



Middlebrook PTA Messenger Nov. 11, 2018

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Monday	November	12	Movie- Race To Nowhere : 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.- WHS Clune Center
Tuesday	November	13	AMC8 Math Test
Wednesday	November	14	SEPTA Meeting, 11:00 a.m. Clune Center at WHS
Thursday	November	15	PTA Meeting- 9:00-10:30 a.m.- LLC
Thursday-Tuesday	November	15, 16, 19 & 20	Conferences & Shortened Days: Students dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday	November	21	Shortened Day: Students dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday & Friday	November	22 & 23	No School For Students - Thanksgiving Break

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	November	12	Day 4
Tuesday	November	13	Day 5
Wednesday	November	14	Day 6
Thursday	November	15	Day 1
Friday	November	16	Day 2

Note from the President:

Thank you to all of the generous families who donated to the 2018 Annual Appeal-- together we raised over \$14,000. In other money news, please take 10 minutes to fill out the online survey so that the Board of Finance can better understand your financial priorities, go to www.wiltontaxpayer.com to participate. As the budget process begins anew, it is so important that your voices be heard, especially if you value our Wilton Schools. Finally, parents of 8th graders, pages 5 & 6 have the link to

register for the 8th grade movie and to buy Project 2023 swag-- shameless plug, I know, but I've got an 8th grader!

SCHOOL NEWS

MB Photo Retake / Absentee Day: Tuesday, November 13th

Who Should Go on Absentee/Retake Day:

- Any student not satisfied with original portrait - ***Please remember to return your complete portrait package to the photographer on retake day.*** Parents: feel free to write a note on package saying what you didn't like about the original photo so they can try to get it right this time.
- Any student who was absent on the original day
- Any student who did not purchase on the original day and would like to purchase a package.

Order forms are available in the school office one week prior to retake day. Only a small batch of order forms will be available as in past years many end up being unused/discarded. If you are planning on writing a check please have your child pick up a form from the main office. If you are using a credit card please use the website.

Portraits will be retaken during the lunch waves.

Order online at mylifetouch.com picture id: EJ218018Q1 (site is available for ordering approximately 2 weeks prior to retake day)

Any questions, please call Lifetouch at 203-735-5933

From The MB Health Office

6th to 7th Grade Immunizations for September 2019

In accordance with Connecticut State Law, the Wilton Board of Education requires that all school children have a physical examination to enter 7th grade.

The State of Connecticut mandates that the blue Connecticut State physical examination form HAR-3 be completed within fifteen months before the first day of school.

Please submit this form to the Middlebrook nurse by August 1, 2019.

Forms can be found online or in the health office.

Students will not be allowed to enter grade 7 in September 2019 until proof of compliance with this State requirements is received in the school health office.

Additionally, a second dose of varicella, one dose of Tdap, and one dose of meningococcal vaccine are required for 7th grade entry.

Please call the nurse if you have any questions. 203.834.4961

Online PTA Membership and Directories

Join here, and use the code - 'wilton'

https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school_directory_parent_register.html

Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA)

Formerly the PAB, we are open to all who want to support Special Services in Wilton Public Schools. For general questions, inquiries about membership and Executive Board positions please contact

wiltonsepta@gmail.com

Our next meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, 11/14, @ 11:00 am in the **Clune Center Auditorium**. We are hoping to get enough attendance to vote in our Executive Board and approve bylaws and goals for the year.

The schedule for the remainder of the year will be as follows:

SEPTA will meet the **second Wednesday** of each month @ **9:15 am** in the Zellner Gallery@ Clune Center

One Annual evening Meeting: **Wednesday, May 22nd @ 7:00pm**

We hope to add in quarterly evening meetings- To be determined-and we will update accordingly when we have set location and dates for the evenings.

Every member: staff, administrator, community/ family has a vote in all of our meetings as long as they are registered and paid.

Membership is open to all!

Staff memberships are just \$10 (almost cheaper than a Starbucks Coffee!) and Family/ Community membership are \$15.

Registration can be done right on our web site at: www.wiltonsepta.org

We have been busy making the rounds to all of our schools to meet with the Instructional/ Special Education teams and existing PTA's during their monthly meetings to introduce ourselves and discuss our platform, obtain input and feedback.

We hope you will join! Please spread the word!

We look forward to seeing administration /staff when it is possible for you to attend. We welcome your feedback and collaboration as we build a positive, supportive, and resourceful platform for our schools and community! Thank you!

Best,

Kara Berghaus

SEPTA Steering Committee

Volunteer!

Volunteering is a great way to know your child's school and be a part of the Middlebrook community. If you're interested in helping with any event, email Meire Mouracade at mouracadefamily4@gmail.com

MB Clubs

Middlebrook School is proud to offer more than 20 clubs and intramural activities before and after school at Middlebrook Please see this [link](#) also available on the district website) to learn about the offerings at Middlebrook. Clubs and intramurals are starting to meet - there are varied dates depending on the activity, please see the informational document for more details. Our diverse options provide students with the opportunity to explore interests in a safe, supportive environment

Stop & Shop Rewards Program

Those families who frequent Stop & Shop can support Middlebrook through the Stop & Shop's A+ Rewards program. The program gives money to our school based on all of your purchases made September 7, 2018- March 16, 2019. It does not cost you anything and does not impact your gas points. You can sign up directly online at www.stopandshop.com/school-rewards/ --spread the word

to friends and neighbors that we would love to have them support Middlebrook through this program. Even extended family that do not live in Connecticut can sign up if they shop at Stop & Shop. The funds raised will be used for projects that help Middlebrook feel like a fun and friendly place through groups including Team Change and Kindness Club. Of course, we are not asking anyone to change their shopping habits or switch stores! This is just an easy way to take advantage of no-cost fundraising with folks who already use Stop & Shop.

Box Tops for Education

Please Support This Effort! Please donate your Box Tops to Middlebrook School. Box Tops for Education can be found on hundreds of everyday products from companies like Food Should Taste Good, Yoplait, Kleenex, Scott, Ziploc, Hefty, Old El Paso, Green Giant, Land O Lakes, and Hanes. Collection boxes are located in the front reception booth, the media center, and the teachers' lounge. Proceeds from Box Tops go directly to the school to help buy new equipment and supplies. Last year we raised over \$1,000! That works out to just 10 box tops per student! If you would like more information about this program, including participating brands, visit www.btfe.com, or contact Jennifer Acerra- Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net.

Science & Engineering Fair Tuesday, January 29, 2019 (snow date January 31st)

Time: New Gym- 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. & Old Gym- 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Fair invites students to explore and expand their understanding of a science or engineering related topic. Students, working independently or in teams of two, will:

- develop a hypothesis
- conduct their own experiment
- draw conclusions
- organize results into a visual display
- present their project to judges

Registration packets and a list of important dates are available on the PTA website www.middlebrookpta.org. A number of help sessions conducted by our science teachers and volunteers will be available both before and after school. **Entry forms are due Friday, November 30th.** The Middlebrook Science & Engineering Fair is sponsored by the Middlebrook PTA and the Wilton Education Foundation. For questions or additional information contact Madhavi Sharma Vallabhajosula at madhavi_sharma@hotmail.com

Media Center Volunteers

The media staff would greatly appreciate your help in the school Media Center to assist with a variety of projects. Shifts are extremely flexible- you can pick the time and day that works best for you! Can be weekly/ biweekly/monthly, or just periodically throughout the year! Please contact Claire Carbonier at carbos@optonline.net

School Sponsored Events in Partnership with Wilton Youth Council:

A Community Conversation: CHARTING THE COURSE

Monday, November 12th, 2018; Clune Center at Wilton High School

10:00 AM – [RaceToNowhereWiltonAM.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/race-to-nowhere-wilton-am)

AND 7:00 PM – [RaceToNowhereWiltonPM.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/race-to-nowhere-wilton-pm)

Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture

Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Youth Services invite you to the first of a special 3-part series to explore the purpose of education, the importance of childhood and our community's opportunity to chart the best course for our children.

From preschool to college, kids are being pushed, coached, sculpted, scheduled and reviewed in an effort to compete in today's high-stakes, high-pressure achievement culture. RACE TO NOWHERE examines the pressures faced by young people, educators and parents, calling upon us all to challenge current assumptions and come together to chart the best course for their future.

Join us for this 85-minute documentary followed by a brief panel discussion. This is the first of a 3-part series. Parents, educators, concerned members of the community, and students in middle school and up are encouraged to attend.

The series continues in February, with screenings of the movie *Beyond Measure*, and a Community Conversation. For more information visit wiltonyouth.org.

Admission is free; registration is recommended in the links above. Please contact Genevieve Eason at Genevieve.Eason@gmail.com with questions. Sponsored by: Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council, and Wilton Youth Services

The Importance of Student Well-Being and Play in Schools with Michael Hynes, Ed. D.

Tues., Nov. 27, 2018 at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Wilton High School's Clune Center

Wilton Youth Council's Free Play Matters Task Force is pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Hynes is visiting Wilton!

Don't miss this thought-provoking discussion of societal trends in education, how we measure success, the importance of recess and free play, and the risks of over-scheduling. Dr. Hynes recently visited Finland and will also share what he learned about the Finnish philosophy and approach to education.

Dr. Hynes is the Superintendent of Schools of the Patchogue-Medford school district in New York. He is a public-school advocate who has built enthusiasm in his community for the importance of play and recess in schools and yoga and mindfulness in the classroom.

You are sure to leave inspired by the possibilities!

** Please be advised, a video crew will be present to record the discussion in connection with the production of a documentary film featuring the themes of childhood and play. A section of the theatre will be reserved for those who do not wish to be filmed. **

Admission is free. Registration is recommended at [MichaelHynesWilton.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michael-hynes-wilton). Please contact Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com with questions.

Sponsored by: Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Youth Services and Wilton Public Schools

COMMUNITY NEWS

PROJECT 2023

ISlides and New Wilton Swag - Must-See New Arrivals

Just in time for holiday shopping and coaches' gifts, visit [our online store](#) for all your shopping needs!

New items available to order:

- ISlides are back! We sold 158 pairs during our first sales window! Don't miss your chance to get your pair. Great for before/after games, around the house, coaches' and holiday gifts. Create your own custom pair.
- Cooler weather brings cool new Wilton merchandise. Check out our new arrivals of Wilton apparel, including sweatshirts and hoodies - *perfect for anyone in your family* - featuring exclusive new designs.

Go online to make your purchases **November 5th-18th** by clicking [here](#).

Project 2023 8th Grade Movie Day

Grab your friends and head to Bow Tie cinemas in Wilton Center right after the half day on Friday, November 16th! Order tickets at:

<https://warriorclass2023.wixsite.com/mysite.events>

Movie will start at 1:15pm (exact movie title will be announced the week of based off the theater schedule).

Kids are encouraged to walk or carpool.

Tickets are \$25 and include the movie, popcorn and a drink. All proceeds benefit the Class of 2023.

Any questions, please reach out to Heather Kreter (h.kreter@gmail.com) or Alison Lombardi (alisonlombardi1@gmail.com)

Class Project 2023

Show your support with 2023 T-shirts, shorts and our **brand-new** apparel - hoodies, pj pants and sweatpants! Be sure and check out our new designs on our [Wilton 2023 Online Store](#).

Visit our [Wilton 2023 website](#) and join our Facebook [WYC Class Project 2023](#) for more Class Project 2023 information. To become involved with the Project 2023 planning group, email warriorclass2023@gmail.com.

Movie Viewing

Movie Night! Bring the kids for a free screening of "Swim Team" on Friday, November 30th, @ 7:00 pm in The Little Theater at Wilton High School. This important documentary explores the theme of inclusion in sports and is being co-sponsored by Wilton Public Schools, SPED*NET Wilton, Swim Angelfish, and Wilton SEPTA. Discussion panel to follow featuring the director, Lara Stolman, Coach Mike, and Swim Angelfish co-founder, Ailene Tisser. Please RSVP through Eventbrite as seating is limited.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/swim-team-tickets-51738584499?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

Wilton Children's Theater

Leaping Lizards!!

Wilton Children's Theater production of Annie is November 16th, 17th & 18th in the Middlebrook Auditorium. Come see your friends perform in this amazing show!

Get your tickets now online on our new website at <http://wiltonchildrenstheater.org/>

Pick your own seats and print your tickets right from home. Don't miss out!

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 for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter. [Click here for an overview of this year's events!](#)

Looking to Get Involved? Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com . Interested in volunteering? Email Courtney Boucher at Courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com

WYC's Youth to Youth Club

WYC's Youth to Youth club is excited about the new school year of fun activities, community service projects, ski trips etc. New members are always welcome. The schedule and list of activities will be posted on our Google Classroom page using code 3pjwzr. Contact Y2Y Program Leader Tanya Leonard (leonardt@wiltonps.org) or Room 133A. More information can be found on our website: <http://www.wiltonyouth.org/youth-to-youth>

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns.

The Wilton based support group meets on the 4th Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday, November 26th, from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. at the G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. For more information, contact Beth at [203-984-0123](tel:203-984-0123) or Beth44es@gmail.com; or Vanessa at EliasVanessa5@gmail.com, or call [203-970-4130](tel:203-970-4130).

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, email middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com