## **Trackside Student Governing Board**

The objective of Trackside Teen Center is to promote healthy, age-appropriate development for teens and pre-teens in Wilton. This is achieved by providing an environment designed to develop positive social skills, foster moral development, and enhance self-esteem- all of which are related academic success, healthy interpersonal relationships, and reduced risk-taking behavior.

Acting as a hub within the community of teen activity, designed by the teens for the teens, Trackside provides ample opportunity for teens to engage in healthy alternative activities. From open hours and afterschool activities to weekend events, Trackside supports Wilton teens in developmental tasks by providing them a place within the community, other than home and school, where they can be involved in healthy socialization and gain experience in participating as citizens in a productive manner.

Trackside is a venue that stands against the illegal use of alcohol and illicit drugs and seeks to be an arena that advocates and advances the efforts of the community to reduce teens' participation in such activities. Trackside exists as a safe zone where teens can build social relationships and have fun in a safe, alcohol-free and drug-free environment.

Since Trackside's motto is "For the teens, by the teens," the Student Governing Board has been launched in order to give teens the opportunity to take ownership of the program and event offerings at the Teen Center.

## **SGB Responsibility**

Along with representing the teen community, we ask that SGB members serve as active participants of Trackside events for teens. SGB members are strongly encouraged to attend as many Trackside parties, concerts, and drop-in hours as they can. Both the Middle School and High School SGB teams will also have an opportunity to initiate a community service project to benefit the Wilton community during the school year.

**Middle School SGB** members will participate in activities at Trackside and provide a link to the Middle School community. Middle School SGB members decide on Trackside party themes, plan new events (movie nights, concerts, etc.), suggest new club activities, and promote their parties and programs at Middlebrook.

**High School SGB** members are responsible for serving as a link to the High School community while also behaving as positive role models for the Middle School SGB members. Working as a team, High School SGB members will decide on special events and concerts exclusively for High School teens and help to promote these events within the WHS community. High School SGB members may also be called upon to volunteer at Middle School parties.