



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
Monday, September 2		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday, September 3	4:00 PM	Women’s Tennis @ Marvin Ridge (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Parkwood (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men’s Soccer @ Hickory Ridge (Away)
Wednesday, September 4		STUDENT CLUB INFORMATION DAY DURING LUNCHES
	4:00 PM	JV/V Volleyball @ Butler (Away)
	4:00 PM	Women’s Tennis @ Country Day (Away)
Thursday, September 5	4:30 PM	Women’s Tennis vs. Piedmont (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball @ Monroe (Away)
	6:30 PM	JV Football vs. South Meck (Home)
Friday, September 6		DISTRIBUTION OF ACADEMIC LETTERS AND BARS DURING LUNCHES
	7:00 PM	V Football @ South Meck (Away)
	TBD	Cross Country (Friday Night Lights) @ Redmon Park

Senior Family Information Night

Families of senior students should mark their calendars for a senior family information event which will occur on September 10 immediately after the Meet the Teacher event happening on the same evening. This information

session will include the following topics: the college application process, important deadlines, and key components of the college application process.

Meet the Teachers Night

Please mark your calendar for this year's **Meet the Teachers Night**. The event will be held on **Tuesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m.** The evening will begin in the auditorium with a message from Dr. Jones, and then parents will then be dismissed to go to their students' first-period classes and then follow their class schedules to meet their teachers.

Unauthorized Parking

For those of you who have students who drive to school, please remind your child that parking on campus may only occur in a designated spot in the student parking lot with a valid WHS parking permit sticker. If a student is parked in the teacher lot, visitor lot, stadium lot, or any other location on campus, the car will be booted (making it inoperable) until a parent is able to be contacted.

Student Drop-Off

Please be reminded that students who are dropped off or picked up at school may be dropped off or picked up in the front of the school only. The student parking lot, the staff parking lot, or any other location other than the car rider line in front of the school are not permitted to be utilized for student drop off and pick up.

College Admissions Reference Tool

Check out the informative college admissions reference tool at the following link: <http://bit.ly/NCcollegereqs>. The tool provides specific admissions standards and details for all of the UNC System schools.

Principals' Advisory Council

Our principal, Dr. Jones, will once again be utilizing a student advisory council this school year as a key communication tool with the student body. This group, which is made up of one female student and one male student from each grade level, is intended to provide Dr. Jones with feedback on critical issues impacting the student body and the school. Interested students should view the application process details on the main page of the WHS website and submit applications by September 13.

The School Counseling Summary

(News and Notes from the WHS Guidance Office)

Empowering students to identify purpose...Believing in the value of authentic engagement...Supporting a student centered, future focused framework...The WHS School Counseling team is excited for the 2019-2020 school year!

Welcome to *The School Counseling Summary*! A featured column of the Warrior Weekly highlighting happenings across the School Counseling landscape. Topics such as writing a college essay, mindfulness moments, one's academic journey, the college application process, resiliency, and many more will be discussed. Additionally, a menu of events will be introduced and spotlight features will pop-up from time to time.

This very first issue shines a spotlight on the newest member of the WHS School Counseling community, Mr. Quincy Smith. Mr. Smith, A South Carolinian, is a proud father who enjoys spending time with family, is eager to soak up the *Weddington way* and seeks to make a genuine connection with students at every opportunity. Mr. Smith is a foodie, snapping pics of interesting dishes and posting reviews brings him joy. A natural born athlete, Mr. Smith enjoys many different sports and is the coach of the Weddington Warrior JV basketball team. Stop in to see one of Mr. Smith's most proud possessions (hanging on his wall) and learn the story behind the framed gem!

The School Counseling department will work from an alphabet split this year. Each School Counselor will be responsible for the alphabet noted below. However, the counseling staff works collectively to with the student body as each student learns to uniquely thrive.

Student last names A-D: Ms. Mallika Rajan (mallika.rajan@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Student last names E-K: Mrs. Jackie Washington (jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Student last names L-P: Mrs. Tracy Reed (tracy.reed@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Student last names Q-S: Mr. Quincy Smith (quincy.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Student last names T-Z: Dr. Mary Jordan-Department Chairperson (mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Career Development Coordinator: Mrs. Anne Lee (anne.lee@ucps.k12.nc.us)

-Registrar/Guidance Secretary: Ms. Janice Bowers (janice.bowers@ucps.k12.nc.us)

While secondary to postsecondary support will continue, WHS School Counselors will work to emphasize social-emotional awareness and self-care. Operating from an open-door policy serves to break down appointment barriers and stigmas that may have once inhibited students from engagement. Parents and students alike are encouraged to reach out with comments, questions, concerns or to simply chat about the journey.

Mark your calendar for a special Senior Night presentation on September 10th! The college application process, important deadlines, and key components of the application will be discussed. More information to follow.

Stay tuned for next week's issue of *The School Counseling Summary* as **Coffee with Counselors** will be introduced! Until then...move forward and affect change!

Bus Transportation

Here Comes the Bus is an app which allows a user to view the real-time location of his or her bus on a smartphone, tablet or computer. The app also lists the student's drop-off and pick-up times and locations. The app is available from the App Store or Google Play, and the website is <https://herecomesthebus.com/>. The Union County Public Schools 5-digit code is 74436.

2019-2020 Green Machine Shirts

Green Machine shirts are currently being sold for the 2019-2020 school year. Students may purchase Green Machine shirts for \$10 through our media coordinator, Mrs. Anna Waldrup.

PTSO

THANK YOU to Parents and Staff that have joined the PTSO, thus far!

2019-2020 Invest in Excellence Campaign

Invest in Excellence is the PTSO'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.

Membership: Your donation to Invest in Excellence includes a \$25 membership to the PTSO. 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. ("Senior Events" is self-supporting through donations from senior parents.)

Please join by going to www.whsptso.com

WHAT DOES OUR PTSO DO?

To support students and staff in our school, we Advocate, Communicate, Educate, & Collaborate:

ADVOCATE: We support our families through events like Angel Tree, and our staff through Staff Appreciation and Invest and Excellence. We encourage our families to participate through volunteering, and listen to parent's and students ideas.

COMMUNICATE: We share important and timely information through our website and the school's electronic newsletter.

EDUCATE: We provide a scholarship for 1 or 2 Seniors to attend a community college of their choice. This is made possible by the donations in Membership and Invest in Excellence.

COLLABORATE: We provide direct support to teachers and other staff through our highly successful Invest in Excellence (\$22,000 raised and put back into Weddington High School from last year); utilize local vendors, work closely with all departments of our school, Support the Seniors to make their last year very memorable, and much more.

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Sept. 10th is the General Assembly and Meet the Teacher Night. Please join the PTSO membership online to pay by credit card. If you have not joined, please sign up on September 10, and be prepared to pay via cash or check. We look forward to a great year!