



# 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, October 22	4:30 PM	JV/V Men's Soccer vs. Piedmont (Home)
	6:30 PM	Teacher Powderpuff Game at Cuthbertson High School
Tuesday, October 23	<b>EARLY RELEASE DAY - 12:00 DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS</b>	
	7:00 PM	Student Powderpuff Football Game (WHS Stadium)
Wednesday, October 24	<b>PRE-ACT TEST</b>	
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men's Soccer vs. Cuthbertson (Home) – Senior Night
Thursday, October 25		
Friday, October 26	7:30 PM	V Football vs. Monroe (Home)

## Weddington High School Leading the Way!

The Charlotte Business Journal recently released rankings for two academic performance indicators for public and charter schools in the Charlotte metro area (Cabarrus County, Gaston County, Iredell County, Mecklenburg County, and Union County). Data sets for the rankings were derived from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The first indicator ranking is college and career readiness, which was determined by student performance on end of course assessments in biology, English, and mathematics. Let's celebrate the fact that **Weddington High School was ranked #1 of all comprehensive, traditional high schools (non-magnet schools) in this category.** The second ranking is average ACT score. Let's also celebrate this one as **Weddington High School ranked #1 of all Charlotte area public and charter schools with an average score of 24.** These rankings should

make us proud as they reflect the collective commitment to excellence which is the cornerstone of our school's success and which characterizes the daily work of our students, staff members, and parents. Here are links to the two articles:

-Top Rated Public High Schools in the Charlotte Area:

<https://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/news/2018/10/14/ranked-top-charlotte-area-public-high-schools-for.html>

-Charlotte Area High Schools Ranked by ACT Score:

<https://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/news/2018/10/09/ranked-see-which-charlotte-area-high-schools-post.html>

## **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.

## **Pre-ACT Test**

All sophomores are required to participate in the Pre-ACT test on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Weddington High School. This test is designed to help students with the following:

- Identifying current academic readiness for college and career using the Pre-ACT score report
- Predicting performance on the ACT after an additional year of learning
- Determining skills which can be improved based on performance
- Exploring how career aspirations align with personal interests
- Overall great practice in preparing for the ACT test

If students normally receive testing accommodations, they will also receive their accommodations on Pre-ACT test day. All testing will take place on E-Hall, and students will be informed of their testing locations by their teachers and by rosters located around the building. All class absences resulting from testing will be excused. Please contact Mrs. Jackie Washington at [jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us) with any questions and/or concerns.

## **Mental Health Event**

UCPS is partnering with Novant Health for an event to discuss mental health on October 24 at Marvin High School. The film Resilience will be shown, and a panel discussion with UCPS staff and physicians from Novant will take place. This event is open to the entire community. A flyer for the event is attached to this Warrior Weekly email message.

## **Teacher Powderpuff**

Due to inclement weather, the teacher powderpuff football game between Weddington High School, Marvin Ridge High School, and Cuthbertson High School has been rescheduled to the evening of Monday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Cuthbertson High School. This is a fun charity event with proceeds from admissions and t-shirt sales going to hurricane relief efforts.

## **Order Your Yearbook Now!**

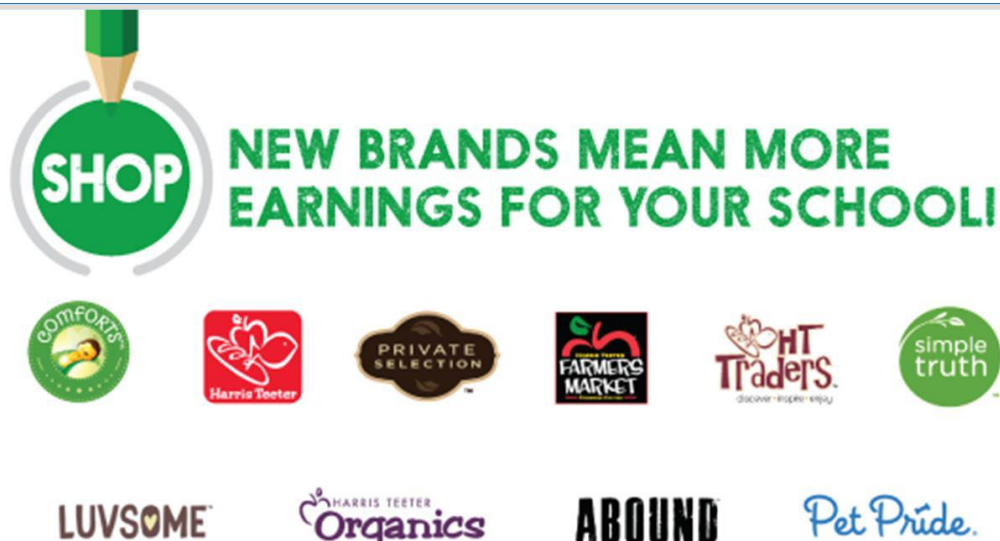
Yearbooks are currently on sale, and students may place their order for this year's edition. You may simply visit [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) for more information (be sure to select Weddington High School as the school name), or contact our yearbook advisor with inquiries ([sasha.freger@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sasha.freger@ucps.k12.nc.us)). Orders will be taken through mid-November, so please don't miss out on this opportunity.

## **2018-2019 Green Machine Shirts**

Green Machine shirts are currently being sold for the 2018-2019 school year. Students may purchase Green Machine shirts for \$10.

## **Benefit our School When You Grocery Shop**

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



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



Our **ONLY** fundraiser!

## Invest in Excellence

*Invest in Excellence* is the PTSTO'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

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### Invest in Excellence Disbursement of \$17,000.00

- Upgrading the lighting in the Auditorium - \$1,000.00
- English Department requests purchasing additional textbooks for Speech & Debate - \$500.00
- Upgrading the items for example tables and chairs - \$5,000.00
- Wall Murals around the inside of the building - \$6,000.00
- Writing Center for students -\$1,000.00
- Social Studies Department requests world flags, posters, videos.
- Partnered with the school towards the purchase of instructional technology (IXL & Nearpod)- \$10,000.00

**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 PTSTO. 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 PTSTO tables during the August open house. You may also Invest online at [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com).

### 2018-2019 PTSTO BOARD

**President:** Torrie Newman  
**Vice President:** Ashley Bhargava  
**Treasurer:** Sherri McGirt  
**Secretary:** Amanda Fink  
**Invest in Excellence & Membership:**  
**Staff Appreciation:** Trude Gretz,  
Amanda Fink

### 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](mailto:pdrishe@yahoo.com)) or Torrie Newman ([torrie@newmansplace.com](mailto: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: Trude Gretz ([trudegretz@icloud.com](mailto:trudegretz@icloud.com)) and Amanda Fink ([agracefink@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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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## I'M BUSY...MAKE THIS EASY FOR ME!

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 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](http://www.whsptso.com)

#### For PTSO Use Only:

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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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