



## *Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger*

May 5, 2019

### Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Tuesday	May	7	Annual Town Meeting, WHS Clune Center at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday	May	7 & 8	6th Gr. SBA: Math
Wednesday	May	8	Gr. 7 Spring Concert & Art Exhibit: 7:30 p.m.--MB Auditorium
Thursday	May	9	6th Gr. SBA: English Language Arts
Thursday	May	9	Brown Bag Lunch w/ Principal Feltz: 1:00-2:00 p.m.--Principal's Office
Monday-Wednesday	May	13-15	Spring Lockdown Drill: 1 drill will be held during one of these days
Tuesday & Wednesday	May	14 & 15	7th & 8th Gr. SBA: Math
Wednesday	May	15	Gr. 6 Spring Concert & Art Exhibit: Chorus 7:30 p.m.--MB Auditorium
Thursday	May	16	7th & 8th Gr. SBA: English Language Arts
Thursday	May	16	PTA Meeting: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

### Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	May	6	Day 2
Tuesday	May	7	Day 3
Wednesday	May	8	Day 4
Thursday	May	9	Day 5
Friday	May	10	Day 6

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Note from the President**

I should use this space to plead for a volunteer to replace me next year, instead, I'll ask you to attend our Annual Town Meeting this Tuesday. Babysitting will be provided at the Field House beginning at 7:15 p.m. For more information about the Annual Town Meeting, why it is so important (and New England-y), the format, and to learn what can take place, this article is helpful <https://goodmorningwilton.com/gmws-guide-to-wiltons-may-7-annual-town-meeting-the-budget-municipal-taxes/>

### **Staff Appreciation Week**

This week the MB PTA Hospitality Committee will be hosting Staff Appreciation Week. We still need about **20** lunches for our Bagged Lunch Day being held Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Click here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAAAC2CA3FB6-middlebrook1> to sign up.

### **“Rising Freshman”**

For Eighth Grade Students

An Open, Question and Answer Evening for Eighth Grade Students

Thursday, May 16th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Trackside Teen Center

7:00 -7:15 p.m. Panel introductions

7:15 – 7:45 p.m. Address of questions

7:45 - ? Small break-out groups with discussions

Come join our WHS freshman and sophomore student panel for an open and candid discussion about the transition from middle school to high school. This evening is **designed for students, by students** with light moderation from Dr. John Priest, a teacher at Middlebrook School. *This is a free event but pre-registration is required due to anticipated high demand.*

Additional nights will be available if needed. Register at [trackside.org](http://trackside.org).

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

Class of 2023. **Save the Date!** Are you ready to dance and celebrate your time in middle school?

The 8th Grade dinner dance is on **Friday, June 7th, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.** at Middlebrook.

Tickets go on sale mid-May so watch for further information. Dance on! Please contact Laurie Musilli with any questions ([dljamus@hotmail.com](mailto:dljamus@hotmail.com))

ATTENTION parents of current 8th graders who DID NOT attend Kindergarten in Wilton: We are working on a photo wall for the Dinner Dance in June and we will need a 4x6 photo of your child from Kindergarten. Ideally, it would be a school photo, but if not, any picture from Kindergarten could work too. If you have a physical photo, we will be sure it's returned to you. Or you can send us a digital file if you have one.

Email us at [tracycorry@optonline.net](mailto:tracycorry@optonline.net) and [amybernheim@gmail.com](mailto:amybernheim@gmail.com) to arrange delivery of the photos or to email us the digital copy.

### **Middlebrook Yearbooks**

Please visit [yearbook sales site](#) to order a 2018-2019 Middlebrook Yearbook. Time is running out!

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 of 2019 until proof of compliance with this State requirement 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade entry. Please call the school nurse with any questions: 203-834-4961

#### **"How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, And Listen So Kids Will Talk" Parenting Workshops**

This program, developed by the authors of the book by the same name, uses lessons, role-play, and practice to help parents develop more effective skills for communicating with their children. In this workshop, participants will learn how to: Engage your child's willing cooperation; Deal with your child's negative feelings - frustration, disappointment, anger; Express your anger without being hurtful; Set firm limits and still maintain goodwill; Use alternatives to punishment that promote self-discipline; Encourage positive relationships between your children; Resolve family conflicts peacefully. By request, the program is being offered to parents with children of all ages on Tuesday evenings this spring!

**April 30th, May 7th, 14th, 21th, 28th, and June 4th**

**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

*Comstock Community Center, Room 18, 180 School Road, Wilton*

*Facilitated by: Kathy Weiss LCSW & Kim Zemo LCSW*

Space is limited and registration will be accepted as received. Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 24th. To register please call Wilton Youth Services at 203 834-6241 or email [colleen.fawcett@wiltonct.org](mailto:colleen.fawcett@wiltonct.org).

Funding for staff training for this program was provided through a joint initiative of the Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Woman's Club.

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

Join the PTA and show your support for all of the programs and activities we organize each school year. Student Assemblies, Outdoor Classroom, Media Center Supplies, Activity Nights, Science & Engineering Fair, Social Opportunities, Weekly Messenger, Photo Day, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Events and Soaring Ahead are just a few of the programs our PTA supports. When you join, you will gain instant access to our online directory that is desktop and mobile device friendly, just download the app.

Join here, and use the code - 'wilton'

[https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school\\_directory\\_parent\\_register.html](https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school_directory_parent_register.html)

#### **Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA)**

For information and to inquire about open executive board and committee positions contact us at [wiltonsepta@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonsepta@gmail.com) For membership visit our website at [www.wiltonsepta.org](http://www.wiltonsepta.org)

Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) is open to all who want to support Special Services in Wilton Public Schools. Please like our Facebook page: Wilton SEPTA to be informed of upcoming events and helpful information.

### **Box Tops For Education**

Even though our contest winners have been announced please continue to submit Box Tops until the end of the school year. Any questions please contact Jen Markey at [jtm4jla@optonline.net](mailto:jtm4jla@optonline.net).

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:carbos@optonline.net)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **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. [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](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com). Interested in volunteering? Email Courtney Boucher at [courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com)

### **Wilton Children's Theater Summerstage Registration**

Wilton Children's Theater 2019 Summerstage show is ANYTHING GOES! This summer production is open to rising 7th-10th graders. The program runs June 24th- July 12th. Visit our website at <http://www.wiltonchildrenstheater.org/> for information about registration. And be sure to like us on Facebook to keep up to date with all our events!

### **CHALLENGER BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!**

**Do you know a child with disabilities who would enjoy playing baseball?**

**Come join us!!**

**The Wilton Little League True Warriors participate in the Challenger Division of Little League.**

**Our focus is to play baseball and have fun. No experience necessary.**

**[Click here to register](#) Want to know more about True Warriors? We can be reached at [wiltonlittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonlittleleague@gmail.com).**

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**

**Frustrated by your child's challenging behavior? Do you ever feel like your child is harder to parent than other children? Do you worry about how your child's behavior affects the family? Do you think your child or family needs a therapist, but you don't know where to start? Ever wonder how others manage in similar situations? Are you married, but feel alone in parenting your challenging child? If you say yes to any of these -- YOU ARE NOT ALONE!!**

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 every month. The next meeting is Monday, May 20th, from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more information, 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? 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](mailto:middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com)