



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). 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>

Daily Schedule

Families are reminded that students are to be at school on their assigned day prior to 8:16am so that all learners are in their respective classes and prepared for the start of the instructional day. Please keep in mind every student entering the building will be subject to a temperature screening and a set of health-related questions. The screening process begins each morning at 7:30am. The daily schedule for the 2020-2021 school year appears below.

Bell Schedule

Screening	7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
First Period	8:16 a.m. - 9:43 a.m.
Second Period	9:49 a.m. - 11:16 a.m.
Third Period	11:22 a.m. - 1:22 p.m.
Fourth Period	1:28p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Senior Dismissal	3:00 p.m.
Dismissal	3:02 p.m.

Lunch Schedule

First Lunch (Math, CTE)	11:22 a.m. - 11:49 a.m.
Second Lunch (English, World Languages)	11:52 a.m. - 12:19 p.m.
Third Lunch (Social Studies)	12:22 p.m. - 12:49 p.m.
Fourth Lunch (Science, PE, Fine Arts, JROTC)	12:52 p.m. - 1:22 p.m.

Communication

We will frequently be sending school news and announcements via eblast, so it is critical that we have accurate email addresses for parents on file. To that end, *please be sure to update your contact information, if necessary, through the Quick Links section on our school website.*

Please also regularly visit our school website (<http://unioncounty.schoolwires.net/Domain/55>) to stay in tune with news and information related to your child's experience here.

Twitter is an important communication tool that we utilize to convey important school information. Follow us @WHSWarriors

On each school day, you may reach a school administrator between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the following number: 704-296-6319.

My email address is as follows: jeff.kraftson@ucps.k12.nc.us. The email addresses of the assistant principals are as follows: Student last names A-G: Mrs. Marni Menkin (marni.menkin@ucps.k12.nc.us); Student last names H-N: Mr. Jeff Brookshire (thomas.brookshire@ucps.k12.nc.us); Student last names O-Z: Mr. John Grexa (john.grexa@ucps.k12.nc.us). In your correspondence with school administration, please direct questions, comments, and inquiries to the appropriate administrator. **Please note the request to contact your child's teacher(s) prior to contacting an assistant principal if your question or concern may be addressed by the teacher(s) and to contact your assigned assistant principal prior to contacting me if your question or concern may be addressed by the assistant principal.**

Health and Safety Plan Reminders:

Our school district's health and safety plan will be driven by requirements handed down by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Highlights of our plan, which is specific to Union County Public Schools and Weddington High School, include the following:

Approximately 25% of students will attend school on a daily basis. The student assignments are as follows:
Last Names A-D...Monday; Last Names E-K...Tuesday; Last Names L-Q...Wednesday; Last Names R-Z...Thursday

***Friday: remote learning for all students.**

- Every student and staff member entering the building will be subject to a temperature screening and a set of health-related questions.
- All students and staff members will be required to wear masks while in the school building.
- One-way hallway movement during major student transition times will be utilized.
- Social distancing will be facilitated in all settings including classrooms and the cafeteria.
- Our school counselors will make a concerted effort to proactively monitor the social/emotional health of our students, and they will be as accessible as possible to meet student needs.
- All parent meetings (including 504 and IEP meetings) will occur virtually.
- Only essential visitors will be permitted to enter the school building during the day. These visitors will be subject to a temperature screening and set of health-related questions.

- Parents will not be permitted to drop lunches, homework assignments, and other materials to students during the school day. Drop-offs of eyeglasses and medications will be permitted.

Academic Delivery Plan

Our goal is to continue to move toward more live, remote learning as the school year progresses. It is important to keep in mind that our teachers have not had experience with serving students in both a "face to face" environment and a remote environment simultaneously prior to this year. Mastering the facilitation of this type of academic delivery will take time. With that being said, the teachers have already made tremendous gains in acclimating to this blended learning environment. We realize that families would prefer live interactive instruction on a daily basis, and that is something that Weddington High School will continue to strive toward as the year progresses.

On Fridays, our staff will provide a blend of live and on-demand remote learning. Without students in the building, this will be a great day to conduct live instructional opportunities with a particular focus on small groups. Additionally, our staff will provide office hours to connect with students and parents to support the remote learning efforts. Students need to visit their classes Canvas page for specific information regarding Friday's schedule and activities for that course. Students should contact their teacher if they have course specific questions.

All students will have approximately 90 minutes of daily academic content expectations (includes live, on-demand, and homework) for each class on each day.

WHS will utilize Canvas and Microsoft Teams as the primary platforms for learning. Canvas will contain recordings of lessons, resources for learning, quizzes, and opportunities for student collaboration. This platform offers a user app that is very user friendly for students. Microsoft Teams will allow our teachers and students to interact in real time.

A Message from Our New School Nurse

Hello Warrior Nation!

Weddington's beloved Nurse Sherry Robinson retired at the end of last school year and I was fortunate enough to have enough seniority to be able to secure the school nurse position this year-not surprising there were a few who had their eyes on your school! 😊 I started school nursing almost 13 1/2 years ago at Antioch Elementary School and was there for 7 years. I am thrilled to already know some of the student's and their families and to see how they have grown. I look forward to seeing my past friends and meeting new ones. It may take me a while as we are all donning our new fashion masks and I am a face person for memory, not necessarily a name... 😊 So please be patient. We will be doing things a little differently this year as it seems to be the year for change and thinking outside of our old norm. We are placing the Request for Health Information form on the school's website for any of you who have a student who has any kind of health conditions. This can be found under Resources for Parents and Resources for Students. You can also access the form by clicking [here](#). Please complete this form only if your child has any medical conditions and return to the school. You are welcome to bring up to the school, fax it to the school at 704-708-6218, or can scan to my email at susan.mastin@ucps.k12.nc.us writing "Confidential" in the subject line.

We will continue to need a Medication Consent form completed and signed by a physician for any meds needed at school (over the counter or prescription meds- other than hand sanitizer, Chapstick or cough drops). We

require a new one every school year. They are found on the School Health Department webpage which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

I look forward to this year at Weddington High School! Please let me know if you ever have any questions or concerns. My phone number here is 704-296-6319 ext 1905. Thanks so much, Susan Mastin, RN

Athletic Information

Athletic workouts will continue on August 24th for certain sports. Please check our website and updates below for more information. Information will be posted by Friday, August 21st under the Covid-19 update. Please see our coaches directory listed below to contact coaches with any questions. For any additional questions, please contact the Athletic Director, Mike Hart at michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us

[Athletic Website](#)

[Covid-19 Update](#)

[Coaching Directory](#)

Counseling Department

Hello and welcome to Weddington High School,

We are thrilled you're here and look forward to working with you! As you settle in we wish for you four years of connection, purpose, and intentionality. It is our hope you will step out of your comfort zone, take a risk, try something new, identify strengths and areas where you are on the verge of success...explore the many possibilities afforded to you as a Weddington High School student.

Know there is not a "right" number of Honors and/or AP classes to register for, no minimum number of clubs to join, no magic number of community service hours to accumulate.

Spend your time as a Warrior learning about who you are, what you stand for, and how you will grow to become a contributing member of society. Breathe deep, trust the process, and know our doors are always open. Let the journey begin!

All the best,

Your WHS School Counseling Team

School Counseling

Mrs. Janice Bowers

Registrar and School Counseling Secretary

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9th and 10th Grade Counselors

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*Last Names H-Q: Mrs. Jackie Washington (jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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Mr. Joseph Walker

Licensed Professional Counselor

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PTSO

Welcome Warriors!

The PTSO wants to warmly welcome you to the 2020/2021 school year. We know there are a lot of questions especially in an unusual time like this. Rest assured, this school is considering safety as a priority and full of families that are filled with Warrior pride.

The PTSO at Weddington High School provides opportunities to support staff, parents, and students. Volunteering looks a bit different at the moment, but we are hopeful to fill our activities with volunteers in the near future. Meanwhile, we will look for ways to be creative in this area. We serve as the liaison from the families to the faculty and staff, and visa versa. We join together in our goals to help achieve student success in an academic setting. There are many avenues to achieve this.

Look for information from your PTSO, and join us at:

- * www.whsptso.com;
- * any newsletter from the school;
- * follow us on FB @WHSPTSO or Instagram @whs_ptso
- * email us at w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com

Remember to re-link your Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon Smiles account to WHS so you can be giving money back all year long while shopping for your family.



Warm Regards,

2020/2021 PTSO Board

Amanda Fink, President

Sherri McGirt, Vice President

Charlotte Berry, Treasurer

Brandi Mervis and Clare Kennedy, Membership/Invest in Excellence

Kelly Newsome, Staff Appreciation

Amy Clark, Secretary

Sheri Geraghty, Senior Events Chair

Below you will see a form that you may print and return to school to become a WHS PTSO member or to purchase your Senior Events package if you were unable to until now.

PTSO Membership/Invest in Excellence
20/21 School Year



Membership: Membership money (along with money generated from Harris Teeter's VIC card program, Publix Reward Program, and AmazonSmile) are important for covering our expenses for staff appreciation, care & concern, graduation, scholarships, and operating expenses.

Invest in Excellence is a straightforward request for a tax-deductible donation. Your donation to Invest in Excellence includes a **\$25 membership** to the PTSO. Invested money is used to support academic needs at WHS. ****Ask your employer about a MATCHING gift program for charitable giving****

INVEST IN EXCELLENCE/MEMBERSHIP: (\$25.00 will go towards your PTSO membership for families, \$10 for WHS Staff)

_____ \$500.00

_____ \$300.00

_____ \$200.00

_____ \$100.00

_____ \$50.00

_____ \$ _____ donation/membership

SENIORS: One-Stop Shopping! Make your \$55 Senior Events donation along with your Invest in Excellence/Membership donation.

_____ \$55 (includes Warrior Sr. Sign, Senior T-shirt, Sr. Breakfasts/meals, and events during Senior Week)

_____ T-Shirt Size(s) (S, M, L, XL)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES I'm interested in:

_____ Donate food items/Gift Cards for Staff Treat days

_____ Help with staff luncheons

_____ Donate food items for New Student Luncheons

_____ Help with monthly Senior Meals

_____ Donate Senior Door Prizes

**Pay online by visiting www.whsptso.com We offer PayPal and Venmo; Venmo: @WHSPTSO*

**Pay by check: Payable to WHS PTSO (Mail form and money to WHS Att: PTSO
4901 Weddington Monroe Rd Matthews, NC 28104)*

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Email Address: Please print clearly) _____

Phone Number: _____

Student Name(s)/Grade:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!!!

PTSO Use Only: Check # _____ Online/CC _____ Date _____ Initials _____