



Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

May 9, 2021

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Tuesday	May	11	Smarter Balanced Assessment- Math: All Grades
Thursday	May	13	Smarter Balanced Assessment- Math: All Grades
Monday	May	17	PTA "Nailed It!" Challenge @ 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May	18	Smarter Balanced Assessment- ELA: All Grades
Thursday	May	20	Zoom PTA Meeting: 9:00 a.m.

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	May	10	Day 3
Tuesday	May	11	Day 4
Wednesday	May	12	Day 5 (All Students Remote- Shortened Day)
Thursday	May	13	Day 6
Friday	May	14	Day 1

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wishing a Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers in our community. In honor of Teacher Appreciation Day last week, I'd like to extend my thanks to all of the wonderful teachers at Middlebrook School, and across the district. The PTA hosted a lovely luncheon for teachers and staff, made possible by generous donations from our parent community - thank you!

We're excited about the upcoming Book Fair and the May 17 "Nailed It!" Spring Baking Challenge. Information on both of these can be found below under School News.

If you have a child that enjoys science, we have the perfect opportunity for you to support this interest next year! The PTA is searching for a few capable planners to run the Science Fair next year. There are also a smattering of other committee roles to be filled. If you're interested in getting involved, let's discuss your interests and availability to find the right fit.

Best,

Chandra Ring

Middlebrook PTA President

SCHOOL NEWS

“NEW NEWS”

The Summer Reading Book Fair is almost here...Mark Your calendars for 5/18

Our **virtual/in person** book fair will kick off on 5/18!

Students will be able to visit the book fair and browse some of the great books in the LLC but all purchases will need to be made online at our dedicated website for the MB Book Fair. Students will be getting a wish list sent home to be filled out. Our vendor, *Main Street Books*, never fails to supply a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction titles - from the latest picture books to the most recent *New York Times* best sellers. When purchasing at the website please remember to make sure you are under the Middlebrook tab in order to assure the fund raising directly benefits the Middlebrook Library. Also, a 9th Grade required and suggested reading list will be sent out in the coming weeks - so be on the lookout! The virtual fair will run from 5/18- 5/28 we hope to “see” you there!

Middlebrook “Nailed It!” Spring Baking Challenge on Monday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m.

MB PTA will be hosting a virtual Nailed It! Spring Baking Challenge. Lex Levy will be the guest host for this super fun baking challenge.

He will be walking you through the steps while you attempt to “Nail It! in your own kitchen. Space will be limited to 95 families, sign up today!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4eafa922a5fe3-mbnailed>

NEWS FROM PREVIOUS MESSENGERS

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:

-5/14/21 and 5/15/21: Class of 2025 Spirit Nights - students will register for 1 of the 2 nights.

Registration and payment links are now live.

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2025spiritnights>

Payment: paypal.me/cp2025

- 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/middlebrookschoollstore/home):

<https://sites.google.com/wiltonps.org/middlebrookschoollstore/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"

Wilton High School Your Academics Program

Please click

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QD69HesiJIAR6xnkZHbu7GLO5JO123GOWMoez5yxuzE/edit> for more information.

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!

Star Wars Night - Saturday May 8th. Registration will open soon!

More information and registration at www.trackside.org

NEWS FROM PREVIOUS MESSENGERS

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.