



MIDDLEBRIDGE
SCHOOL

A Place to Belong and Become.



CELEBRATING A PLACE TO BELONG AND BECOME

Nineteen. That's how many kids were our pioneer students.

Middlebridge began with a commitment to academic excellence, self-awareness, and acceptance inside a nurturing environment. We believed then, and we still believe today, that every child can be a successful student and has a right to discover their own potential for greatness. We believe in the power of a community dedicated to those ideals. We founded a school where our interconnected relationships would create the space where students could discover their own talents and desire to learn.

Nearly ten years ago, a group of educators and parents crafted a vision to establish Middlebridge School. After enlisting help from parents and friends, recruiting students, hiring staff, finding a temporary site, securing zoning permits, and gaining state accreditation, 19 students arrived at our temporary home at Camp JORI in South Kingstown, RI, in September of 2008 to begin a new school year at a new school: Middlebridge School.

Middlebridge School has been rooted in the local community since its inception, even selecting Middle Bridge, one of three bridges crossing the Narrow River, for its namesake. The river was historically a place where damaged ships would find safe harbor to undergo repairs, enabling them to return to sea to continue their journey, an apt metaphor for the work we do and a fitting name for our school.

Starting Middlebridge School was a leap of faith. As with most new endeavors, there were hurdles to overcome, and many critical elements for the school's existence seemed to materialize dramatically at the last possible moment. Middlebridge was able to persevere and thrive because of the vision and determination of the staff, board, parents, and students. As a founding faculty member puts it, "We did what we had to do because we knew what we could be."

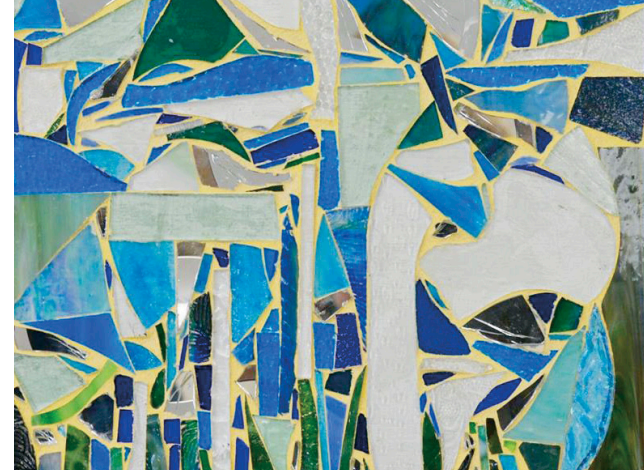
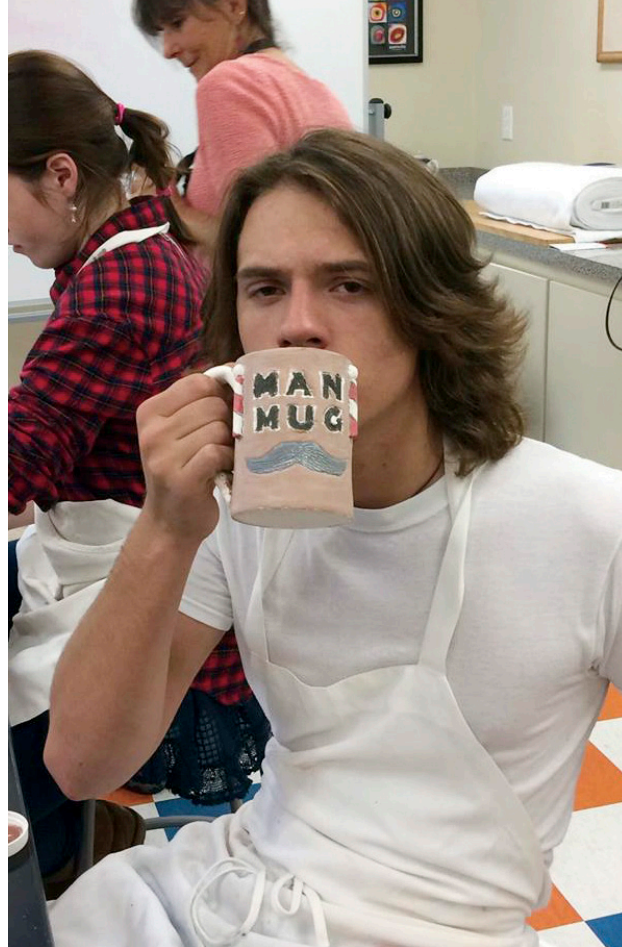
Middlebridge School exists because of teachers who gambled their careers, worked tirelessly at their jobs and well beyond their official duties, and devoted themselves to their students; parents who volunteered countless hours and entrusted their children to the school; and students who trusted Middlebridge, many after past school disappointments, and who learned to trust one another.

After a broad national search for a permanent home, extended real estate negotiations, relationship building with neighbors, securing zoning approval and financing, and lightning speed construction and renovation, we were able to welcome 46 students to start the school year at our Hazard Castle campus in September 2012. In the years since, attendance has grown, buildings have been constructed, accreditations have been earned, extracurricular and summer programs have expanded, and overall giving to the school has risen every year. Middlebridge has seen amazing growth in every respect.

One thing that has not changed since our inception is our commitment to helping students reach their full potential. It is easy to see the campus improvements with the new art building, the new gym, the soccer fields, and other upgrades. The things that are harder to see are the programmatic changes and improvements that have happened every single year. You can see the new gym, but just as much energy, effort, and focus goes into making the tailored adjustments that keep Middlebridge fresh and the curriculum current. Building community is just as important as building structures.

We have achieved so much in a short time, but we still strive like we did in our early days. We want to be the best school for students with learning differences. We are not content to rest on our past successes because we know children's futures are at stake.

We look forward to the next ten years and to continuous improvement in ways large and small.



SEEING THE BIGGER PICTURE

A MIDDLEBRIDGE SCHOOL FINE ARTS EXPERIENCE



The arts are a vital part of any education. Art education teaches students how to interpret, analyze, critique, and utilize visual information, and how to make choices based on it. The arts do not just develop a child’s creativity — the skills they learn because of exposure to the arts spill over into academic achievement.

Visual Arts serves as a catalyst for students to recognize their creative potential, which is an essential key to successful critical thinking. In 2016, Middlebridge School was able to realize a key component of our plan to advance our arts enrichment program: a dedicated fine arts building.

The new fine arts building features a flexible, open space for drawing, sculpting, painting, and carving, and even includes potter’s wheels and a kiln. Our students create all kinds of beautiful artwork

inside this airy, light-filled studio. Students enjoy learning new skills and developing existing talents, and may uncover a new passion along the way.

Art education can actually help the brain rewire itself, make stronger and more flexible neural connections, and help build memory skills. A quality fine arts enrichment program allows students to develop self-discipline, intuition, reasoning, imagination, as well as the kinesthetic and visual intelligence that they can apply to other subject areas. As important, it also gives students a way to explore and express their passions, their emotions, and themselves.

Our new home for the arts supports the integration of creativity and craft into campus life, and enhances the quality of arts education within our community.

ATHLETICS AT MIDDLEBRIDGE



MIDDLEBRIDGE GYMNASIUM — TURN IT ON!

In the fall of 2017, Middlebridge School will achieve an important milestone of our planned enrichment program expansion with the opening of our new gymnasium.

Our new facility will boast a regulation-size basketball court, with multi-sport flexibility for tennis, volleyball, floor hockey, and other games. It will also house a weight room, cardio studio, mind-body studio, and locker rooms.

Helping our students develop healthy lifelong habits is the primary objective of our sports and fitness enrichment program. In addition to the physical

benefits, good fitness helps increase self-confidence, reduce stress, improve sleep quality, and enhance concentration.

We look forward to enjoying home basketball games with our school community packing the new bleachers, and to the boost in school spirit and community camaraderie that follows.

In 2016, Middlebridge had a winning team to cheer — the Owls basketball team made the Coastal Prep League playoffs for the first time, and came in third place in the championships.

Thank you to our generous supporters who helped build this vital piece of our campus life.

What's next for Middlebridge? With the new gymnasium and fine arts buildings complete, there is one final project planned for our growing enrichment program. We anticipate creating a dedicated performing arts space and a center for our social pragmatics program in the former gym — a place for real live theater and real life rehearsal.



“One child, one teacher, one book,
one pen can change the world.”
—Malala Yousafzai

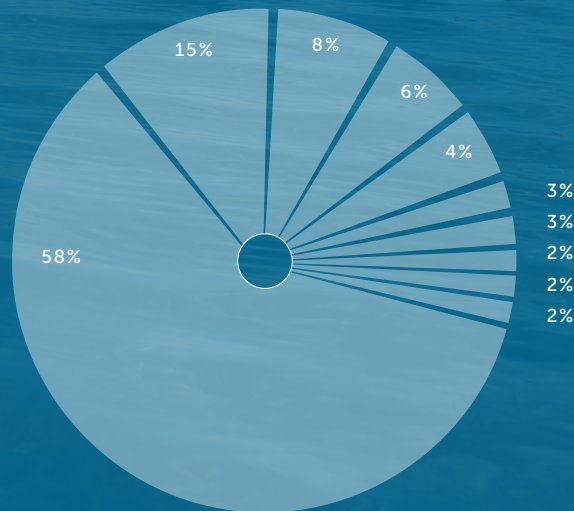
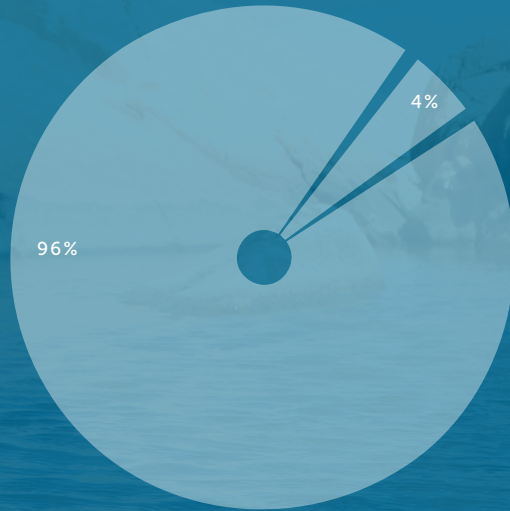
As we reflect on the past nine years, it is hard to believe how far we have come in a relatively short amount of time. We have gone from 19 students to 75, from a leased space at a summer camp to our expansive and expanding current campus. Our postgraduate program is growing, along with our extracurricular program. We have become accredited as an NEASC member school.

Through all our growth, our vision has never wavered. Middlebridge aspires to be the best school for students with learning differences. While our program is recognized by educational consultants as one of the best in the country, we are always driven to improve.

Our innovative curriculum, programs, dedicated staff, and caring community make us unique in the field of education. As one of our founding staff notes, “If you pay attention to the little things, the big things fall into place.”

The board is pleased to report that Middlebridge School is entering its tenth year in a position of strong financial health. We have been able to reinvest in our programming and in our facilities, with a new fine arts center and a soon-to-open gymnasium.

We have achieved our success because of the generosity and dedication of our staff, trustees, families, and friends. We would not be what we are without you and your support. On behalf of all of our students, past and present, we thank you.



MIDDLEBRIDGE SCHOOL INCOME

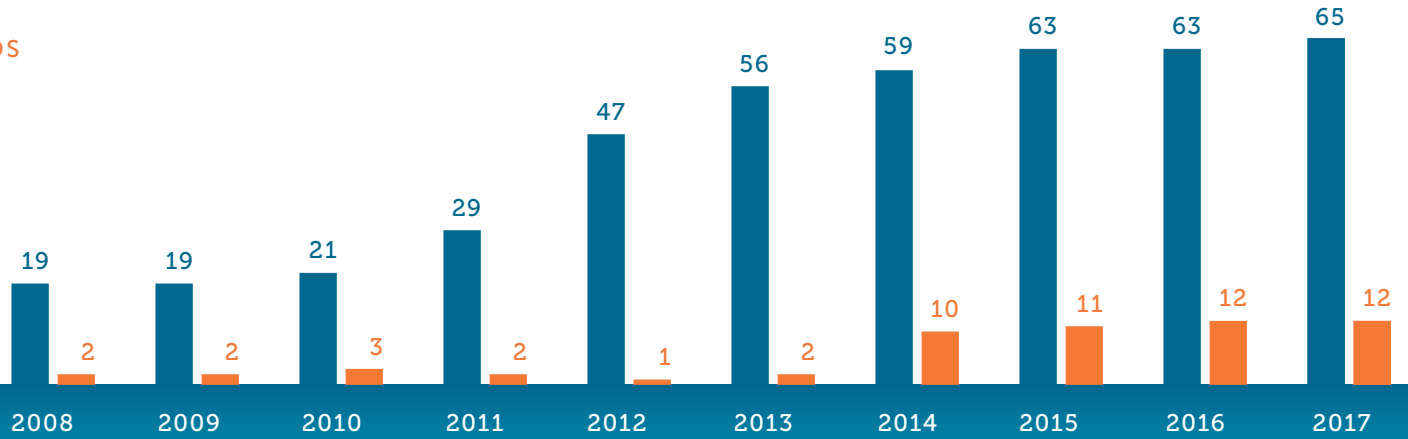
Tuition, Fees, and Other	5,736,843.
Annual Fund	219,170.
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TOTAL	\$5,956,013.

MIDDLEBRIDGE SCHOOL EXPENSES

Salaries and Taxes	3,421,057.
Program	862,714.
Interest and Debt Service	446,727.*
Benefits	339,606.
Depreciation	214,973.
Capital Acquisitions	169,835.
Office and Other	150,450.
Buildings and Grounds	134,046.
Utilities	99,895.
Insurance	95,450.
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TOTAL	\$5,934,753.

* Middlebridge School has a debt commitment in the form of a mortgage of \$2,669,726. at June 30, 2017

NUMBER OF STUDENTS
NUMBER OF POSTGRADS



NUMBER OF GRADUATES





BUILDING HISTORY

- 2008** Classes began at rented Camp JORI site
- 2012** Purchased Hazard Castle from Catholic Diocese of Providence
- 2012** Doors opened at Hazard Castle, classes began
- 2014** Alumni Soccer Field opened
- 2016** Acquired ten additional acres of land
- 2016** Fine Arts building opened
- 2016** Cross Country track opened
- 2017** Gym slated to open

ACCREDITATIONS / MEMBERSHIPS

- 2008** Approved as Independent School by RIDE (Rhode Island Department of Education)
- 2009** Approved member of SBSA (Small Boarding Schools Association)
- 2011** Accepted as a candidate for NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation
- 2013** Accredited as an NEASC member school
- 2013** Approved as an NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) member school

PROGRAMS / EXTRACURRICULAR

- 2008** Established Lighthouse Internship Program
- 2013** Adopted Hazard the Owl as the school mascot
- 2013** Established off-campus house for PG boys
- 2013** Launched summer program
- 2014** Established off-campus house for PG girls
- 2014** Formed basketball and soccer teams
- 2015** Partnered with Breakwater Expeditions to offer wilderness summer programs
- 2015** Formed Cross Country team
- 2015** Joined Coastal Valley Prep League for athletics
- 2017** Formed tennis team



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE INCEPTION

Hazard Tower Society (\$250K plus)

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Josh Sadler
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MINI OWLS

In the same way Middlebridge School was just starting ten years ago, many of the staff were also near the beginning of their professional and personal lives. As the school has grown, so have the staff families—literally.



There is now a parliament of mini Owls growing up on campus and attending school events, creating a lively intermingled community of students, staff, and staff families. Middlebridge students see their teachers outside of the classroom as parents and role models, and share a slice of family life when they are away from home.



“When I was feeling down, they brought me back up again. When my mind was racing, they would slow me down and help me think clearly. I have never had such an amazing support system as I did here at Middlebridge. I cannot begin to explain how thankful I am to have such an amazing group of people in my life who truly care about my education along with my well-being.”

–Emily Carson, Class of 2009



ANNUAL GIVING 2016-2017

As a nonprofit organization, tuition revenue alone is not sufficient to maintain the programmatic excellence we all value so highly. Beyond our capital needs, consistent and strong annual giving provides enrichment to all of our students and helps attract support from philanthropic institutions and grant giving organizations. Our school's future success is contingent upon maintaining our current donor base while also investing in the cultivation of new relationships.

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\$10,000 plus

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Up to \$1000

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"Students will grow in ways they never imagined possible and they will find happiness that is completely immeasurable. Middlebridge School not only changed my life, it SAVED my life. They will forever have a place in my heart."
–Catherine Lee, Class of 2017

INTERNSHIP PARTNERS

The following businesses and organizations contributed their time and effort to create volunteer opportunities for Middlebridge students. These experiences help our students gain practical knowledge in the workplace, build student confidence, and increase their participation in the community. We are so appreciative of our fantastic internship partners.

Advanced Auto Body	Lighthouse Realty	South Kingstown Animal Rescue
Blissful Event Planning	Lovesome Images Photography	South Kingstown Public Library
Champlin Welding	Matunuck Oyster Farm	Sweet Cakes Bakery
Clarks Farm	Narragansett Bikes	Sweenor's Chocolates
Contemporary Theater Company	Narragansett Elementary School	Tuckertown Fire Department
Cool Beans Cafe	Narragansett Parks and Recreation Department	Union Fire District
Courthouse Center for the Arts	Narragansett School District	URI Athletic Office
Critter Hut	Pets Gone Natural	URI Costume Design Center
Dave's Market	A Place To Grow	URI Go Rhody Computers
Durkin Realty	Pride Martial Arts	URI Marine Life Science Research Center
Earth Care Farm	The Purple Cow	URI Theater Department
The 401 Studio	The Purple Door	URI Women's Basketball
Gabrielle's Martial Arts	Quest Montessori School	The Village Inn
Growing Children of Rhode Island	The Right Click	Wakefield Alternative Food Cooperative
Habitat for Humanity	River Bend Athletic	Weedweavers of Wakefield
Horse Play Animal Rescue	Ruff Life Animal Center	The Welcome House
Jonnycake Center	Smithbridge Stables	YMCA
Joyful Learning	South County Chamber of Commerce	
Larham Landscaping		

IN-KIND DONATIONS

The following businesses, organizations, and families generously donated goods, services and time to Middlebridge School, which in turn, allowed us to apply additional funds directly to support the programs and services we provide for the well-being of those whom we serve in our community.

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