



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, September 30	TEACHER WORKDAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
Tuesday, October 1		
Wednesday, October 2	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis @ Piedmont (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Monroe (Home)
	4:30 PM	Men's JV/V Soccer vs. Cuthbertson (Home)
	6:00 PM	SPCC Night (details below)
Thursday, October 3	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis @ Cuthbertson (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Sun Valley (Home)
	6:30 PM	JV Football @ Charlotte Catholic (Away)
Friday, October 4	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis @ Parkwood (Away)
	7:30 PM	Varsity Football vs. Charlotte Catholic (Home)
Saturday, October 5	3:15 PM	JV/V Volleyball @ Gaston Day (Away)
	TBA	Cross Country: Wendy's Invitational (@McAlpine Park)

Weddington Witness

Did you know that Weddington High School has a student newspaper? The Weddington Witness may be accessed through the Quick Links section of the main page of our WHS website. Here's a link:

<https://weddingtonwitness.com/>

School Safety Fact of the Week

At Weddington High School, we will be conducting four lockdown drills this school year. Two of them will occur during times when virtually all students are in a classroom, and two of them will occur during non-traditional drill times such as during a class change or during a lunch period. These lockdown drills are very important in that they help to prepare our students for unforeseen tragic events which could potentially occur. To that end, please encourage your child to always take these drills seriously. If you ever have any questions about lockdown drills, please contact our principal (Dr. Jay Jones) or our school resource officer (Deputy Chris Byrum).

Teacher of the Year Finalists

Congratulations to our three WHS Teacher of the Year finalists: Mrs. Andrea Cook (Math), Mrs. Tiffany Manley (Science), and Mrs. Maria Moore (Drama/Theater). As many of you know, these three hardworking, enthusiastic, committed, and talented educators are very deserving of this outstanding recognition. We look forward to the process which will ultimately determine our teacher of the year, and we'll be sure to inform you of the selection once it is made.

SPCC Information

We will have two SPCC interest meetings next week—Wednesday, 10/02 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium and Thursday, 10/03 at 7:30 a.m. in the Media Center. Students only have to attend one meeting; however, they must attend one and sign-in to be eligible to enroll in courses at SPCC for the Spring and/or Summer terms. Parents are welcome to join us.

Jeanette Beste from SPCC will be in attendance, and she and Ms. Rajan will be co-leading the presentation, which will cover basic eligibility requirements, courses offered, the new registration process, and how scheduling the classes will look. We will have registration forms and program information on hand, but can also send them out electronically after the meeting.

Social Media/Sensitivity

Parents...We recently reminded our students of the importance of being very judicious about what they post on social media. We put particular emphasis on the fact that it is absolutely unacceptable for students at Weddington High School to post or share information, images, commentary, etc. which is intended to offend or ridicule another based on religious background. Please help us to continue to reinforce this critical life skill of exhibiting respect and accepting the fact that we can and will be a welcoming school and community to students and families of all religions.

Class of 2020 Graduation

Please note that our Class of 2020 graduation ceremony will occur at the Winthrop University Coliseum on Thursday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m.

WHS Student Organization Fundraiser

Car Wash for Kindness - Saturday, September 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 131 Main Restaurant

Rachel's Kindness Matters Club is working on a project with an organization called Together We Rise, helping foster kids in our community. The Car Wash for Kindness will help raise funds to work for this project.

Pink Out for Breast Cancer Awareness

The Pink Out football game is on October 4th! Please help Weddington High School to raise awareness of breast cancer and raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation by purchasing your PINK OUT shirt for the game on October 4th. You can order online from Sept 16-22 through the WHS homepage (<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/55>) or the athletics homepage (www.ucpsathletics.com/weddington) OR purchase a shirt from the cheerleaders during lunch between September 23rd and October 4th. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. There is a limited number available, so order today!

The School Counseling Summary

(News and Notes from the WHS Guidance Office)

Our first newcomers' lunch marked the beginning of "the last" for several of our seniors and start of "the firsts" for many of our new students. The luncheon, a continuation of a tradition in the School Counseling office, hosts WHS seniors sharing words of wisdom with underclassmen while enjoying pizza and snacks. Similar themes shared by seniors across each lunch period were to "get involved" and that "grades count at every age."

Authentic engagement drives the work in the School Counseling office. Counselors, working to ensure authentic engagement for all students, actively participated in the club walk during lunches on Thursday. Students were encouraged to ask questions of the different club representatives identifying club fit and personal commitment to club mission and vision. Students had the opportunity to not only sign-up but to discuss the many ways each can be of service not only to the school but to the community at large.

As the work this week with seniors on college applications, essays, and personal statements continues, many students have uncovered the many winding roads of a journey started four short years ago. Similar sentiments were shared "time went so fast" or "the same thing happened to me" during elementary/middle school. Reminded of words of wisdom shared at the newcomer's lunch, we think back to how one student offered a suggestion we simply couldn't help but share, "We all worked for four years to hit submit on our college applications. I just hit submit, so now what?"

Underclassmen, slow down and become authentically engaged. Identify your purpose, what you are committed to as a student at WHS. You have the power to create your Warrior legacy. How will you leave your mark? Not sure? Your School Counselor can help. Plant the seeds of your WOW factor today ensuring an even greater tomorrow!

Looking ahead...

SPCC (South Piedmont Community College) and CCP (College and Career Promise)

October 2, 6:00-7:00, Interest Meeting, WHS Auditorium

Little-Known Secrets of Paying for College

October 2 (New Date!), 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., WHS Auditorium

This workshop is designed to help parents send their children to the college of their dreams without bankrupting their retirement nest egg.

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. *Freshman* 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.

Absences from testing will be excused if a student is participating in testing.

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.

Colleges visiting this week...

<u>College</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Elon University</u>	Tue Oct. 1,	8:15
<u>Campbell University</u>	Tue Oct. 1,	1:00
<u>Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)</u>	Wed Oct. 2,	10:00
<u>University of Pittsburgh</u>	Wed Oct. 2,	11:00
<u>University of Dayton</u>	Wed Oct. 2,	12:00
<u>Salve Regina University</u>	Wed Oct. 2,	1:00
<u>University of Chicago</u>	Wed Oct. 2,	2:00
<u>Washington and Lee University</u>	Thu Oct. 3	2:00
<u>Butler University</u>	Fri Oct. 4	9:00
<u>Presbyterian College</u>	Fri Oct. 4	10:00
<u>University of Kentucky</u>	Fri Oct. 4,	11:00

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

2019-2020 Invest in Excellence Campaign

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.

Membership: Your donation to Invest in Excellence includes a \$25 membership to the PTSO. Membership money (along with money generated from Harris Teeter's VIC card program, Publix Reward Program, and AmazonSmile) are important for covering our expenses for staff appreciation, care & concern, graduation, scholarships, and operating expenses. ("Senior Events" is self-supporting through donations from senior parents.)

Please join by going to www.whsptso.com

PLEASE RE-LINK your Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon accounts to Weddington High School. Harris Teeter(Code: 4323)

New Families, we hope you are feeling welcome at Weddington High School! If you have any questions, please reach out to w.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com. Someone from our Executive Board will be happy to meet with you or call you!

President: Amanda Fink

Vice President: Ashley Bhargava

Treasurer: Sherri McGirt

Secretary: Amy Clark

Membership/Invest in Excellence: Brandi Mervis & Clare Kennedy

Staff Appreciation: Charlotte Berry, Diana Fridrich, Kelly Newsome

Senior Events: Kelley Cobb

Site-Based Team Representative: Deborah Schneider

Smitesh Shah

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*: (\$25 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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