



## Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

**November 15, 2020**

### Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Wednesday	November	18	Tips & Tricks for Hybrid Learning Zoom Presentation: 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	November	19	PTA Zoom Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Thursday-Tuesday	November	19, 20, 23 & 24	<b>Shortened Days- Students Dismissed at 12:30 p.m.</b> --Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday-Friday	November	25, 26 & 27	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>

### Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	November	16	Day <b>4</b> (Cohort A In Person, Cohort B Remote)
Tuesday	November	17	Day <b>5</b> (Cohort A In Person, Cohort B Remote)
Wednesday	November	18	Day <b>6</b> (All Students Remote- Shortened Day)
Thursday	November	19	Day <b>1</b> (Cohort B In Person, Cohort A Remote)- <b>Shortened Day</b>
Friday	November	20	Day <b>2</b> (Cohort B In Person, Cohort A Remote)- <b>Shortened Day</b>

### PTA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

With the first quarter behind us, I hope your kid(s) and entire home have adapted to whichever learning model is appropriate for your household. We are so appreciative of all of our volunteers and of those that have donated to our Annual Appeal, but are a ways off from meeting our appeal goal. Please consider giving to the Middlebrook PTA Annual Appeal at [PTA Annual Appeal](#). We also have our final meeting of 2020 on Thursday, November 19th @ 9:00 am. Zoom in for your opportunity to hear from special guest Dr. Kevin Smith.

Stay tuned for more details on a new program, Warrior Welcome, to help connect families new to Wilton with another established Middlebrook community member and for spirit wear sales just in time for holiday shopping.

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns at [cring226@hotmail.com](mailto:cring226@hotmail.com)

-Chandra Ring

Middlebrook PTA President

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Middlebrook PTA Annual Appeal**

Please consider donating to the Middlebrook PTA Annual Appeal at [PayPal link for Annual Appeal](#) or via check delivered to your child's teambase teacher and made out to the Middlebrook PTA. We ask for a \$40 donation for each child you have at Middlebrook. Click [Here](#) learn more about where your donation money goes.

### **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>

### **Join the Middlebrook PTA Today**

Your membership helps support gifts and grants to fund new and recurring programs that enhance instruction and engage our students! At our October meeting, we approved over \$6,700 in grants. Grants funded in this cycle include providing ten temporary tents to help expand and extend outdoor time, piloting a new songwriting unit for general music and choral classes, funding interactive enrichment materials for Spanish classes and giving our 7th graders "Shakesperience".

Joining is easy. Click [here](#) to join and use the code "wilton". You can also download the MobileArq App from the App store. Need more help? Contact our membership chairperson, Donna Arnold.

### **Free Wilton High School Tutors**

Need help in school? All Middlebrook students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBFFyrppvQ7z7wMCub3j3oQGmwM7m0DVbqRvBB0cVloK6xQ/viewform> For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.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. 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](http://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](http://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

Happy Fall from your Zero Waste Schools Committee!

We wanted to take a moment to share some tips on what we can do to bring the celebration into our homes.

We would like to encourage your family to pledge to do one thing; take steps toward one change that can move us toward a more sustainable community - together! Here are some ideas to get you started:

**Do you have money flying out of your house?** Find out with a **FREE** home energy audit through [www.energizect.com](http://www.energizect.com). Get some quick energy efficient fixes on the spot and take advantage of some amazing rebates. COVID-friendly procedures in place.

**Are you doing a fall cleanout?** Repurpose, donate and recycle as much as possible.

- a. Post items on Facebook tag sale sites or Buy Nothing groups.
- b. Place textiles such as old sheets, clothes, shoes and more into our school textile bins.
- c. Donate to The Turnover Shop, which in turn helps support our schools.
- d. Check out where to recycle certain items that don’t need to go in the trash here (<https://wiltongogreen.org/recycling-101/>)

**Extreme Room Makeover 2020!** Which room in your house could use a closer look when it comes to making positive, sustainable changes? Is it your bathroom? Kitchen? Take a look at [this list](#) for some easy changes we can make in different rooms in our house.

We wish you a safe and healthy Fall and look forward to hearing your [Do One Thing](#) success stories!

-Zero Waste Schools Committee

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Job Openings Within Wilton Public Schools

The Wilton Public Schools "For a Better World" are seeking recent college graduates, college students, retirees, career-changers, and those interested in giving back to their community to join a dynamic, engaging, and inspirational team of staff and students. A number of flexible positions are available, including substitutes, lunch-recess monitors, certified teachers, long-term substitutes, and paraprofessionals. Help shape the lives of our future leaders! To learn more and/or apply, please visit our website at:

<https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources> or contact Human Resources

Coordinator Erika Cross at [crosse@wiltonps.org](mailto:crosse@wiltonps.org).

### Wilton Library

Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton; [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org); 203-762-6342 for registration

**Thursday, Nov. 19th** [The College Timeline: What To Do When](#) 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. When should you begin touring colleges? How many AP exams should you take? How do you start researching schools? What about SATs and ACTs? These are just a few of the questions high school students have as they start to

think about college. Join college counselor, Priyanka Shingala, of Let's Talk College and get advice on important items and a timeline for the 9th-12th grade years. This program is designed for 8th grade - high school students and their parents. Must have access to Zoom and [registration required](#). Please email [slauricella@wiltonlibrary.org](mailto:slauricella@wiltonlibrary.org) with any questions. Visit [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) to register and for program details.

### **NAMI**

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviours have been triggered as a result. What was manageable pre-COVID is now out of control. Fall and winter bring additional challenges. 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 advance for the password. Next meeting is Monday, December 7th, from 10:00 a.m.-11:30a.m. (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/596783943> Meeting ID: 596 783 943) For more information and the password: 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.