information: [LINK](#)

Registration: <https://www.wiltonsoccer.com/Default.aspx?tabid=744259>

Questions: info@wiltonsoccer.info

NAMI

As we approach the year mark of when our lives were upended, many are exhausted and worried. The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented, unrelenting stress in our society and many children's behaviours have become unrecognizable. 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 enter the password. Questions? Contact 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.