



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>

Themes through May 15

As we've all learned, Governor Roy Cooper has closed North Carolina Public School through May 15, 2020. During this time, we will all be faced with many adjustments, questions, frustrations, decisions, challenges, and perhaps even some blessings. During this time, we ask all WHS stakeholders to commit to operating by two cultural principles: *patience and constructive input*. The faculty and staff will operate by these ideals, and we also ask all WHS students and parents to operate by them, as well. We must commit to **patience** because so many decisions are being made on a daily basis related to issues which have never previously been faced. There's just no blueprint for all of this. We must commit to **constructive input** because we will certainly benefit from understanding the perspective and opinions of our stakeholders, particularly if they are framed and expressed in a constructive manner.

UCPS Academic Plan

Please take note of the following important points regarding the Union County Public Schools plan for remote/digital teaching-and-learning:

- The first day of new learning/instruction for UCPS high schools will be next Monday, May 30.
- On Thursday and Friday of this week, WHS teachers will be participating in required professional development with a focus on teaching in a virtual environment.

-Teaching-and-learning will consist of newly learned material and concepts, not just review of previously learned material.

-We will share more detailed information later this week regarding teaching-and learning days and times, grades, attendance, meeting the needs of students with IEP's, 504's, and other specialized plans, and more.

-For the remainder of this week, students are encouraged to continue to access optional review material through the UCPS EmpowerED Family Portal: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/2917> and/or review material and resources which you've provided.

-A student technology help/support hotline will be in operation soon. Details are forthcoming.

WHS Grounds and Athletic Complex Access

Attention Warriors and Weddington community members! While all North Carolina public schools are closed through May 15, *our athletic complex is also completely closed. At no time should students or community members be using any part of the facility or be on the grounds of WHS.* UCPS Building Services and local law enforcement will continue to monitor the complex at this time because it is important to keep our campus safe and well cared for at all times.

Course Registration for 2020-2021 School Year

Any student currently in Grades 8-11 who has not entered his/her 2020-2021 course requests in PowerSchool is asked to do so as soon as possible. Most of our students have completed this critical task, but if it has not yet been done, a student runs the risk of not having a complete and/or desired schedule for the 2020-2021 school year.

May 15 and Beyond

While we all know that any of the following information could change due to the fluid nature of the coronavirus pandemic, the plan at this moment in time is to move forward with WHS events which occur after May 15 as planned (Prom, Senior Week, Academic Singing Day, graduation, etc.). This is all contingent upon schools opening back up after May 15 as is the plan at this point.

Be Inspired!

The BSN Sports-Varsity Brands Believe In You series features the BSN national brand ambassador, Kevin Atlas - <https://www.varsitybrands.com/believe-in-you>.

Kevin is widely known across the country as the first person with one arm to earn a Division I basketball scholarship. He's traveled the world with a dynamic message of inclusion, acceptance and connection that has inspired millions!

There are 2 full seasons within the series that are full of inspiring stories, designed to educate students and adults like about the incredible power of believing in oneself, despite the challenges and trials that life may present. This is especially powerful given the challenges we are currently facing as a community, nation, and world.