



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 9		WARRIOR BLOCK CHOICE AREAS BEGIN
Tuesday, September 10	3:00 PM	Women's Golf vs. Cuthbertson (@ Firethorne CC)
	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis vs. Cuthbertson (Home)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball @ Sun Valley (Away)
	6:00 PM	Meet the Teacher Night
		Senior Family Information Event
Wednesday, September 11		PARENT PORTAL TO VIEW STUDENT GRADES OPENS
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men's Soccer vs. Parkwood (Home)
Thursday, September 12	4:30 PM	Women's Tennis @ Parkwood (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Catholic (Home)
Friday, September 13		UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURES
	7:30 PM	V Football vs. Catawba Ridge (Home)

School Grade

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction recently released school grades for the 2018-2019 school year. These grades are determined by a number of factors including proficiency on NC End of Course Tests, graduation rate, ACT performance, and student academic growth. We are pleased to announce that Weddington

High School received the state's highest grade, "A". This is a great reflection of the collective commitment, hard work, and enthusiasm of students, staff, and parents. Well done, Warrior Nation!

Meet the Teachers Night

Please mark your calendar for this year's **Meet the Teachers Night**. The event will be held on Tuesday, **September 10, at 6:00 p.m.** The evening will begin in the auditorium with a message from Dr. Jones, and then parents will then be dismissed to go to their students' first-period classes and then follow their class schedules to meet their teachers. **PARENTS...Be sure to take a picture of your child's schedule on your phone, and bring it to this event so that you are able to navigate his/her schedule.**

Senior Family Information Night

Families of senior students should mark their calendars for a senior family information event which will occur on September 10 immediately after the Meet the Teacher event happening on the same evening. This will be a start time of 7:30 p.m. This information session will include the following topics: the college application process, important deadlines, and key components of the college application process.

Principals' Advisory Council

Our principal, Dr. Jones, will once again be utilizing a student advisory council this school year as a key communication tool with the student body. This group, which is made up of one female student and one male student from each grade level, is intended to provide Dr. Jones with feedback on critical issues impacting the student body and the school. Interested students should view the application process details on the main page of the WHS website and submit applications by September 13.

School Safety Fact of the Week

Deputy Chris Bryum is now serving in his fifth year as the school resource officer at Weddington High School. Deputy Byrum, a Union County native, is deeply committed to serving his community through his role as a law enforcement officer. Moreover, Deputy Byrum has a sincere interest in positively impacting the lives of our community's young people, and he has deep loyalty to WHS Warrior Nation. Deputy Byrum uses his training, experience, and instinct each and every day to proactively and reactively keep our school safe.

Parent Portal

The parent portal, which provides parents with the opportunity to view student grades and attendance information will be accessible to parents on September 11. Passwords roll over from one year to the next. Our student data manager, Ashley Militch, will be sending login information to new families. If you are having trouble logging into the system, please contact Mrs. Militch (ashley.militch@ucps.k12.nc.us).

Tip: Many parents just ask their children to log onto PowerSchool with their student accounts to view grades. This provides the same information as the parent login.

Street Safe

Street Safe is an exciting and innovative hands-on experience taught by first responders. This program was designed and developed to change the driving behaviors that often lead to crashes. Street Safe focuses on

behaviors such as speeding, distractions, following too closely, seatbelt use, and impaired driving, with an emphasis on the decision making process and the importance of parental involvement.

-Lifesaving Driving Experience (LDE): This is a 4 ½ hour hands-on driving experience for new, inexperienced drivers. Half of this program is spent outside participating in hands-on exercises, and the other half is spent engaged in an interactive discussion led by an expert in traffic crash investigation. The experience revolves around the top crash causes. This is a “See it! Hear it! Do it!” experience. The “Do it!” portion reinforces what the instructors offer. Instructors are certified instructors—law enforcement, fire fighters, and other first responders. All materials are up-to-date, relevant, and “raw”—it includes but is not limited to: impactful speakers (accident victims, representatives from DA’s office, insurance agents--not to sell; only to educate about proper coverage vs. minimum coverage), etc. Parents are required to stay the first hour. Waivers must be signed by parent/guardian or by the participant (if 18 years of age or older). To participate, attendees must have had successfully completed Driver Education or have a driver’s license. Adults are welcome to participate/register as well. Pre-registration is required. Registration is completed online at <http://streetsafeus.com/>. Click on the "Lifesaving Driving Experience" rectangle, scroll to "2019-10-05 Union County, Cuthbertson HS 11am", click on the “Sign up now” button. There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee. Maximum number of attendees: 60. Minimum enrollment in order for the session to take place: 20. Any questions: visit Street Safe’s website at <http://streetsafeus.com/> or contact them at 910-612-9030.

The School Counseling Summary

(News and Notes from the WHS Guidance Office)

It has been another exciting week in the School Counseling office as the schedule change period came to a close and course selections were solidified. Counselors worked diligently throughout the week before and after school as well as during lunches to ensure a complete semester one and semester two schedule was input into PowerSchool for each student. Freshmen started securing their “sea legs”, and Seniors began crafting college essays. The energy in the office was nothing short of contagious!

Coming up...during Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, September 10th, School Counselors will host a college application focused *Senior Night* discussion. The 5 key components of the college application will lead an insightful conversation. Additional topics to be discussed include the college search, applying early decision, fit, requesting a letter of recommendation, ordering transcripts, essay writing, etc. Navigating Naviance will be a focal part of the second half of the discussion as Counselors facilitate a simulation of the platform and the role Naviance plays in sending a complete application to colleges and universities. Students are strongly advised to bring Chromebooks to the *Senior Night* discussion.

Speaking of college essays...students, looking for something inspiring to do over the weekend? Check out the college essay prompts noted below. Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior students...it’s never too early to begin self-exploration!

2019-2020 Common Application Essay Prompts

<https://www.commonapp.org/blog/2019-2020-common-app-essay-prompts>

2019-2020 Coalition Application Essay Prompts

<http://coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/essays.html>

On the horizon...the first *Coffee with Counselors* will be held on Thursday, September 19th from 10:00 – 10:45 in the School Counseling Commons. Coffee talk will serve as an opportunity to meet and greet with the new faces in the department. Please RSVP by completing the survey found at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7K9YLCH>. Hope to see you there!

Stay tuned to learn more about **Newcomers Lunch** in the next issue of The School Counseling Summary!

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

Please Join the PTSO @ www.whsptso.com

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 RE-LINK your Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon accounts to Weddington High School....we earned over \$600.00 just from our families shopping at these locations!

Sept. 10th is the PTSO General Assembly meeting and Meet the Teacher Night. Please join the PTSO membership online to pay by credit card. IF you have not joined, please sign up Tuesday 9/10 and be prepared to pay via cash or check. We look forward to a great year!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:

Senior Events, Help with Senior Breakfasts, Senior Week, Donations, Staff Appreciation, Help with staff breakfasts, Lunches, Pies, etc.

FIRST SENIOR BREAKFAST: September 20th 7:00 a.m. in the Media Center

Remember to sign up for Senior Donations to cover events like breakfasts on PTSO form OR www.whsptso.com

FIRST Staff Breakfast coming September 13, look for Sign-Up Genius coming soon!

Special Note: We are aware that some of you have seen a school logo from another UCPS high school when opening the Warrior Weekly on mobile devices. We have no idea why this is happening nor does our UCPS Technology Services. We will continue to investigate the issue, but please just ignore the logo that you may see from one of our neighboring schools. We won't even mention their name! Go Warriors!

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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