



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 |
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| Monday, October 14 | 4:30 PM | Men's JV/V Soccer vs. Monroe (Home) |
| Tuesday, October 15 | 12:00 PM | Women's Golf: Conference Tournament (@ Emerald Lake) |
| | 4:00 PM | Cross Country Home Meet |
| | 4:30 PM | JV/V Volleyball @ Piedmont (Away) |
| Wednesday, October 16 | | PSAT (All Grade 10, select Grade 9 and Grade 11) Report Card Distribution |
| | 4:30 PM | Men's JV/V Soccer vs. Sun Valley (Home) |
| Thursday, October 17 | | UNDERCLASSMEN MAKE-UP PICTURES |
| | 10:00 AM | Coffee with Counselors |
| | 4:30 PM | Men's JV/V Soccer vs. Piedmont (Home) |
| | 4:30 PM | JV/V Volleyball @ Cuthbertson (Away) |
| | 6:30 PM | JV Football @ Parkwood (Away) |
| Friday, October 18 | | FALL BLOOD DRIVE |
| | 7:30 PM | Varsity Football vs. Parkwood (Home) |

School Safety Fact of the Week

Our school resource officer (Deputy Chris Byrum) and principal (Dr. Jay Jones) have dialogue each morning that school is in session to discuss any tips, reports, or other information related to school safety and security which came to the attention of either one of them during the prior evening. These conversations keep them on the same page and allow them to take collaborative, proactive action as needed each day in order to keep our students, staff, and visitors safe.

WHS Accomplishments

Congratulations to our WHS Band for their recent outstanding performance at local competitions!

Mount Pleasant Showcase of Bands: Class 4A 2nd Place Percussion, Class 4A 2nd Place Colorguard, Class 4A 2nd Place Drum Major (Maggie Boyd)

Forestview Jaguar Classic: 1st Place Colorguard in Class 4A (3rd overall for the entire competition); the band was 5th overall for the entire competition (16 bands total)!

THEATRE

Congratulations to our WHS students who have earned induction in the International Thespian Society (ITS), the honor society for secondary school theatre students. These students, under the direction of Mrs. Maria Moore, are to be commended for this distinction which results from hard work, dedication, enthusiasm, and cultivated talent: Emma Cressman, Jackie Doyle, Sarah Grimes, Anna Hallmark, Mary Jane Higbee, Kip Parker, Anna Caitlin Smith, Sarah Weber, Zachary Bestwick, Fiona Boyd, Madison Fionda, Ayden Fisher, Katie Griffin, William Martin, Campbell Norford, Kennedy Parker, Colin Pendegrast, Mirabella Petruzzi, Abigail Pfizenmaier, Kaleb Dufrene, Cecily Hicks, Trevor Moore, and Ariana Schilder.

Albert for AP Success and ACT/SAT Success

This year, our district administrators have purchased Albert, a formative assessment tool that covers math, social studies, science, English, AP and ACT/SAT prep. Albert allows teachers to customize students' learning experiences to fit their needs and interests to always stay motivated and engaged. The question formats provide learners with multiple ways to learn and make the content come alive. Feedback is immediate. The detailed explanations let learners address misconceptions and build context as they practice. Albert is providing students with personalized learning experiences in core academic areas while providing educators with actionable data across skills and students. To learn more, ask your child or your child's teacher(s) about Albert.

Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Science teacher Mrs. Tiffany Manley who was recently selected as the Weddington High School teacher of the year. Mrs. Manley, who was selected through a rigorous process of nominations, voting, observations, and interviews, is very deserving of this award. On a daily basis, she brings passion and purpose to her work with students, and she shows that she cares deeply not only about instilling in students Biology knowledge and skills, but perhaps more importantly, knowledge and skills of life like hard work, teamwork, enthusiasm, and determination. We are so proud of Mrs. Manly, and we wish her the very best in the district-level teacher of the year selection process.

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

Our regional representative from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) will be at WHS next **Monday, October 14th** to share information about residential and summer learning possibilities. She will discuss eligibility, program specifics, the enrollment process, and more! Interested students and families are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will be next Monday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

You can find more information about NCSSM at <https://www.ncssm.edu/>

The School Counseling Summary

(News and Notes from the WHS Guidance Office)

Union County College Fair

Weddington High School was well represented on the Wingate University campus this past Sunday as students and parents attended the Union County College Fair. Students were excited about the opportunity to have conversations with admissions counselors and came prepared ready to do so. Sharing a strong handshake and unwavering eye contact, our Warriors visited numerous tables with confidence and pride. Questions about admissions requirements, scholarship eligibility, and most popular majors were asked and answered. Pictures have been posted on Dr. Jordan's Twitter account, @MaryJordanEdD

Transcript Requests

School counselors are working diligently to fulfill transcript requests for October 15th, November 1st, and November 15th college application deadlines. Students, please remember to submit requests via Naviance. If completing the Common Application, the Common Application FERPA waiver is required. This requirement is fulfilled by the student within the Common Application account. Completing the FERPA waiver is the only way CA will be linked to Naviance. Students can check Naviance to determine status of documents requested and sent. For details from Matching CA to requesting final transcripts please visit

<https://help.naviance.com/Content/Main/NavianceAtoZ/eDocs/Student-Actions-eDocs.htm?Highlight=student%20help>

PSAT

The PSAT will be offered to WHS students on October 16, 2019.

Sophomores are required to take the exam and are automatically registered for the test at no cost to the student.

Juniors are encouraged to test as junior year is the only year applicable to National Merit Scholarship. *Freshmen* are encouraged to test if the student is enrolled in Math II or will be enrolled in the Spring.

PSAT scores are never submitted to colleges, and this is great practice for a timed test.

Freshman and *Junior* students will be charged a *test fee of \$25* and can pay cash or checks made payable to WHS. Please submit payment in the School Counseling office to Mrs. Washington. Registration closes TODAY, Friday, 10/11/2019.

Absences from class will be excused if a student is participating in testing. Test spots are limited, so please sign up quickly

Coffee with Counselors

Naviance will be the topic of the next Coffee with Counselors. Please join in the conversation Thursday, October 17th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the School Counseling Commons. Signup at

<https://forms.gle/vMbQ3p8WYYiCBbjG9>

Newcomers Lunch

Newcomers Lunch will be held on Thursday, October 17th during each lunch period. All students new to the Weddington cluster are invited for pizza and conversations with School Counselors. Signup is required,

<https://forms.gle/hk65rTj6mtf9L49Z8>

College Application Week

Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of The College Foundation of North Carolina College Application Week, October 21st – 25th. School Counselors will continue to be available each day. For specific CFNC College Application Week information and for a list of colleges WAIVING APPLICATION FEES, check out

<https://nccountdowntocollege.org/> today!

College Application Assistance

Monday – Friday, during lunches in the cafeteria, College Essay Writing help

School Counselors have stations set up to assist students in crafting the perfect college essay.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 3:10-4:15, College App Labs in the Counseling Commons...

School Counselors will be available to assist students in the college application process.

Green Machine Shirts

Green Machine shirts are currently being sold for the 2019-2020 school year. Students may purchase Green Machine shirts for \$15 through our media coordinator, Mrs. Anna Waldrup.

PTSO NEWS

INVEST in EXCELLENCE and Membership: you can still give! Please go to www.whsptso.com and make it happen for our ONLY fundraiser of the year. We would love to match (or exceed) the giving from last year, which means we need more donations! We are a bit less in Membership and Excellence than last year. Your investment this year will go towards classroom improvements and more resources for our students.



Help the PTSO get FREE money! Make your INVEST IN MEMBERSHIP go further through the whole school year!
Join the following with Weddington:

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OCTOBER HAPPENINGS:

COFFEE WITH COUNSELORS:
Thursday, October 17th (10:00 a.m.)
(Focus: Naviance)

STAFF BREAKFAST TREATS:
Fridays, October 11th and 25th

SENIOR BREAKFAST:
Friday, October 18th at 7a.m. (Picture Day for Seniors)

Look for information on Thanksgiving Pies toward the end of October.

Staff Appreciation and Senior Events will continue to reach out to their volunteers as needed.

