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CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – August 28, 2023

Cider Mill School is a Community of Learners, ALL committed to being the best we can be.

Important Dates

Aug 28	First Day of School
Aug 31	Parent Square Webinar 6:30 pm
Sept 4	Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
Sept 7	New Parent Coffee 9:45 am, Low Tech MakerSpace
Sept 7	BOE Meeting 7:30 pm
Sept 11	Open House, Kent/Belden Hill, 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm
Sept 12	PTA Meeting 9:15, school cafeteria
Sept 18	Open House, Nod Hill/Cannondale, 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm
Sept 21	BOE Meeting 7:30 pm
Sept 27	School Photo Day

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Welcome everyone to the new school year! We hope everyone had a fun and restful summer and is ready to make this a great year. The **Cider Mill PTA** is ready with lots of information to provide and fun events on the calendar!

Wilton schools are now using **ParentSquare** to keep in touch with parents and guardians as well as sending alerts. Please make sure you create your account at www.parentsquare.com. There will be a ParentSquare Webinar on August 31 for those wanting some help. PowerSchool and Schoology are also still in use as well as School Dismissal Manager.

Cider Mill PTA has a new membership and directory platform **AtoZ Connect**. Please register at <https://cidermillpta.membershiptoolkit.com/> PTA memberships will be on sale soon, so keep your eyes out for details!

We look forward to welcoming new families to a **parent coffee on September 7 at 9:45 am**. Learn about Cider Mill and what to expect this year. Our first **PTA meeting will take place on September 12, at 9:15 am** in the school cafeteria. Learn about what you can do this year to support our students!

Please see the links below for info that will be helpful this school year. As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or issues at giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com or carolinehavlin@hotmail.com

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Melissa Reynolds and Caroline Hoffman
Cider Mill PTA Co-Presidents

Helpful Links

Important and Helpful Links:

Cider Mill Contact Info: (203) 762-3351

CM Attendance: (203) 834-4950 or cmattend@wiltonps.org

CM House

List: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNgLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9doINy/edit>

CM Community Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1168962513117647/>

WPS Covid 19 Health and Safety

Protocols: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/wps_covid_protocols_2022-23_school_opening.pdf

WPS Back to School Website: https://www.wiltonps.org/342738_2

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Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GaiNlxIMyxXW6MCCbSMi2fer2xLP0bfT/view?usp=drivesdk>

WPS 2023-24 School Calendar: https://www.wiltonps.org/342735_2

CM Interactive Calendar: https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: https://wiltonps.org/338734_2

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3

Wilton PowerSchool Login: <https://wilton.powerschool.com/public/>

ParentSquare Information: https://wiltonps.org/595543_3

Schoology Information: https://wiltonps.org/576129_3

Special Bus Assignments: https://wiltonps.org/579910_3

MySchoolBucks: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

School Lunch Menus: <https://wilton.nutrislice.com/menu/menus-eula>

Join Wilton SEPTA: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/>

School News

Welcome 2023/2024 CM PTA

The Cider Mill PTA is ready to go and make this a great year! We do still have some areas where we could use some help. Please email giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com if you are interested!

The following positions are still open:

VP Fundraising
5th Grade Yearbook Chairs
Book Fair Chair
Box Top Chair
Spirit Wear Chair
Photo Day Chair
Garden Center Chair

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ParentSquare

Wilton Schools are now using Parent Square www.parentsquare.com. This is a new platform to receive school communication (updates, newsletter, class info, etc.). Don't miss out on information!

Once you join, go to notifications, and pick a preference of ways you want to receive information - what method of communication (text, email, or both), and how often (instant, daily). Emergency Alert will override all preferences (ex. Snow Day) and will alert you by text and email instantly.

There is a ParentSquare Webinar for those needing more information or having issues on August 31, 6:30 pm. A link will be provided soon.

AtoZ Connect

The PTA has a new membership platform, **AtoZ Connect!** Through this platform we will provide a directory of students, sell tickets to events, sell spirit wear, and conduct surveys. Please register by going to <https://cidermillpta.membershiptoolkit.com/> or downloading the app.

PTA memberships will be available soon. Each membership gives you one vote in the PTA and access to the directory. Stay tuned for more details!

Wilton SEPTA

Like our [Facebook](#) page and visit our [website](#) to stay updated with the latest meetings, news, and information. In preparation for the upcoming PPT, annual meeting, and transition meeting season, we will be sharing planning and organizing tips with families on collaborating with school teams.

- We invite teachers to take advantage of our [gifts and grants](#) program.
- Membership, Board, Committee positions open- it's not too late to join!
- We are seeking interested parents to help on our Community and Family Events Committee, including help for our April 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Be Kind Campaign.

Community News

Improve Your Academics

All Wilton School District students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are fellow Wilton High School students.

Please fill out this [FORM](#) if you need help in any subject. For more information, please visit our [WEBSITE](#). **Tutoring available in person and virtually for grades 6+, virtually only for 3rd-5th graders.**

NAMI-CAN WILTON

School is back in session and for many children, so are the academic and social stresses that can cause behavioral changes. **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, find resources and be understood without embarrassment or the fear of being judged or treated differently. Parents come from Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton, and towns in the surrounding area. <https://namisouthwestct.org>

Our fall meetings are **Mondays September 11th, October 2nd, and November 6th over zoom from 10-11:30.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83775421936>
Meeting ID: 837 7542 1936

For the password and more information: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at 203 970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

NAMI-Basics

NAMI-Basics is a FREE six-week program that allows families to connect to another while learning about mental illness, its impact on children and adolescents, strategies to deal with schools and providers and tools to empower parents/caregivers to overcome new challenges.

This program is for parents and other caregivers of children and adolescents with a diagnosis of mental illness or in the process to get an evaluation with diverse and complex needs.

<https://namisouthwestct.org>

In person - Tuesdays 9:30 am to noon - Oct. 3 to Nov. 7
Darien Depot, 25 Heights Road, Darien, CT

To register, email Karen at mkarwest@hotmail.com
or Evan at epagano@me.com

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