



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 10		
Tuesday, September 11	6:00 PM	Meet the Teachers Night
	7:30 PM	Senior Student and Parent College Information Night
Wednesday, September 12	3:30 PM	Women's Golf @ Monroe Country Club
	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis @ Cuthbertson (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Marvin Ridge (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men's Soccer vs. Sun Valley (Home)
Thursday, September 13	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis vs. Parkwood (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Piedmont (Away)
	6:30 PM	JV Football @ Crest (Away)
Friday, September 14		UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURE DAY
	7:30 PM	V Football vs. Crest (Home)-Wells Fargo Cup Presentation
Saturday, September 15	8:00 AM	Adidas XC Challenge (WakeMed Park)

School Performance Grade

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction just released school performance grades for the 2017-2018 school year. **Weddington High School earned a grade of A!** Congratulations to students, parents, and staff for the commitment, hard work, and enthusiasm which led to this high mark.

Charlotte Business Journal School Rankings

Congratulations to Weddington High School for being named as a top high school in the region and state by The Charlotte Business Journal. In these latest rankings, WHS was ranked #4 in the Charlotte Metro area and #13 in the state of North Carolina. Rankings were based on the following factors: academics, student life, parent reviews, student reviews, diversity, teachers, clubs and activities, health and safety, resources, facilities and sports. Way to go, Warriors!

Student Safety

Please note that students who are driven to school by their parents must be dropped off in front of the school through the normal traffic pattern and drop-off procedures. Students may not be dropped off in the student lot, in the church parking lot across the street, or in one of the neighborhoods which are adjacent to the school. If/when parents make the decision to operate outside of these procedures, our first priority of providing children with a safe and orderly environment is compromised. Please play your part!

Healthy Tech Family Forum

Attached to this Warrior Weekly email message is a flier detailing a special event at Weddington High School on September 19. The event is aimed at helping families to stay “tech healthy.” Please take a look at the attachment.

School Pictures

Carolina Photography will be at WHS to photograph fall pictures for the yearbook on September 14. If you would like to order pictures, please return the order form and payment with your student on picture day. For your convenience, you may prepay for the pictures by going to www.paycp.com. Select Weddington High School on the drop-down tab to place your order online. The online prepay will be available until the end of business on 9/14. Questions may be directed to Carolina Photography at (704) 483-5862.

Volunteering in UCPS

If you were a UCPS approved volunteer last school year and wish to renew your volunteer status for the 2018-2019 school year, please access your existing account. If there are no changes that need to be made, simply hit the submit button at the bottom of the page, and you’re renewed. You do not need to re-apply.

Marching Band Spirit Night

On Wednesday, September 12th, the WHS marching band will be having their first Spirit Night at Mooyah Burgers from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Please come have a great meal out while supporting the marching band. Please don’t forget to say that you are with WHS. A portion of the proceeds will go to the marching band. See you at Mooyah Burgers!

PowerSchool/Parent Portal Availability

Parent access to PowerSchool/Parent Portal, where parents can view the attendance information and grades of their children, will be available sometime around September 15. Once the state notifies that it’s open and available, we will let parents know.

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.

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.

Senior Night

The Weddington High School Guidance Department is pleased to offer senior college planning night to all seniors. During this session, the guidance team will be offering information on the following:

- Naviance and the role it plays in college applications
- College matching and what is the best fit for each student
- Transcripts
- Scholarships
- FASFA
- Guest speaker about College and Career Promise

All counselors will be available to answer questions and share exciting news! Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Please come prepared to take notes. This session will occur on the evening of September 11 from 7:30 – approximately 9:00 in the WHS auditorium. This event is coupled with Meet the Teachers Night (details below).

Meet the Teachers Night / PTSO General Meeting

Please mark your calendar for this year's Meet the Teachers Night. The event will be held on Tuesday, *September 11, at 6:00 p.m.* The evening will begin in the auditorium with a message from Dr. Jones and will be followed by a brief PTSO general membership meeting. Parents will then be dismissed to go to their students' first-period classes and then follow their class schedules to meet their teachers. **Please remember to bring your child's schedule with you to Meet the Teachers Night, either as a hard copy or an image on your mobile device.** Representatives from the PTSO will be on hand to answer questions about their role at WHS and will have tables set up for:

- PTSO Membership (ONLY \$20)
- Spirit Wear
- Senior Events
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Staff Appreciation

Please consider showing your support for Weddington High School by joining the PTSO. The purpose of the PTSO is to provide support for educational needs and coordinate activities that benefit the students and staff of WHS. Great schools have strong parent and community involvement, and we want to provide the very best for our students.

***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.

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) 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: Trude Gretz (trudegretz@icloud.com) and 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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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

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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