



Warrior Weekly

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Student Centered, Future Focused!

Stay Connected

We invite you to stay connected with Weddington High School on **Facebook** (Weddington High School) or on **Twitter** (@WHSWarriors). We also encourage you to monitor your **Naviance** accounts for information on college and career planning. Daily announcements and information are shared, so please follow us so you do not miss any Weddington High School news! We also frequently update our website at <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/55>

We Miss You, Warriors!

Check out these videos from some folks who really love our WHS students:

<https://youtu.be/Q82gccWkWt0>

<https://youtu.be/lzMMBfJHyz0>

Warriors in Quarantine

Warriors in Quarantine is a new social media campaign for us to stay in touch with each other during this time of social distancing. Share photos of you learning online, spending time with your family, helping others, reading a great book, or getting outside all while practicing social distancing. Message us with your photos on the school Twitter or Instagram page or email Mrs. Waldrup (anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us) or Mrs. Washington (jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us). We look forward to seeing and sharing your photos!

UCPS Technology Help Desk

Reminder: The UCPS Technology Help Desk is available to students for issues with connectivity, laptops, virtual learning websites, etc. Use the following link to submit a help desk ticket:

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cms/lib/NC01910453/Centricity/Domain/3350/Help-Desk-Hotline-Contacts-revDOCU.pdf>

Additionally, students may call the help desk at 704-292-7950, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Finally, reaching out to WHS assistant principal Mrs. Marni Menkin (marni.menkin@ucps.k12.nc.us) is also an option. Mrs. Menkin is rather tech-savvy, and she is happy to assist students with tech issues.

Student Course Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year

At this time, we have temporarily suspended the process of student course registration for the 2020-2021 school year. The decision to halt the process is a district-wide decision for all UCPS high schools. Due to the fact that many of our master scheduling decisions will be impacted by decisions and policies handed down by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in the coming days and weeks, it is the most prudent thing to do at this time. We assure you, though, that we will work tirelessly prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year to ensure that student scheduling is completed in the most equitable and beneficial manner possible.

State and Local Policies Impacting Grading Practices

As stated in a prior eblast message to WHS families, many of the changes impacting the policies and procedures of schools across the state originate with the NC State Board of Education and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and are then pushed down to school districts. The local districts then implement those policies and procedures in ways that meet the needs of those districts. While we still await finalized and formalized processes and procedures for many of the issues around virtual learning and grading as we move forward, some things have already been solidified. Attached to this Warrior Weekly email message is an FAQ document which addresses a number of different topics around grading, special considerations for seniors, AP course resources, and more.

Advanced Placement (AP) Updates

A great deal of valuable information from College Board impacting AP students is expected to be released today, April 3. The coming update and previous updates may be found at the College Board website's Coronavirus updates page at the following link: [coronavirus updates page](#).

Senior Caps-and-Gowns

Due to Governor Cooper's "stay at home" order, we are not able to provide seniors with their graduation caps and gowns at this time, and Jostens has made the decision that these products will not be sent via mail to the residences of families. We will stay in close contact with Jostens about this issue and will keep our senior families updated.

Valuable Reads for Parents

Here are two interesting articles from a journal called Education Week:

E-Learning Overload: 8 Tips Educators Can Give Frustrated, Anxious Parents:

https://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/DigitalEducation/2020/03/e-learning_overload_8_tips_tea.html

Grading Students During the Coronavirus Crisis: What's the Right Call?:

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2020/04/01/grading-students-during-the-coronavirus-crisis-whats.html>

SPCC and NC Virtual Classes

Many of our WHS students are in online courses through South Piedmont Community College and NC Virtual. These students should continue to keep on top of their assignments and coursework from these partner

institutions and should reach out to their instructors with any questions and/or concerns. Any student who is unable to access SPCC and/or NCVirtual courses, should contact his/her school counselor to discuss options.

SPCC/CCP Courses in the 2020-2021 School Year

Students interested in taking SPCC courses beginning in the Fall of 2020 are invited to join a virtual information meeting led by WHS school counselor Mallika Rajan. The first meeting will be on **Wednesday, 04/08 at 1:00 p.m.** After that, meetings will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

-Google meet link: meet.google.com/zmm-npdm-bxy

or Join by phone [+1 254-227-6160](tel:+12542276160) PIN: 883326126

Updates from the School Counseling Department

Canvas

The School Counseling Department is thrilled to introduce the School Counseling Canvas page. This resource was created with students in mind and is a collection of text, videos, PPT's, handouts...specific to topics outside of daily academic work. As students work through the page, please think about topics that might be missing as well as topics where students might need a bit more support in understanding and reach out to Dr. Jordan, mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us. The School Counseling Canvas page is a work in progress as the landscape of education changes by the day.

An email was sent to all students on March 30th with a link to join the page. Please take a moment to accept the invitation. Additionally, students can self-enroll in the course URL: <https://ucps.instructure.com/enroll/GAHE49>. Alternatively, they can sign up at <https://ucps.instructure.com/register> and use the following join code: **GAHE49**

SPCC

If you are currently an SPCC student looking to take more classes next Fall:

Your enrollment window opened on March 30th. Ms. Beste has sent detailed online course registration steps to your SPCC-issued student email accounts. Both Ms. Beste and Ms. Rajan (mallika.rajan@ucps.k12.nc.us) are available for any questions.

If you have never taken an SPCC class and want to take a class next Fall:

Your enrollment window will open on April 20th. More information to come, but for now, please complete the following steps to ensure you are ready to register at a later date.

1. Schedule a phone/video conference with Ms. Rajan to determine eligibility to participate in college and career promise program.
2. Log into <https://www.cfnc.org/>.
3. If you don't already have an account, create an account.
4. Click on the "Apply" tab, "to College" and then "Application Hub".
5. Type in South Piedmont Community College.
6. Click on the pull down menu and choose "South Piedmont Community College Undergraduate Application" and then "Apply".
7. On the far left of the next page you will see six groupings that will need to be completed in a blue box.
8. Click on each group heading and complete the appropriate information. (Only fields with an * need to be completed).

9. For the "Enrollment Information" group be sure to choose the term you want to start taking classes.
10. Under "Entrance Status"- choose Career and College Promise.
11. Under "Enrollment Details" choose your College Transfer Pathway and/or the Career and Technical Education Pathway. Once selected, you will choose the particular program of study. College Transfer Pathways are intended for either a completion of an Associate Degree and/or transferring courses to a 4 year college/university. Career and Technical Education Pathways are intended to take a cluster of courses to obtain the skills and education required to enter a specific career path.
12. The final page will have a check mark at the top to request that your high school transcript be sent to SPCC. Make sure that you check this box. Click the "submit" button on the bottom of the page.
13. When all the information is submitted, a summary page will be shown. Review this information for accuracy and close out of the summary page tab.
14. The final page should show the green application bar at 100% completed for South Piedmont Community College.

I know this is a ton of information and might be confusing (especially if you're new to SPCC), so please never hesitate to reach out to Ms. Rajan with any questions. She's reachable by email during business hours Monday-Friday. You can also find some general information about the College and Career Promise Program at <https://spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/>

Please email Ms. Rajan with comments, questions, concerns @ mallika.rajan@ucps.k12.nc.us

PTSO NEWS

To our Weddington High School Community: We sincerely hope that you all are remaining physically and mentally healthy! The PTSO is still actively involved with our school through the WHS administration and the school counseling department. We are proud of our *students* for remaining respectful and on-task, our *parents* for their support of virtual learning, and our *WHS staff* for being flexible and keeping up their communication. **THANK YOU!**

Seniors

Scholarship applications to a NC community college, skill, or trade school are available to graduating 2020 seniors. Please see the application attached to this Warrior Weekly email message. Applicants should complete the application and return it to w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com by May 1, 2020.

We are awaiting further information about the school year before we send any communication out about senior activities. Please continue to stay in touch with the school counseling department so that we can celebrate your summer and fall decisions!

WHS Site-Based Team Position

We will be putting out a call for votes for next year's PTSO executive board, possibly before we physically return to the school building. This will be via automated phone call or email. Additionally, we are still seeking applicants for the site-based decision-making team. We have one position to fill. Please email w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com if you are interested. Applicants will be asked to fill out a quick application and supply two references.