



## *Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger*

**April 11, 2021**

### **Middlebrook Quick Calendar**

Monday	April	12	Students Return From April Break
Thursday	April	15	Zoom PTA Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
Thursday	April	20	6th & 7th Graders: MAP Test in Math
Thursday	April	22	6th & 7th Graders: MAP Test in Reading
Thursday	April	22	8th Graders: PSATs

### **Middlebrook Six Day Cycle**

Monday	April	12	Day <b>1</b>
Tuesday	April	13	Day <b>2</b>
Wednesday	April	14	Day <b>3</b> (All Students Remote- Shortened Day)
Thursday	April	15	Day <b>4</b>
Friday	April	16	Day <b>5</b>

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The week leading into break was an exciting one for the PTA, collaborating with Student Government on Spirit Week and Kahoot Night. We were thrilled by the level of student participation and look forward to sponsoring more events in coming weeks as well as partnering with Signature Style to bring another round of Middlebrook clothing sales to you. Program and clothing sales details will be shared shortly.

Remember to join the PTA Meeting this Thursday, April 15th at 9:00 a.m. over Zoom. We'll be voting funding for Gifts & Grants proposals from the Spring application period and also have a discussion around the Middlebrook Math Curriculum.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we're still in need of a President, Gifts & Grants Chair, Science Fair Chair and many more positions. If you are interested in learning more about any of these roles, or other available positions, let's find a time to connect.

As always don't hesitate to email me at [cring226@hotmail.com](mailto:cring226@hotmail.com) with any questions.

Best,

Chandra Ring

Middlebrook PTA President

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **“NEW NEWS”**

#### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

The MB PTA Hospitality Committee would like to provide a luncheon for our wonderful staff for Teacher Appreciation Week. But we cannot do this without your help! Please click [Teacher Appreciation 2021 | middlebrookpta](#) for more information.

#### **Class Project 2026**

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE PARENTS : ORIENTATION MEETINGS FOR CLASS PROJECT 2026 WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20th, 2021.

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING ONE OF OUR ZOOM SESSIONS :  
WHEN:

1. April 20, 2021 at 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vdOCqpi0vGNL05N\\_2b62njYh5BTtM1moH](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vdOCqpi0vGNL05N_2b62njYh5BTtM1moH)

2. April 20, 2021 at 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtcO2rrDMrGdRpBlgkq-1wT7cCwg2WdMWI>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

BOTH MEETINGS WILL PRESENT THE SAME INFORMATION AND GIVE PARENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT ALL CLASS PROJECTS AND HOW YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT.

FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS THE WILTON CLASS PROJECTS HAVE BEEN BRINGING PARENTS TOGETHER TO IMPROVE NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATION AS WELL AS PROVIDING SUBSTANCE-FREE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 - 12.

QUESTIONS ? CONTACT EVA BESHLIAN - CLASS PROJECTS COORDINATOR  
EVA@BESHLIAN.COM

#### **WPS & Wilton Youth Council Sponsored Talks**

##### **1. Chasing Childhood: Virtual Screening and Q&A**

-Stream the movie for FREE anytime from Saturday, April 17th, through Wednesday, April 21st

-Join a live virtual Q&A on Thursday, April 22nd, at 7:00 PM

Join Wilton Public Schools and Wilton Youth Council for a virtual screening of the new feature documentary, *Chasing Childhood*, a film about the unintended consequences of over-protecting, over-pressuring, and over-scheduling kids, and the impact that has on their ability to thrive both in childhood and as adults.

You'll see familiar scenes from Wilton, including insightful conversations in our elementary schools. Learn more about how Wilton is leading the way in shifting the culture to create room for play and independence with the hope of raising kids to become competent, healthy, and happy adults.

Find more information and register at <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/chasing-childhood>

##### **2. Moving Up to High School: Preparing to Support Your 8th Grader**

Tuesday, April 20th, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Starting high school is a major milestone. Wilton Public Schools, the Wilton High School PTSA, and Wilton Youth Council's Project 2025 invite parents of 8th graders to learn how to provide social and emotional support to your child through this transition. After a presentation by Liz Jorgensen on adolescent brain development, and a brief introduction of the FLIGHT Program for incoming freshmen, there will be a panel discussion to address parents' questions.

Learn more at <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/moving-up-to-hs>

## NEWS FROM PREVIOUS MESSENGERS

### 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](mailto:Wiltonphotos2025@gmail.com)  
Thank you for helping to create something special for our 8th graders!

#### 2. Class of 2025 upcoming events:

1. 4/23/21 - Outdoor scary movie night featuring “The Ring” at Trackside
  2. 5/14/21 and 5/15/21 - Class of 2025 Spirit Nights at Trackside (students will register for 1 of the 2 nights)
  3. 6/4/21 - Outdoor comedy movie night featuring “Billy Madison” at Trackside
- Additional details and registration will be provided in the upcoming days. Be sure to keep an eye out for your email from the Class of 2025 Steering Committee!

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. “Middlebrook Cares” is a group of students working to raise money for the Department of Children and Families. This year we created masks with our “MB Cares” logo to start fundraising for the winter season. Money raised is given directly to the local DCF office in the form of gift cards to give to local children and families for needed gifts or essentials. Please help us bring a little joy by purchasing our “MB Cares” mask for only \$10 at the Middlebrook School Store!

Please come visit us at the [MB School Store:](https://sites.google.com/wiltonps.org/middlebrookschoollstore/home)

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### MB Library

### Library Learning Commons Overdue Books:

The Middlebrook Library Learning Commons is looking for a few really overdue books. Because of our emergency closure last spring, our usual round up of overdue and missing books was unable to take place at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Many families thought to bring back borrowed books during the locker materials pick up in June, and students have continued to bring back their borrowed titles since this school year began. We have been very thankful for each book returned. If you are a family who still has a Middlebrook library book (or two or three) sitting around your house, we would still love to have it back. There are labeled boxes on each Team for students to place returning books, and there is also a Return Bin in the Main Lobby. If students should happen to come through the back entrance in the mornings, there is a cart right outside the LLC doors in the Art Hallway where they can return books. If your student is attending remotely, books will happily be accepted at the Front Entrance Booth. Thank you, in advance, for your help with this. Any questions, please contact Erica Kurtz at [kurtze@wiltonps.org](mailto:kurtze@wiltonps.org).

### 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

Details to follow

#### **April's Diversity and Inclusion Awareness Month Committee needs Volunteers!**

Join us to find out more: Two ways to Join here! Mobile Arq to join all PTA's and Paypal link to join SEPTA only:

<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](mailto:arnolddonnaa@gmail.com)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **NEWS FROM PREVIOUS MESSENGERS**

### **Wilton Warriors Challenger Baseball**

True Warriors Challenger baseball is back!

Player sign up:

<https://www.leagueathletics.com/Registration/Restrictions.asp?RegID=170731&org=wiltonlittleleague.org>

### **Trackside Teen Center**

#### **Among Us LIVE at Trackside Teen Center**

The craze that's taking the town by storm!!! The brainchild of our creative Trackside Team; Among Us LIVE is our most popular event to date! With a little help from kids and those "teens at heart"; Trackside has created a living "Skeld" (the spaceship seen on the popular online game Among Us). "Crewmembers" are given tasks to perform, all the while trying to avoid elimination by the IMPOSTER! Each room at Trackside is transformed into a different part of the ship... come "restart the reactor", "shoot down asteroids" and "rewire the electrical". If the crewmates complete tasks BEFORE being eliminated by the secret imposter, they win! But don't think it's easy, each session has a different imposter and you never know who it's going to be! And to add to the fun? Kids dress up in the color of the crewmate they have chosen. Due to its popularity; events sell out within hours! Kids are restricted to only one event per weekend so keep an eye out! BECOME A MEMBER TODAY SO YOU CAN PARTAKE!!!! Register for membership here: <https://www.trackside.org/membership.html>

#### **Upcoming Spring Programming**

Become a member, if you aren't already, and enjoy our most popular Spring Programming options! Due to its popularity, Open Art Studio will be offered twice per week. Come join other budding artists and learn different artistic mediums while having fun at the same time! The other popular programming with tweens is our in-person Among Us online experience. Kids come together for some much-needed socializing and play the online game while at a safe social distance from each other. Our newest program, Drone Club, will be offered again. Kids fly their drones through a maze of hoops and land on landing pads in the barn. Popular standards being offered; Dungeons and Dragons, Open Gamers Friday and Preplay! And so happy to say... LIVE GIRL is back! a great opportunity for tween girls to get together, build confidence and support each other! If you're a member, look out for the link later on this week, if you're not a member join here <https://www.trackside.org/membership.html>

### **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](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](mailto: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](mailto:beth44es@gmail.com) OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com). Please have all requests in by Wednesdays at noon. Please note that the Lite & Full Messengers alternate every other week.