

# Warrior Weekly

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## Weddington High School



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## IN REMEMBRANCE: WE WILL NEVER FORGET



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Monday, September 13th:** Curriculum Night (see information below)

**Wednesday, September 16th:** No School. Optional Teacher Workday.

**Wednesday, September 22nd:** Early Release day (more details will be shared in next week's Warrior Weekly)

**Friday, September 24th :** School Forms should be completed in FamilyID. (see information below)

**Wednesday, September 28th:** Jostens at school during lunches for Cap and Gown orders (see information below)

**Thursday, September 30th:** Underclassman Picture Day

## CURRICULUM NIGHT REMINDER

This year's curriculum night will be held on Monday, September 13th, at 6:00 pm. All parents are asked to report directly to your child's first period class. The event will begin promptly at 6:00pm with first

period teachers showing a virtual message from Dr. Kraftson and the WHS PTSO. After the message from Dr. Kraftson and the PTSO, parents will then follow their child's schedule beginning with first period for a 12 minute presentation from the teacher. This will be an opportunity for teachers to provide an overview of their course content and class expectations. Please note that the teachers will not be available for parent/teacher conferences during this event. PARENTS...please be sure to take a picture of your child's schedule on your phone, and bring it to this event so that you are able to navigate his/her schedule.

## PLEASE JOIN OUR PTSO

### Don't Delay, Join Today!

Join your PTSO for only \$25 for a family membership. The PTSO provides support to teachers, parents, and students throughout the year with your membership and donations. Join and pay from the car line or your own home! Please see the PTSO section of this newsletter below for additional PTSO information and upcoming dates!

## TARDIES/UPDATED TARDY POLICY

It is extremely important that all students arrive at school on-time and are in the classroom when the morning bell rings. We experienced a very high level of tardies this week which resulted in numerous students missing crucial instructional time. We recognize that there continues to be a high level of traffic congestion in the areas surrounding the Weddington cluster schools. In an effort to alleviate some of our morning traffic congestion, **WHS will begin opening our doors to students at 7:15 each morning.** We continue to encourage students and parents to allow extra time getting to school in the morning in order to avoid being tardy for school. Students who are not in class by the morning late bell which rings at 8:10am will be considered tardy.

During the WHS Site Based Team meeting this past Wednesday, the team reviewed and approved an updated tardy policy for the 2021-2022 school year. A copy of the updated tardy policy is attached below. This policy has also been updated in the 2021-2022 WHS student handbook which is available on our website or by clicking [HERE](#).

Bus riders who are late due to their bus being delayed/late will not be marked tardy.



Updated Tardy Policy 9.8.21.pdf

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## DRESS CODE



Parents, we need your help. Although we have seen an improvement in students complying with the dress code, we are still continuing to have many students not following it. Since school started, students have been repeatedly reminded of the dress code and the importance of following it. The dress code was specifically addressed last week during our virtual grade level assemblies. Please take time to review the dress code with your child and reinforce the importance of them following it. The dress code is available in the student handbook which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). A copy of the dress code is also attached below. Thank you for your support with this.



Weddington High School Dress Code Policy.pdf

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## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL/TRANSPORTATION

We continue to encourage students and parents to allow extra time to get to school in the morning. We kindly ask that students are not dropped off or picked up in the student parking lot or in the bus lot. All student drop-offs in the morning and pick-ups at dismissal are to be done in the car rider line. We also ask that all cars continue to pull all the way down in the car rider line as directed by staff. This allows more students to access their rides at one time, thereby speeding up the pick-up process.

**Students are not to park in the church parking lot across from the school or on the streets in surrounding neighborhoods.** Our local neighborhoods have contacted the school asking that students not park on the streets in their neighborhood. Vehicles can be towed by the neighborhood at the owners expense.

## EARLY DISMISSAL AND ABSENCE NOTES

If you are picking up your students for an appointments, etc. , please be sure that you send a note with your student the morning of the appointment for them to give to Ms. Bowen, our attendance counselor. In doing so, they will get a ticket to be dismissed from class at the appropriate time. In holding our students accountable to this process, we can protect class time.

In accordance with the UCPS Attendance Policy, missing 15 minutes or more of a class period is an absence.

**We are currently experience a high volume of absence notes. Our staff is entering those notes as quickly as possible. Please be aware that the excused absence may take a few days to be reflected in PowerSchool. We appreciate your patience and understanding.**

## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP MODULES

## All students must complete!

As a school, we currently have 55% (1033 students) of our total student population who have completed the Digital Citizenship required modules through Canvas. Students who have not already done so are asked to please go to the student start up page, click on the button labeled Digital Citizenship, and then choose their appropriate grade. Students must complete all four modules and receive the certification at the end. **Please remember that all students are to complete this by September 24th**



## FALL PLAY AUDITIONS



Auditions for the fall play will take place next Tuesday, September 14th and Wednesday, September 15th in the Auditorium from 3:15pm - 5:00pm. Please contact Mrs. Moore if you have any questions via email ([maria.moore@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:maria.moore@ucps.k12.nc.us)) or by calling the school.

## Yearbooks for the 2021-2022 School Year on sale NOW

Yearbooks are now on sale for the 2021-2022. Purchase your yearbook now at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) to get the lowest price of the year along with free personalization.

### Senior Recognition Ads for the Yearbook

Senior parents can now create a special ad celebrating their senior's milestones and successes. Ads are created by the parents directly through Jostens using the following link:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1163950/Weddington-High-School/>

Purchase by October 11th to receive the lowest price of the year. Attached below is a pricing flyer and a Quick Start Guide to help parents get started.



 Yearbook Ad Instructions L...

[drive.google.com](https://drive.google.com)

**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!**

QUANTITY	1/4" x 1/4"	1/2" x 1/2"	1" x 1"
Full Page	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$800.00
1/2 Page	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$400.00
1/4 Page	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$200.00

**EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE!**  
 \*Credit card payment plan available for orders of \$250 or more.

**IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at [www.juniataadvertising.com](http://www.juniataadvertising.com)**  
 1. Choose your ad size and layout.  
 2. Submit your text and upload your photos.

**Properly Advised Questions:**  
 How can the ad please be submitted and what is the deadline date?  
 All orders are due by 11:59pm on the deadline date. The newspaper has the right to reject any ad that is not submitted on time.

## BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

We are utilizing the convenience of online form completion through FamilyID for required back to school forms! FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to complete forms, and helps us to be more administratively efficient. When you register through Family ID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs.

### [Weddington High School FamilyID](#)

The due date to complete all required school forms is Friday, September 24th by 11:59pm.

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### Meet WHS's School Counselor: Mallika Rajan

**Counselor:** Mallika Rajan, M.S.

**Caseload:** A-C

**Hometown:** Edison, New Jersey

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Comparative Literature from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Master of Arts in Counseling from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte

**Favorite Activity in Charlotte:** Grabbing dinner and attending an open-mic or trivia night!

**Favorite Charlotte Restaurant:** Cabo Fish Taco

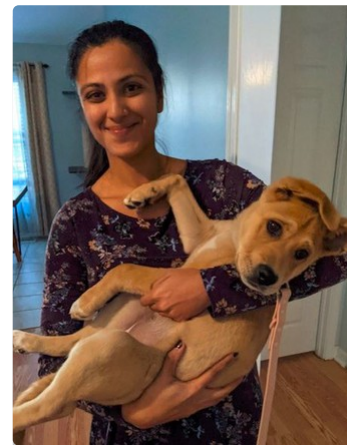
**Favorite Weddington Tradition:** The pep rallies! My high school wasn't big on school spirit; it's so fun to be part of a school that bleeds it!

**Best Thing about Weddington:** The people – everyone on staff works with such gratitude to be part of this team. It makes the energy so positive and productive- even on difficult days J

**Hobbies/Interests:** Spending time with my family (including two perfect cat children), running, eating tacos

**Best piece of advice for prospective students:** Trust what you know about yourself—guaranteed it's more than you realize and will get you further than you expect

**Random/fun fact about you:** I'm a certified group fitness instructor! Pre-COVID you could find me teaching strength and cardio classes in gyms around the area (once, a significant portion of our track team showed up in one of my classes. It was weird and wonderful)



### **School Counseling Canvas**

Can be found on the schoolwide Canvas page.

### **Coffee with Counselors**

School Counselors are thrilled to bring back Coffee with Counselors! Our monthly (open) conversations will be hosted on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00am. However, this month Cw/C will be on September 23, in person, in the Counseling Commons. Please use this link to sign up, <https://forms.gle/qyQRDrLX49Vcuo2DA> We look forward to chatting with you!

### **Newcomers Lunch**

The very first newcomers lunch will be held during all lunches September 23. Invitations and a link to RSVP will be emailed to all "new to WHS cluster" students during the week of September 13th.

### **Scoir <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7558>**

Please reference the Scoir folder in the School Counseling Canvas page for a menu of detailed information and videos around setting up an account, downloading the app., viewing the calendar, etc.

### **Secrets of Paying for College**

Monday September 27th

6:30-8:30

Register here! <https://www.thecollegefundingcoach.org/class/weddington-high-school-3/>

- SEE FLYER BELOW

We are excited to announce Weddington High School and Marvin High School will be co-hosting a free webinar with **The College Funding Coach®** on **September 27th at 6:30pm**. This virtual event is for any family wanting to learn how to pay for college (designed for families with students in grades K – 12).

*The College Funding Coach®* was founded in 2002 to help families better understand the complexities of paying for college and how to make higher education more affordable. Since that time, *The College Funding Coach®* team has been on a mission to help families save on the high cost of higher education. They have established an approach that helps parents understand the college funding process, reduce their out-of-pocket expenses, and balance the challenge of saving for college and retirement simultaneously.

This is a free educational event. Please register by clicking below, or you can use the link found in the flyer below.

**Link to Register:** <https://www.thecollegefundingcoach.org/class/weddington-high-school-3/>

**Senior Conferences** are in full swing!

Email your counselor today to set up an apt. to discuss college essays, applications, Scoir, Common App, Coalition, and much more!

### **School Counselor Caseload Assignments**

Student last name beginning with: A-C

Ms. Mallika Rajan: [mallika.rajana@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mallika.rajana@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Student last name beginning with: D-H

Ms. Rebecca Wiles: [rebecca.wiles@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:rebecca.wiles@ucps.k12.nc.us)



Student last name beginning with: I-M

Mrs. Jackie Washington: [jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Student last name beginning with: N-R

Ms. Shelby Allen: [shelby.allen@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:shelby.allen@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Student last name beginning with: S-Z

Dr. Mary Jordan: [mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us)



 CFC Webinar Flyer.pdf

[drive.google.com](https://drive.google.com)

## SENIOR CAP AND GOWNS



# Weddington High School Class of 2022 Cap & Gown **ORDERS!**

Jostens mailed home a packet that includes ALL of the information that you will need to order your cap & gown, graduation announcements, senior clothing & 2022 keepsakes. It is important that Seniors and Parents review this packet together. You may order online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or by scanning the QR Code below.



# Weddington Order Day!



Date: **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: During Lunches  
Place: At School

**Minimum \$60<sup>00</sup> Deposit**  
(Cash, Check, ALL major Credit Cards accepted.)  
Orders less than \$60 must be paid in full.

## Graduation Ordering Process – It's easy to order!

### GRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS & SENIOR CLOTHING ORDER FORM

**IMPORTANT:** If you plan on sending out the TRADITIONAL School Graduation Announcements to family and friends, you **MUST** pre-order them **NOW!** (These are specifically designed by your school.)

- Complete the top of the form with your personal information. Please print clearly!
- Decide which Announcement Package best suits your needs.
- **REMEMBER:** If you are not ordering a package, you can order items individually. Graduation Announcements DO NOT include the Name Cards. (Name Cards must be ordered separately.)

**CAP/GOWN ORDER \$33.<sup>95</sup>** plus s/h & tax (includes cap/gown/tassel):

- Be sure to include your height/weight. No measuring necessary.

**BRING YOUR ORDER FORMS AND YOUR DEPOSIT ON THE DATES LISTED ABOVE.**

- **Deposit of \$60.00 is required.** Credit card, cash, money order or personal checks are accepted. (Orders less than \$60 must be paid in full.)

### Easy Payments

Invoices will be mailed within 3-4 weeks from order date.

Payments are interest free and you decide how much you want to pay monthly.

**Final Balances due in full by Feb. 1, 2022.**



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*Jostens*

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## SENIOR PARKING SPOT CHALKING EVENT

The event will be on **Saturday, September 18th from 8 am until 11 am**. The event will include breakfast, outdoor games, music, yearbook signing, and chalking your parking spot in the student lot (design approval required). This event is for Seniors only.

There will be a \$10 fee to participate in the event which can be paid through online school payments which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). Payment is due by Friday, September 10th. This is a senior student government sponsored event, and all proceeds will go towards this year's Senior Week events.

Additional details regarding the event including requirements for participating can be found in the document linked below.

A rain date will be provided if needed.



## SENIOR PORTRAIT SESSION INFORMATION

Weddington High School is excited to announce that we will be working with CADY Studios this year. All senior portrait sessions will be held at their studio and not at the school as in the past. There are several portrait options that families can choose. The \$30 session is the most basic senior session offered and includes yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, choice of a casual scene photo. **Senior families can now book your sessions through December 14th.**

To book your studio experience, please go to [www.cady.com/schedule](http://www.cady.com/schedule) or call the studio at the phone number below. If you do not schedule a studio session, then we will have a makeup day on December 15th for seniors at school. However, this session will only include the yearbook photo.

Please contact Anna Waldrup if you have any questions via email at [anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us).

CADY Studios address and phone number.

2201 Crownpoint Executive Dr., Suite E

Charlotte, NC 28227

704-859-0737

## GREEN MACHINE APPAREL SALE

### WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL APPAREL SALE

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, WE HAVE OPENED THE SITE BACK UP FOR A 2ND SALE! THIS ORDER WILL ARRIVE IN MID OCTOBER!**

Place your order at <https://stores.inksoft.com/wed015>

Sale ends: Sunday, September 26, 2021

Order your Green Machine apparel now by clicking [HERE](#). See the attached flyer below for more information.



Green Machine Apparel Flyer.pdf



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## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



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A F T E R





Way to go Warriors! Back to Back NCHSAA 3A Wells Fargo Cup Recipients! This award recognizes the high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performance within each of the state's four competitive classifications.

To read more: <https://www.nchsaa.org/news/2021-9-3/2020-2021-wells-fargo-state-cup-winners-recognized>

For up to date athletic information, please visit: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/weddington>

To purchase game tickets, please visit: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/weddingtontickets>

To view game schedules: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/weddingtonschedules>

**Questions about Athletics? Please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Hart, via email [michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us) or by calling the school.**

[Coaches Directory](#)

[Eligibility Website](#)

**Can't Attend Live? Watch it Live Instead!**

Click [here](#) to learn more about our live stream partnership with the NFHS Network! Volleyball, wrestling, basketball, football, soccer and lacrosse will all be live streamed!



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Weddington, NC 28104

**W  
PUMP  
#5**

The Weddington High School Athletic Booster club is excited to partner with Brewer Hendley Oil Company! Be sure to stop by pump #5 at the Shell Gas Station at Weddington Corners (Providence & 84)! 1 cent per gallon pumped on pump #5 will be donated to the WHSABC through September!

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTO



## WHS PTSO welcome General 21/22



### 20 Years of remembering 9/11:

As we remember this 20 year anniversary of 9/11; I hope we will hold onto 2 quotes in particular: The first talks about time passing, yet not forgetting. Quite literally this was more than a life time ago for our children.

*"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children."* – George W. Bush

The second from the wife of one of the Pilots of Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania:

*"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."* –  
Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl

You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way! Go to [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com) and join your PTSO.

You will create an account, verify your email address and then explore ALL of the opportunities for your involvement. In addition to your Membership we have Invest in Excellence (giving above and beyond without any fundraising), Volunteer Opportunities, linking up to our donation partners such as Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon Smiles, a calendar, and more!!

### Grade Leaders:

12th grade is in the lead!!! We are a school of over 1,800 students. We have a lot of families! IF your family has kids in multiple grades we give credit to each grade your 1 PTSO membership represents. I know we can do better than the percentages below. In the last 3 years your PTSO has provided: technology in the classroom, new tables outside for safe and comfortable eating, new software to aid in education, assistance with the outings and life experiences for our TTA classrooms, student

scholarships, many meals and gift cards, Angel Tree, teacher mini-grant opportunities, and more! Please, consider becoming a member for the low cost of \$25 so we can continue to provide the #weddingtonway of giving and nurturing our environment.

Here are our current standings:

9th Grade: 9.2%

10th Grade: 10.8%

11th Grade: 6.2%

12th Grade: 25.3%

**\*\*Total for school: 11.7% memberships\*\***

**Senior Events:**

9/17/21 Senior Breakfast is scheduled for Friday September 17th for each Senior who purchased a Senior Package! FruttaBowls, Bagels, and Yogurt. 7:30a in the Media Center.

9/18/21 8a-11a, \$10 fee *School sponsored* Seniors Chalk your Spot (see information from school)

**September Happenings:**

9/10/21 Staff Breakfast

9/13/21 General Assembly/Curriculum Night

9/17/21 Senior Breakfast

9/23/21 Coffee with Counselors

9/24/21 Staff Breakfast

9/24/21 Teacher mini-grant submissions due

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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.







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