



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, September 1	9:00 AM	Cross Country @ Rock Hill Northwestern
Monday, September 3		No School – Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 4		Student Laptop Distribution
	3:00 PM	Women’s Golf @ Piedmont (Away)
	4:00 PM	Women’s Tennis vs. Marvin Ridge (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Sun Valley (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men’s Soccer @ Parkwood (Away)
Wednesday, September 5	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Providence (Home)
Thursday, September 6	4:00 PM	Women’s Tennis @ Piedmont (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Catholic (Away)
	6:30 PM	JV Football vs. East Meck (Home)
Friday, September 7	6:25 PM	Cross Country @ Redmon Park
	7:00 PM	V Football @ E. Meck (Away)

Tech Family Sessions

Attached to this Warrior Weekly email message is a flier detailing a special event at Weddington High School on September 19. The event is aimed at helping families to stay “tech healthy.” Please take a look at the attachment.

PowerSchool/Parent Portal Availability

Parent access to PowerSchool/Parent Portal, where parents can view the attendance information and grades of their children, will be available sometime around September 15. Once the state notifies that it's open and available, we will let parents know.

Student Agendas

Based on student feedback last year, we made the decision that we will not be distributing student agendas to all students. We've learned that a large percentage of our students were not using them. However, we have ordered a large number of student agendas for those who want them. Any student who desires a complimentary student agenda can visit assistant principal Mr. Grexa to get one.

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.

Graduation for Class of 2019

The graduation ceremony for the WHS Class of 2019 will be on Sunday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Winthrop University Coliseum.

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!

Visit us at www.whsptso.com

Invest in Excellence

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. In the past, the generous donations from parents have enabled the school to purchase

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 PTSO. 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 PTSO tables during the August open house. You may also Invest online at www.whsptso.com.

2018-2019 PTSO 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 Rische (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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I'M BUSY...MAKE THIS EASY FOR ME!

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
www.whsptso.com

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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