



## *Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger*

**April 26, 2020**

### **Middlebrook Quick Calendar**

Monday	April	27	Free Choice Stride Day (See below for information)
Wednesday	April	29	(Revised Date) Moving Up To WHS: A virtual presentation for parents of current 8th graders (See below for information)

### **Middlebrook Six Day Cycle**

Monday	April	27	Day 1
Tuesday	April	28	Day 2
Wednesday	April	29	Day 3
Thursday	April	30	Day 4
Friday	May	1	Day 5

### **PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

Congratulations to all staff and volunteers that worked to earn Middlebrook the U.S. Department of Education 2020 Green Ribbon School status! Middlebrook is the only Connecticut school to garner this award and one of only 28 public schools nationally. Read more about what this designation means at [Green Ribbon School](#) The PTA is proud to have supported this vision from the inception and helped fund some of the initiatives referenced in the Middlebrook Award, such as the Outdoor Learning Center and Project Adventure.

Looking ahead to next year, the PTA has many positions that remain open. Please reach out at [cring226@hotmail.com](mailto:cring226@hotmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved and we can discuss what volunteer opportunity is the best fit for you. You don't need to make a large time commitment to make a major impact!

Stay well,  
Chandra Ring

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Free Choice Stride Day on April 27th**

In lieu of new content/assignments for the STRIDE periods that day, students are invited to choose from a menu of activities prepared by the STRIDE teachers. The menu is posted in all STRIDE Google Classrooms. They include online and screen free options.

### **Moving Up To High School: Preparing To Support Your 8th Grader - NOW VIRTUAL!**

Starting high school is a major milestone. Wilton Youth Council's Project 2024, the Wilton High School PTSA, and Wilton Public Schools invite you 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.

#### **Who are the Presenters?**

Liz Jorgensen, CADC, Adolescent Psychotherapist from Insight Counseling  
Deborah Marino, WHS Counselor for the Freshman Class  
Pamela Scott, WHS Counselor for the Freshman Class

#### **Q & A with Panelists:**

WHS Counselors, Deborah Marino and Pamela Scott  
Middlebrook Counselor, Anne McManus  
WHS Students

#### **Who Should Attend?**

Parents of 8th grade students (no students, please)

#### **When and Where:**

New date and time: Wednesday, April 29th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Look for an email from Middlebrook School with login information and a link to submit questions in advance.

### **Wilton Chartwell's Lunch Program**

In hopes that we can assist you in these unusual circumstances should you feel it necessary to receive a refund of your student/s' lunch account/s please send me the following information: Student/s' first and last name, grade, check recipient name, & mailing address. Checks are processed 2 times per month by the Board of Education and will be mailed to the address you provide. Thank you for your support of the Wilton Lunch Program! For requests or concerns, reach out to Brian Reynolds, Culinary Director Wilton School Lunch Program at [Brian.Reynolds@compass-usa.com](mailto:Brian.Reynolds@compass-usa.com)

### **8th Grade Dinner Dance**

#### **ATTENTION ... 8th Grade Parents!**

If your child **DID NOT** attend kindergarten in Wilton...

We need your assistance! We are working on a photo wall for the 8th Grade Dinner Dance in June and will need a 4x6 photo of your child from Kindergarten. Ideally, it would be a school photo, but if not, any picture from Kindergarten would work. A physical photo (**4x6**) is preferred.

Please mail to :

Christine Costello  
27 Woodhill Road  
Wilton, CT 06897

Or you can send us a digital file. Please email us at [tccostello@hotmail.com](mailto:tccostello@hotmail.com) and [crpolito@optonline.net](mailto:crpolito@optonline.net) with a digital file or any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Christine Costello and Christine Polito

### **Middlebrook Yearbook**

The yearbook club is hard at work on the 2019-2020 edition. We are very excited about how beautiful it looks so far and all of the wonderful events throughout the school year that it commemorates. Our yearbook company, Lifetouch, has sent out an email reminding families that this would be a great time to order a yearbook! The last day to order one will be May 1st, 2020. All orders must go through the online system this year and we will not be ordering any additional yearbooks so please take advantage of our Quash the Quarantine Quirks offer.

Yearbooks are always given out on teams. As of today, school is expected to be in session on that day. Should changes be made to the school calendar, a new plan will be developed so that students will be able to pick-up their yearbooks after all of the health restrictions have been lifted due to COVID-19. Not to worry, all students who order a book will get their Middlebrook yearbooks for the 2019-2020 school year! Thank you for your support!- Mrs. Mulhall Yearbook Advisor

### **MB Health Office**

#### **Health Requirements for Students Entering Grade 7 in Fall of 2020**

In accordance with Connecticut State Law, the Wilton Board of Education requires that prior to the opening day of school, an appropriate health examination, including an immunization record, be filed in the health office. Prior to August 1, 2020, please submit a State of Connecticut (blue form, HAR-3). Please check to see that all asterisks on the State of Connecticut form are completed by the physician. The physical must be within 15 months of the first day of entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Box Tops**

You may have heard that Box Tops are going digital, meaning less clipping and submitting, all while making it even easier for families to earn money for their school. To donate box tops just follow a few simple steps:

1. Download the Box Tops (BTFE) app on your smartphone (only need to do this once).
2. Buy products with the Box Tops Logo.
3. Using the BTFE app, scan your receipt (within 14 days of purchase). The app instantly tells you whether any of your purchases earned money for Middlebrook.

The app is quick to download and simple to use! We will, of course, continue to accept any of the “old” clipped box tops that families may have floating around their house. If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Acerra-Markey at [jtm4jla@optonline.net](mailto:jtm4jla@optonline.net).

### **Online PTA Membership and Directories**

Get instant access when you join – no waiting, easy updates to address or phone number changes throughout the year! Join at: [www.middlebrookpta.org](http://www.middlebrookpta.org)

It's green, searchable and portable! Available on phones, tablets and computers!

Parents can update their profiles at any time.

One easy spot to register for all your kids' PTAs and make a donation at the same time!

Questions? Email our Membership VP Donna Arnold at [mallorysleeping@gmail.com](mailto:mallorysleeping@gmail.com).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Budget Spotlight 2020**

For more information please use these links: <https://www.wiltonps.org/about/board-of-education>  
(click on 2020-2021 Budget Documents)

### **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](http://wiltonyouth.org) for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Want to get involved with Wilton Youth Council? We are looking for volunteers to join our fundraising committee and/or the Free Play Matters Task Force. If you are interested, contact Genevieve Eason at [geason@wiltonyouth.org](mailto:geason@wiltonyouth.org) for more information!

### **Attention Class Of 2024 Parents and Guardians:**

There are more than 100 families that are NOT opening the emails we send through Wilton Youth Council Constant Contact. We send information about our Class Project 2024, events, our store, invitations and so forth. If you have a child in 8th grade please make sure you go to the link below and check that you are subscribed or you can update your information there.

Please visit our site to confirm that you are up to date with everything this committee is preparing for our children for the 2024 Graduation.

Take care and stay safe, everyone.

<https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001G-m9hYzMdQM3QRzdov3O43790JcKABzM>

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### **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, please email:

[middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com).