



# 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 16	3:00 PM	Women's Golf vs. Piedmont (@ Charlotte National)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men's Soccer @ Monroe (Away)
Tuesday, September 17	3:00 PM	Women's Golf vs. Marvin Ridge (@ Firethorne CC)
	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis vs. Monroe (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball @ Marvin Ridge (Away)
Wednesday, September 18	4:00 PM	Men's JV/V Soccer vs. Sun Valley (Home)
	4:00 PM	JV/V Volleyball @ Providence (Away)
	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis @ Covenant Day (Away)
Thursday, September 19	4:30 PM	Women's Tennis vs. Sun Valley (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Piedmont (Home)
	4:30 PM	Men's JV/V Soccer @ Ardrey Kell (Away)
Friday, September 20		
Saturday, September 21	TBA	Cross Country: Adidas XC Challenge (WakeMed Park)

## School Safety Fact of the Week

All exterior doors at Weddington High School are closed and locked throughout the school day unless a staff member is monitoring who's coming in and out of the doors. Additionally, classroom doors remain closed and locked during the school day when school is in session. *Please remind your child that if he/she ever is faced at*

*school with a person knocking on an exterior door who is wanting the door to be opened, he/she should not open the door unless he/she knows who the person is (staff member, student, etc.).*

## **Student Shout-Outs**

Congratulations to three of our students who were recently named National Merit Scholarship finalists: Alexander Litoshik, Paige Umbach, Zakary Johnson. What an incredible academic honor for these three talented and hardworking Warriors!

## **Warrior Block**

Perhaps you've heard your child talk about Warrior Block at WHS. Here are some of the most important points about Warrior Block:

\*It occurs each school day from approximately 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

\*It is connected to school classes as follows: Monday-period 1, Tuesday-period 2, Wednesday-period 3, Thursday-period 4; On Fridays, all students report to homeroom.

\*Students report to Warrior Block classes according to the schedule above to receive academic remediation, extension, tutoring, test preparation, make-up work, etc.

\*If a student has a grade of 90+ (85+ for AP classes) in the assigned Warrior block class for the day and has no missing assignments in the class, then he/she is exempt and may select a "choice area" during Warrior Block. Choice areas include the following: silent study hall, collaborative study hall, gym time (grades 10-12 only), club/student group work, peer tutoring other students in Warrior Block classes.

\*Guidance services and programs are also offered during Warrior Block.

## **Social-Emotional Health**

*"A true friend would do everything possible and reasonable to keep a friend alive, even break a promise of secrecy."* In a day and age in which teenage suicide is at an all-time high, this quote is one that we encourage you to share and discuss with your child.

## **The School Counseling Summary**

**(News and Notes from the WHS Guidance Office)**

A message from our Guidance Department chairperson, Dr. Mary Jordan:

On the backside of a ripped brown paper bag and with a black permanent magic marker, my dad wrote words spoken by famous American actress, comedian, writer, and producer, Lily Tomlin, ***"The road to success is always under construction."*** He snagged a piece of tape from my study space, taped the wisdom filled sentiment above the cream-colored doorframe, walked over to share one final hug, and walked out of my college dorm room with tears streaming down his face.

This August marked 25 years since that emotion-filled teachable moment. The words have helped to lead the way when things have become more than I thought I could handle, when I wanted to give up, when the next step seemed too steep...words that have guided each in my life.

Like the transition from high school to college can pose challenges, the transition from middle school to high school for some students (and guardians) is seamless. However, for other students, the road is full of deep potholes, rides a bit like being on a rollercoaster, and is spotted with peaks and valleys. This week, some of the

new students to the Weddington cluster have popped in and out of the School Counseling office experiencing a sense of disconnect. Students seek assistance in lunchroom anxiety, juggling homework, choosing a college, becoming organized, and learning new technologies. The Newcomers Lunch scheduled for Thursday, September 19th, 2019 will allow the School Counselors facilitating the discussion to address the transitional topics noted above and much more. Please know that *even if your student is not new to the WHS cluster, but you nonetheless feel that participating in the lunch would provide social/emotional support for your child, please don't hesitate to reach out via email to [mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us)*. An email to sign up for the luncheon will be shared on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, the School Counselors will host the first of several college essay writing workshops on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in the Counseling Commons. Pick up lunch and head in our direction to ensure registration. Link to registration will be live on Monday.

## 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

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

PLEASE Re-LINK your  
Harris Teeter (Code: 4323)



### SENIOR BREAKFAST

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

It's not too late to join the PTSO, get a Senior Sign, or donate for Senior Breakfasts! Go to [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com).

A sincere THANK YOU to the staff and families that are helping us pour into the staff so they can continue to pour into your children. We appreciate you!

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

**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](http://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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