



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, January 11	8:00 AM 3:00 PM	Wrestling @ Piedmont Duals (Away) Swimming and Diving vs. Piedmont (@MAC-Latin)
Monday, January 13 – Thursday, January 16		FINAL EXAMS FOR SEMESTER 1
Tuesday, January 14	3:00 PM	College App Lab
Wednesday, January 15	3:00 PM	College App Lab
Thursday, January 16	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Coffee with Counselors Wrestling @ Catholic (Away)
Friday, January 17	4:00 PM 7:30 PM	JV and V Basketball vs. Piedmont (Home) Swimming and Diving vs. Parkwood and Piedmont (@Wingate)
Saturday, January 18	TBA TBA TBA	JV Wrestling-@ Lake Norman (Away) V Wrestling @Kings Mountain (Away) Swimming and Diving-Lincoln Invitational (@Huntersville A.C.)

Attendance Recovery

Union County Public Schools policy dictates that any high school student who misses more than seven class sessions for a semester long class may be required to attendance recovery in order to pass the class and receive credit for it. Students who owe attendance recovery prior to the end of this first semester have been contacted.

Attendance recovery must be completed within the timeframe of dates listed below. Questions are to be directed to our WHS attendance counselor, Mrs. Glenna Bowen (glenna.bowen@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Remaining Attendance Recovery Dates in the Media Center

Fri., Jan. 10, 3:00-4:30 and 4:30-6:00

Sat., Jan. 11, 8:00-9:30, 9:30-11, 11:00-12:30, 12:30-2:00, 2:00-3:30

Student Accomplishments

Congratulations to Anna Brown, Olivia Andrew, Emma Hailey, and Emma Brimigion for being accepted as candidates in the Lukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) 2020 Students of the Year campaign. These young ladies were each nominated by the LLS Board of Trustees and a WHS staff member for their amazing leadership, passion to find a cure for blood cancers, and involvement in the community. Well done, ladies...you make us proud!

Congratulations to 11th grader Will Shipley who recently received two prestigious recognitions. Will was named the Gatorade North Carolina Football Player of the Year. This award reflects not only Will's prowess on the football field, but it is based on his strong academic performance and commitment to community service. Will also was tabbed as a first teamer on the MaxPreps Junior All American team. Way to go, Will!

School Counselor Accessibility

WHS students were recently reminded that their school counselors are available and eager to assist and support them with any academic, social, emotional needs that they may have. Students can always drop by the school counseling office to access a counselor, but they were also reminded that our counselors are consistently out and about in the school (hallways, cafeteria, etc.) during arrival time, lunchtime, and dismissal time. Please encourage your child to access one of our counselors if/when he/she has a need. Again, our school counselors are here to support the WHS journey of your child, and they are passionate about that mission.

Final Exam Schedule, Procedures, and Expectations

Final exams for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year will occur during the week of January 13. Attached to this Warrior Weekly email message is an important document which provides the final exam schedule, procedures, and expectations.

Exam Week Review and Dismissal Procedures

All students are strongly encouraged to attend exam review sessions next week (Monday-review for period 2; Tuesday-review for period 3; Wednesday-review for period 4). Students who currently have an overall grade of A or B for the class are exempt from the review session if they choose. These students will be permitted to leave school at 12:30 p.m. on those review days. If a student is exempt and chooses to leave campus at 12:30, an early dismissal note signed by a parent must be turned into the main office at morning arrival time (prior to exam administrations). Please note that a parent may write a note covering early dismissal for more than one exemption day. **We implore parents to support the academic success of your child by ensuring that he/she attends all required exam review session.**

Schedule Change Requests

The process for students to request schedule changes for the second semester opens at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10. The link to the schedule change request form and accompanying details about the process will be available under the Announcements tab of the WHS website. Additionally, there will be an informational PowerPoint available which provides details about the schedule change request process. Questions about this process may be directed to our school counselors.

Outstanding Fees

Please note that any student with any outstanding financial obligations (library books, laptop fees, etc.) or negative lunch balances will be impacted by restrictions on participation in special student events such as the Sadie Hawkins dance, Prom, and commencement exercises. Questions about lunch balances may be directed to our WHS Child Nutrition manager, Anne Watson, and lunch balances are to be paid in the cafeteria or through a student's online account. Questions about all other fees should be directed to our WHS bookkeeper, Tina Starnes, and such fees other than negative lunch balances should be paid through Mrs. Starnes.

Revised Tardy Policy

Students were recently informed of some revisions to the WHS student tardy policy. Beginning on January 22, 2020, student tardies may impact a student's ability to obtain a parking pass for the 2020-2021 school year. Some details of the policy include the following:

- *4 or more tardies will delay the student's sign-up time for a parking permit for the following school year.

- *8 or more tardies will result in the student not being able to obtain a parking permit in the 2020-2021 School year.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring that your child gets to school on time each day. We strongly believe that this is important not only so that your child is present for all academic instruction, but more importantly, so that your child is developing strong habits of dependability for college, career, and life.

Parent Feedback on Naviance Desired

Union County Public Schools has collaborated with Hanover Research to conduct systematic and ongoing research in the form of program evaluations. These program evaluations will guide decision-making, provide a foundation upon which to develop and share best practices, and support program sustainability. The next program that UCPS has asked Hanover Research to evaluate is the use of the **Naviance** application at our middle and high schools. As a part of this collaboration, Hanover Research launched a survey on January 7, 2020 to gather as much stakeholder feedback as possible. The survey is scheduled to close on January 21, 2020. Please access the survey via the link below and/or via our school's website under the announcements tab.

<https://tinyurl.com/vg2rgwq>

UCPS Influencers

On December 2, Union County Public Schools launched the new **Influencer Awards Program**, the new employee recognition program, to honor district employees who make an impact on the lives of others. Anyone from any stakeholder group can nominate an employee for this award. Nominations will be ongoing. Each month, the committee will select two employees from those nominated to receive the "Influencer Award." Significant nominations may be carried from one month to the next. Nominations can be made at <https://ucpsinfluencers.com/>. Winners will be recognized by the Board of Education during the regular monthly

meeting. In addition, the award recipients will get to meet the person who nominated them for their contributions.

Senior Recognition Ads

Senior recognition ads for the yearbook are on sale now! You can order online at <http://www.jostensadservice.com/> until 1/20.

PTSO NEWS

Happy New Year!

“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

January Happenings:

Friday Staff Treats	January 10th
Exam Week	January 13th- 17th
NO School	January 20th and 21st
Friday Staff Treats	January 24 th

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INVEST IN EXCELLENCE:

Look for information coming in this month on how you can help us INVEST in a Safe, Collaborative, and Meaningful educational space for your child.

Reminder: **No Senior Breakfast in January! Senior Families: you can still participate in donating \$35.00 for remaining breakfasts and Senior Week! Every dollar donated goes directly back into the Senior class helping them have a memorable final year at Weddington High School. Go to www.whsptso.com*

