



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, November 12		VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 13	6:30 PM	Community Forum on Vaping (WHS auditorium)
Wednesday, November 14		CLUB EXPO DURING LUNCHES
	3:30 PM	Athletic Signing Day
Saturday, November 17	8:30 AM	Home Wrestling Meet (Weddington Duals)

School Safety and Security

Please take note of the following points of importance related to school safety and security at Weddington High School:

-Our school resource officer (Deputy Chris Bryum) and our school principal (Dr. Jay Jones) discuss school safety and security every day that school is in session. Nothing is of a higher priority for this team. Any information about safety and security which is brought to their attention is treated with seriousness and urgency.

-We encourage students to report any concerns or information related to student safety and security to a school administrator or our school resource officer. Please join us in reminding your child of this expectation.

-In conjunction with our school resource officer, our school administration will communicate with parents if we ever believe that the safety and security of our students is at risk. This does not mean that we will initiate communication about every report or rumor that comes to our attention. However, any report that comes to

our attention will indeed be investigated collaboratively by the school resource officer and school administration.

-The state of North Carolina requires its public schools to conduct one lockdown drill per year (one each semester). However, like last school year, we will conduct at least three lockdown drills this school year. We have already conducted one earlier this school year.

-In emergency situations with an immediate threat to safety, the state of North Carolina and local law enforcement encourage individuals to make one of three choices: Run, Hide, or Fight. Those three choices are in order of preferred progression. If a student can remove himself/herself from the area, then he/she should run away from it. After running, the individual should find a place to hide from the dangerous situation. As a last resort, if the individual is unable to get away from the situation, then he/she is encouraged to fight to preserve safety.

-All exterior doors at Weddington High School remain locked at all times during the school day. Visitors to the school are required to enter through the main office where a visitor management system conducts a background check if/when visitors proceed beyond the front office.

-On some days, you may see multiple law enforcement vehicles in our parking lots. The presence of multiple officers does not always reflect that there is some sort of emergency or threat to safety. On most occasions, the presence of multiple officers reflects the proactive nature of their work. Whether it's strategizing about potential situations, assessing the building and grounds for security measures, or utilizing the drug dog to monitor vehicles and/or student possessions, the officers are continuously collaborating and discussing their teamwork to keep our school safe. The school happens to be the gathering spot for these conversations so that Deputy Byrum may remain on campus.

WHS JROTC Drill Team

Congratulations to our Weddington High School JROTC drill team for earning some well-deserved awards at the UNCC JROTC drill meet on November 3. Our Warriors earned the following: 1st overall, 1st unarmed individual, 1st first year squad, 2nd platoon armed, 2nd platoon unarmed, 2nd squad unarmed, 3rd color guard, and 3rd squad armed. These awards are a reflection of hard work and a commitment to excellence. Well done, JROTC!

Public Forum on Teenage Vaping

Weddington High School is pleased to invite all community members to a public forum and panel discussion on the issue of teenage vaping. This vaping issue is one of which we all must be aware for the safety and wellbeing of our young people. On the evening of **November 13 at 6:30 p.m.**, Weddington High School will host a panel discussion and Q and A session with a diverse group of stakeholders including a Union County sheriff's deputy, a school administrator, a parent of a current high school student, a college student, a child mental health professional, and a pediatrician. This group will share information insights into the issue of vaping and ways that we as a community can combat this dangerous activity. Please use the following link to submit your questions and concerns about vaping so that our panel discussion can be tailored to these questions and concerns of our audience: <https://goo.gl/forms/VmpJ54DC3gZutW1z1>.

Please be on the lookout for further information about this event via social media, eblast, and our school website.

Staff Appreciation

Gathering of the Pies! Gathering of the Pies!

Monday, November 19th and 20th

The PTSO Staff Appreciation Committee is asking for parents' help with the annual "Gathering of the Pies". Each year, we love to give each staff member at Weddington High School the gift of a pie to take home and enjoy with family and friends. It is our way of saying, "Thank you for the awesome job you do!" This includes teachers, administrators, office staff, bus drivers, traffic directors, as well as custodial and cafeteria support staff—for a total of 133 pies! Please sign up to help out!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-thanksgiving3>

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.

Senior Breakfast

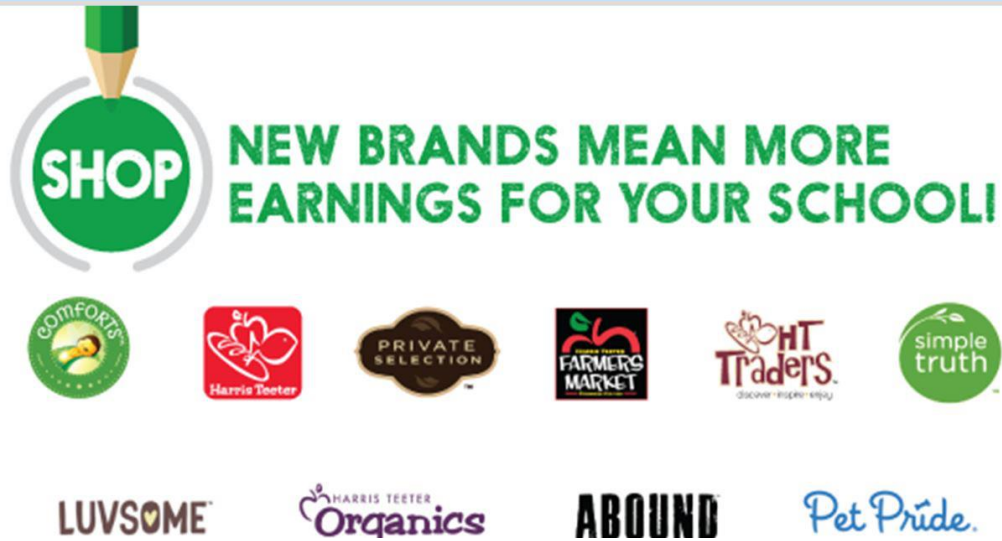
The next senior breakfast will be on Friday, November 16th beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the media center. All seniors are invited to this free breakfast where McDonald's breakfast sandwiches and hash browns, along with muffins, granola bars, yogurt, and fruit will be served. We'll raffle off gift cards, too, because we are thankful for the Class of 2019!

Parents of senior Warriors...there is still time to donate to the PTSO Senior Events. We have lots of great things planned to celebrate the Class of 2019, and we rely on voluntary parent contributions for the senior initiative. To contribute, visit: whsptso.com.

***Please scroll down for further information.**

Benefit our School When You Grocery Shop

When you shop at Harris Teeter, purchases of the brands below will help WHS!



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Our **ONLY** fundraiser!

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

Visit us at www.whsptso.com

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

Vice President: Ashley Bhargava

Treasurer: Sherri McGirt

Secretary: Amanda Fink

Invest in Excellence & Membership:

Staff Appreciation: Amanda Fink, Kelley Cobb

Senior Events: Peggy Rishe, Torrie Newman + awesome volunteers

Questions? Email Torrie at Torrie@newmansplace.com



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 Rishe (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: 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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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 _____ received _____ prepaid

_____ 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: _____

Online / CC: _____

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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