

MIDDLESEX PARENTS ASSOCIATION
2011-12

August 2011

Dear Middlesex Parents,

Welcome to the Middlesex Parents Association (MPA) for the 2011-2012 school year. The MPA is comprised of all parents of all Middlesex students, boarding and day. Our mission is to foster a strong, integrated community of faculty, staff, students, and parents through open communication and by sponsoring activities that support and enrich the entire school.

The MPA has five scheduled Saturday morning meetings this year focusing on our ongoing activities, current campus issues, and special topics. Kathy Giles and members of the Middlesex faculty and staff attend and participate. Occasionally we invite guest speakers to address topics relevant to the Middlesex community.

The MPA is a parent run, all-volunteer organization. Getting involved is a great way to get to know other parents and support the school. Please read through the enclosed list of committee descriptions and use the volunteer sign-up form to let us know if you are interested in helping out. There are many opportunities to contribute whether you live locally or farther away. Don't be shy! You can do a lot from far away.

Because we are a volunteer organization, we also ask for your financial support. Annual MPA dues (voluntary but greatly appreciated) are \$50. Your contribution helps to underwrite many of the activities that we sponsor including events for students, parents, faculty and staff. Some examples of MPA sponsored events are: Casino Night Breakfast and After Prom Breakfast for seniors, end of the year BBQs for each class, Faculty Appreciation luncheons, and Sports Tea refreshments. You can send us a check or charge the annual dues on your school bill by signing and returning the enclosed registration form.

One of our biggest goals is to work with Middlesex to provide consistent communication among parents, the MPA, and the school. Accurate and timely information enables us all to participate effectively and make these school years a rewarding and fulfilling experience for our children. The MPA uses electronic communication almost exclusively. This will be the last year the MPA mailing will be sent in hard copy- only "virtual" format from 2012 on!

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The brand new Middlesex website (www.mxschool.edu) is a great resource to us. Please visit it soon and often. Parent login instructions will be coming to you from the school.

The MPA also offers online virtual meeting with audio as a way for parents at a distance to “attend” our MPA meetings. If you would like to participate in the meetings online please send your email address to Sharon Smith at ssmith@mxschool.edu . You will be notified prior to each meeting with instructions.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER THIS FALL: Please plan to come! We try to schedule these meetings around other MX events that you are likely to attend.

First MPA Meeting	Saturday, October 1, 2011, 9:30 am, Barron Room
Groton Games	Friday, October 14, 2011 Away (no classes Monday)
Parents' Weekend	October 28 & 29, 2011 (details will be sent in the fall)
St. George's Day	Saturday, November 12, 2011 Home (athletic rivalry)
Fall Play	November 11 & 12, 2011
Second MPA Meeting	Saturday, November 12, 2011, 9:30 am, Barron Room

May the balance of your summer be sunny and wonderful! We look forward to seeing everyone this fall! Please be in touch with us at palmtreebl@yahoo.com or dkreitle@optonline.net with any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Betsy Lawrence (Hadley Brooke '12) and Dawn Kreitler (Isabel and Will '13)
Middlesex Parents Association Co-Presidents