



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, October 19	TBA	Band Competition-Mooresville Blue Devil Classic
Monday, October 21	8:00 AM	Women's Golf Regional Tournament (@ Etowah CC)
	4:30 PM	Men's JV/V Soccer @ Charlotte Catholic (Away)
	6:00 PM	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
Tuesday, October 22	4:00 PM	Cross Country Conference Championship (Home)
Wednesday, October 23	4:30 PM	Men's JV/V Soccer vs. Marvin Ridge (Home)
Thursday, October 24	6:30 PM	JV Football vs. Marvin Ridge (Home)
Friday, October 25	7:30 PM	Varsity Football @ Marvin Ridge

School Safety Fact of the Week

This past week, one of the Union County Sheriff's Department K-9 units conducted a random check of cars in our student parking lot. The officer and his dog randomly selected 25 cars for the dog to "inspect." We are pleased to report that the dog did not "hit" on any of the 25 vehicles. This means that no illegal substances were detected in these vehicles. This does not mean that things at WHS are perfect, but it is something to be pleased with as we think about the decisions that our students are making. We encourage all parents to continue to have dialogue with their children about decisions which are responsible, ethical, healthy, and within the law.

Student Habits

As we enter the time of the year that brings colder temperatures, we typically see an uptick in the number of student tardies on a daily basis. That's been true already this past week. We implore you parents to insist upon the development of strong habits of timeliness in our young people. It's imperative that we assist them in developing those habits of being prompt now so that they can have them well established for their college and career paths when they leave us. Let's reverse the trend of increased student tardies as the weather gets cold!

Transition to High School Survey

Our WHS 9th graders recently took a survey which was designed to capture their perceptions regarding the transition to high school. The survey provided us with a great deal of data that we will use to continue to serve our transitioning freshmen, meet their needs, and make program improvements. One of the survey items is really worth celebrating because we believe that it reflects the healthy culture that we (students, staff, parents) have built together as a school community. That survey item is as follows:

-Fellow students are accepting of me, even though I may be different from them. 94.86% of our 9th grade students agreed with this statement. Again, we should celebrate this strong reflection of who we are as a school, and we should continue to instill in our young people the idea that student differences in interests, skill sets, and personalities help to make WHS a great place.

The School Counseling Summary

(News and Notes from the WHS Guidance Office)

Naviance

Correspondence from the School Counseling department is often sent via Naviance. The most recent 9th – 12th grade message was about Newcomers Lunch. If this message was not delivered to you, it might mean that your parent contact information needs to be updated in Naviance. This update is quick and easy.

1. Ask your student to log into Naviance
2. Click on the *About Me* tab
3. Click on *Surveys*
4. Click on *Surveys Not Completed*
5. Click on and complete the *WHS Parent Contact Info Update*

Parent Access: Your student will have access to Naviance directly from his/her UCPS student start-up menu, but parents have to register with an access code to be able to view the available tools within your student's account. These access codes are only available to parents who have created a PowerSchool parent portal account. Please contact the School Counseling office to request your Naviance Parent Access Code. To register your account, please see the Parent Access Tutorial below and follow the simple 2-step process.

If you have not created a PowerSchool parent portal account, you may do so by contacting your student's counselor to obtain the necessary log in information. This will allow an access code to be generated for your account.

What is Naviance?

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cms/lib/NC01910453/Centricity/Domain/880/Naviance%20Parent%20Brochure.pdf>

Naviance Parent Access Tutorial

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cms/lib/NC01910453/Centricity/Domain/880/Naviance%20Family%20Connection%20Parent%20Access%20Tutorial.pdf>

Naviance Parent Quick Guide – Getting Started

https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cms/lib/NC01910453/Centricity/Domain/880/Naviance%20Parent%20Quick%20Guide_Getting%20Started.pdf

WHS College Visits

Wesleyan University

Mon October 21, 2019 8:15 AM

Swarthmore College

Mon October 21, 2019 2:00 PM

University of Richmond

Tue October 22, 2019 9:00 AM

University of South Carolina, Lancaster

Tue October 22, 2019 11:00 AM

Sewanee: The University of the South

Wed October 23, 2019 9:00 AM

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Wed October 23, 2019 1:00 PM

Louisiana State University

Thu October 24, 2019 9:00 AM

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Fri October 25, 2019 8:15 AM

Princeton University

Fri October 25, 2019 9:00 AM

Who can attend WHS college visit sessions?

Seniors and Juniors have priority registration followed by Sophomore and then Freshman students. No matter the grade level, all students are required to register, all students are required to communicate with teachers, and all students are required to make-up work missed.

How do I sign up for a WHS college visit?

- Log into Naviance
- Click on the *Colleges* tab
- Click on *Colleges I'm Thinking About*
- Locate the *Quick Links* menu bar on the left of the screen, click on *College Visits*
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College/University (campus based) Visits

During the Coffee with Counselors session on Thursday morning, a question popped up around participating in college/university (campus based) visits. Please see the UCPS Program of Studies, pg. 22 for further details.

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cms/lib/NC01910453/Centricity/Domain/120/POS%202019%2018%20Feb%202019%20WEB.pdf>

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

Your PTSO is now on Social Media!

Go on Facebook and "likes us" @ WHS PTSO

Go on Instagram and follow us @ WHS_PTSO



Want to see in action what your Membership and Invest in Excellence money is going towards?

- (1). Read the PTSO newsletter
- (2). Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
- (3). Email us @ w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com
- (4). Go to website at www.whsptso.com

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS:

STAFF BREAKFAST TREATS:

Friday, October 25th

SENIOR BREAKFAST:

Friday, October 18th at 7:00 a.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.

