



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>

Weekly School Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, August 25	8:00 AM	Cross Country (Providence Invitational) @ McAlpine
Monday, August 27	7:54 AM	Students Report to Homeroom
	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis @ Charlotte Latin (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men's Soccer vs. Porter Ridge (Home)
Tuesday, August 28	3:00 PM	Women's Golf @ Marvin Ridge (Firethorne CC)
	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis vs. Sun Valley (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball @ Parkwood (Away)
Wednesday, August 29	5:00 PM	JV/V Volleyball @ Fort Mill (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men's Soccer vs. Ashbrook (Home)
Thursday, August 30	4:30 PM	Women's Tennis vs. Charlotte Catholic (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Monroe (Home)
	6:30 PM	JV Football @ Porter Ridge (Away)
Friday, September 31	7:30 PM	V Football vs. Porter Ridge (Home)

Bell Schedule

Parents are reminded to have students at school prior to 7:54 a.m. so that all learners are in their respective classes and prepared for the start of the instructional day. Students who accrue excessive tardies run the risk of

violating the Student Code of Conduct and will receive the appropriate consequence as outlined in the student handbook. The bell schedule for the 2018-2019 school year is as follows:

*Morning Bell	7:54	
*Announcements	8:00-8:05	
*First Period	8:05-9:28	
*Warrior Block	9:33-10:03	
*Second Period	10:08-11:31	
*Third Period	11:36-1:25	
-First Lunch (Arts, CTE, EC, ROTC)		11:36-12:01
-Second Lunch (English, PE)		12:04-12:29
-Third Lunch (World Languages, Math)		12:32-12:57
-Fourth Lunch (Science, Social Studies)		1:00-1:25
*Fourth Period	1:30-2:53	
*Announcements	2:53-2:55	

Warrior Block

You may have noticed in the daily schedule listed earlier in this document that we will be implementing something called Warrior Block in the coming school year. This will be a period of time built into the school day when students can receive extra help from their teachers, complete late or missing assignments, and work with teachers to gain even deeper understanding of concepts that they've already mastered. Additionally, it will be an opportunity for students who meet certain qualifications to have a study hall during the day, meet with student club members, and even get some physical fitness during the school day.

Focus Areas with our WHS Students

As we embark on yet another school year, our students will be striving for strong grades in their courses, and we love that about our students. We certainly want to keep that reality in place, but we also ask all parents to join us in promoting and working to develop attributes in our students which are even more important to their current and future success. Those attributes are character, worth ethic, and the commitment to learn and grow each day. We strongly feel that if these are focus areas in our goals for our students, then we'll be providing a top notch learning environment while providing our students with lifelong gifts. If they've got high character, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to learning and growth, then the grades will indeed shake out as they should.

New Chromebooks

All UCPS high school students will be receiving new Chromebooks this school year. There will no longer be a UCPS technology fee for families for students as there has been in the past. Please instruct your child to leave the hard plastic cover on his/her machine, as if it is removed, the warranty will be voided, and families will become financially responsible for damage.

IdentiKid

A new visitor management system called IdentiKid is being used in all Union County Public Schools in the coming school year. In short, **any parent or other adult visitor who wishes to move beyond the main office on any day that school is in session will be required to have his or her driver's license scanned so that an immediate background check can be conducted.** This system is aimed at student safety, so we appreciate your patience with the extra minute or two that it may take you to move beyond our main office. In summary, please remember to bring your driver's license into the school with you when visiting at any time in which school is in session.

One to One Initiative

In the beginning of year student packets sent home with students, families were provided with a 1:1 Student/Parent Agreement form for students to receive a Chromebook. Some families picked up and completed this form at orientation. The form is also available on the WHS website in the Quick Links section. On September 4 and 5, students who have submitted their agreement forms may pick up their laptop devices from the media center. Students will be cued by last name during the instructional day on the closed circuit television system to pick up laptops in the media center. Students are reminded of the following:

- Do not put stickers of any kind on the Chromebook, and do not peel any labels off the Chromebook or charger. This includes student name labels and barcodes affixed by the school staff. The serial number of each piece of equipment can be traced back to each student, so they should never put on or take off a label or sticker.
- Students should bring their Chromebooks and chargers to school each day. There are not loaner chargers that students can borrow at school. Additionally, students are not guaranteed to get a loaner laptop should they leave their computers at home.
- Students will be required to pay for intentional damages to their Chromebook or damages which result from negligent behavior.
- If students should encounter problems with their Chromebooks, they may see our technology engineer, Ms. Tammy Douglas, before or after school or during their lunch. Ms. Douglas' office is adjacent to the media center, and she may be contacted at tammy.douglas@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Order Your Yearbook Now!

Yearbooks are currently on sale and students may place their order for this year's edition. You may simply visit www.jostens.com for more information (be sure to select Weddington High School as the school name), or contact our yearbook advisor with inquiries (sasha.freger@ucps.k12.nc.us). Orders will be taken through mid-November, so please don't miss out on this opportunity.

2018-2019 Green Machine Shirts

Green Machine shirts are currently being sold for the 2018-2019 school year. Students may purchase Green Machine shirts for \$10.

Senior Night

The Weddington High School Guidance Department is pleased to offer senior college planning night to all seniors. During this session, the guidance team will be offering information on the following:

- Naviance and the role it plays in college applications
- College matching and what is the best fit for each student
- Transcripts
- Scholarships
- FASFA
- Guest speaker about College and Career Promise

All counselors will be available to answer questions and share exciting news! Students AND Parents are encouraged to attend. Please come prepared to take notes. This session will occur on the evening of September 11 from 7:30 – approximately 9:00 in the WHS auditorium. This event is coupled with Meet the Teachers Night (details below).

Meet the Teachers Night / PTSO General Meeting

Please mark your calendar for this year's **Meet the Teachers Night**. The event will be held on Tuesday, ***September 11, at 6:00 p.m.*** The evening will begin in the auditorium with a message from Dr. Jones and will be followed by a brief PTSO general membership meeting. Parents will then be dismissed to go to their students' first-period classes and then follow their class schedules to meet their teachers. Representatives from the PTSO will be on hand to answer questions about their role at WHS and will have tables set up for:

- PTSO Membership (ONLY \$20)
- Spirit Wear
- Senior Events
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Staff Appreciation

Please consider showing your support for Weddington High School by joining the PTSO. The purpose of the PTSO is to provide support for educational needs and coordinate activities that benefit the students and staff of WHS. Great schools have strong parent and community involvement, and we want to provide the very best for our students.

***Please scroll down for further information.**



Our **ONLY** fundraiser!

Invest in Excellence

Invest in Excellence is the PTSTO's only fundraiser. It is a straightforward request for a tax-deductible donation in lieu of any third-party or social event fundraising.

Invest money is used to support academic needs at WHS. In the past, the generous donations from parents have enabled the school to purchase

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Invest in Excellence Disbursement of \$17,000.00

- Upgrading the lighting in the Auditorium - \$1,000.00
- English Department requests purchasing additional textbooks for Speech & Debate - \$500.00
- Upgrading the items for example tables and chairs - \$5,000.00
- Wall Murals around the inside of the building - \$6,000.00
- Writing Center for students -\$1,000.00
- Social Studies Department requests world flags, posters, videos.
- Partnered with the school towards the purchase of instructional technology (IXL & Nearpod)- \$10,000.00

Membership: We are combining our Invest in Excellence campaign with our membership drive. Your one-time donation to Invest in Excellence automatically includes a \$20 membership to the PTSTO. Membership monies (along with the money generated from Harris Teeter's VIC card and Publix) are important for covering our expenses for *staff appreciation, care & concern, outreach, graduation, operating expenses, and scholarships*. ("Senior Events" is self-supporting through donations from senior parents.)

It's easy! Simply complete the form in this newsletter and mail it in or drop it off at the PTSTO tables during the August open house. You may also Invest online at www.whsptso.com.

2018-2019 PTSTO BOARD

President: Torrie Newman
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Staff Appreciation: Trude Gretz,
 Amanda Fink

Senior Events



The Senior Events Committee provides breakfast several times during the school year. They also help out with student activities during senior week including the cakes for the banquet and lunch on awards day. Along with many more items to help make Senior Week a memorable event for them all! They work with the Student Counsel and Ms. LaLone to make this a successful week of events. This committee is fully funded by donations (\$35 per senior) from senior parents. Questions? Email: Peggy Rishe (pdrishe@yahoo.com) or Torrie Newman (torrie@newmansplace.com) The ever-popular *Home of a Senior Warrior* signs for parents' yards will be available at the August open house and are \$12! \$47 for the whole package for your senior!

Staff Appreciation

Treat Days twice a month (2nd & 4th plus the 5th Fridays), 4 staff luncheons, Thanksgiving pies, staff meeting snacks and holiday treats—it's how we show our administrators, teachers, and support staff our appreciation. Our Staff Appreciation Committee would love to add your name to its list of volunteers. Questions? Email: Trude Gretz (trudegretz@icloud.com) and Amanda Fink (agracefink@gmail.com)

RE-LINK!! Don't forget to relink your Harris Teeter VIC card! Harris Teeter has been extremely generous in supporting our schools throughout the years, but it requires that patrons RELINK their card each August 1st to the school of your choice. (You may link up to 5 schools.) Go to www.harristeeter.com and click TOGETHER IN EDUCATION (TIE)...or add WHS to your card the next time you visit your local Harris Teeter.



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We hear you! This is your page for "one stop shopping"! Complete the sections you want to, include cash or check made payable to WHS PTSO, and mail form to address below (or drop off form at PTSO tables during the August open house days).

INVEST IN EXCELLENCE/MEMBERSHIP*: (\$20 will be put towards Membership.)

_____ \$300 donation

_____ \$200 donation

_____ \$100 donation

_____ \$ 50 donation

_____ \$ _____

- Ask your employer about a matching gift program for charitable giving.

SENIOR EVENTS (for parents of seniors ONLY):

_____ \$35 donation to cover senior activities

_____ \$12 "Home of Senior Warrior" yard sign

_____ I would like to help with the monthly senior breakfasts.

_____ I would be willing to donate door prizes.

STAFF APPRECIATION:

_____ I would like to donate food items for staff treat days.

_____ I would like to help with the staff luncheons.

NEW STUDENT LUNCHEONS:

_____ I would like to donate food for New Student luncheons.

PTSO MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER:

_____ I would like to receive the monthly e-newsletter.

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

☐ I would like a receipt please.

Please make checks payable to
WHS PTSO
and mail form & money to:

Weddington High School
Attn: PTSO
4901 Weddington Monroe Road
Matthews, NC 28104

Or donate online at
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For PTSO Use Only:

Check Number: _____

Cash Received: _____

Date: _____ Initials: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Email Address (PLEASE print clearly) _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work/cell) _____

Student(s) Name: _____ Grade: 9th 10th 11th 12th

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