

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



**Weddington High School**

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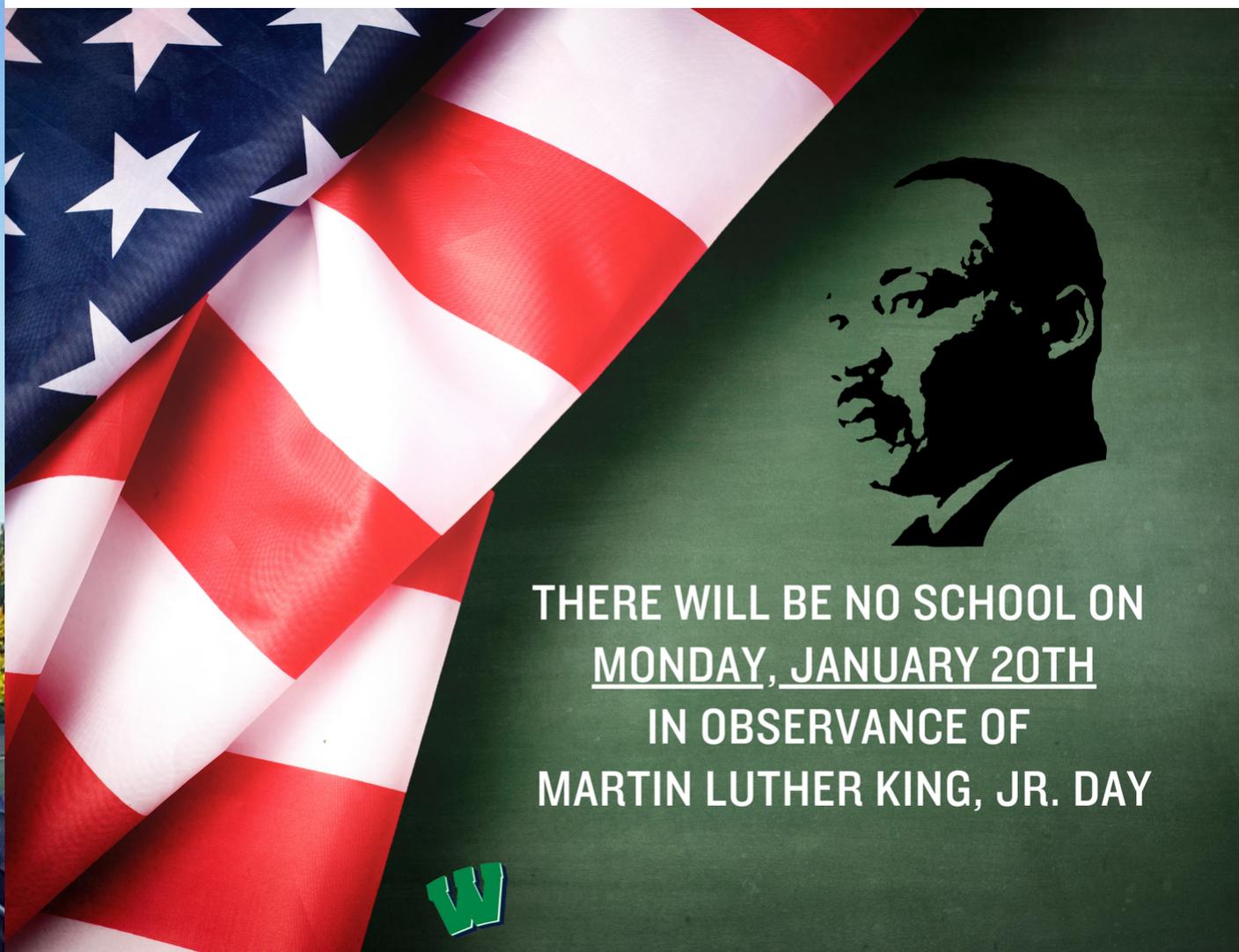


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**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**



## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**Monday, January 20th:** No school in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Tuesday, January 21st:** Semester 2 Begins

**Monday, January 27th:** Term 3 Report Cards Distributed

**Monday, January 27th - Friday, January 31st:** Winter Spirit Week (see below for more information)

**Wednesday, February 5th:** Prom Fashion Show (see below for more information)

## **SEMESTER 2**

### **SEMESTER 2 BEGINS TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST**

Students will follow their 2nd semester schedule beginning Tuesday, January 21st, and will follow a regular bell schedule.

Students are asked to please check their schedule in PowerSchool PRIOR to Tuesday morning to ensure that they are aware of their most up-to-date schedule. Paper copies of second semester schedules will not be distributed. Some classes may have changed, as classes continue to be balanced. If a student has a hole or a "please see your counselor" message on their current 2nd semester schedule, they are asked to please report to the counseling commons **during the block where the hole is present**. School Counselors will be available to assist in selecting a course to fill this hole.

### **SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST**

Spring semester schedule change requests can be submitted beginning at **3:00pm on Tuesday, January 21st** through **8:00am Friday, January 24th** by completing the schedule change request form which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). Please note, requests through this form cannot be made until the form opens on **Tuesday, January 21st at 3:00**.

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2. MONITOR POWERSCHOOL FOR CHANGES
3. ONLY ONE SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST SUBMISSION PER STUDENT
4. REQUESTS CANNOT BE EDITED ONCE SUBMITTED
5. List courses you wish to drop
6. List courses you wish to add

Click the following to review [ELECTIVE COURSES COMMONLY OFFERED AT WHS](#).

Students are welcome to schedule an individual academic info session with counselors. Please reach out to your counselor to select a date and time that works best. Parents are welcome to join the conversation virtually.

## **ATTENDANCE**

# *Semester 2* **SPCC/FLEX**

**ALL SEMESTER 2 OFF CAMPUS STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO OBTAIN THEIR QR CODE. IF YOU WILL BE OFF CAMPUS AND DID NOT RECEIVE AN EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. YOST – [tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us)**



**STUDENT ABSENCE PORTAL**

In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please upload your documentation to the [Student Absence Portal](#). The proper documentation MUST be provided in order to excuse the absence. A phone call to the school, stating your student is absent, is not necessary. Remember, parent notes will only be accepted during the current 6-week grading period, of the absent day.

# ATTENDANCE FAQ



**What do I need to do if my student needs to leave early?**

Send them to school with a parent note stating their name and what time they need to be dismissed. They will bring their note to the front office and receive an early dismissal slip.

**Do I need to come into the school to sign out my student?**

If they brought in a note - NO.  
If they did not bring in a note - YES.

**What if my student drives and needs to unexpectedly leave early?**

We will need WRITTEN permission for your student to check themselves out. Please email the front office.

**When do I need to use the Student Absence Portal?**

Anytime your student is absent. Doctor's notes should **only** be uploaded to the portal - we do not need the paper copy.

**When does my excuse note need to be uploaded?**

Requested within 24 hours of the absence. Deadline for ALL excuse notes is before the end of each 6 week grading period.

**Can I use the Student Absence Portal for an early dismissal?**

**NO.** Students need to bring in a physical note in order to receive an early dismissal slip.

**What is the latest time I can pick up my student?**

We do not have a cutoff time, however, we suggest arriving before 2:30, as the car rider line tends to become congested.

**What absences can be considered excused?**

**With appropriate documentation:** medical appointments, illness (5 parent-excused per semester), DMV (1 per year), approved college visits (juniors & seniors)



## 2024-2025 TECHNOLOGY FEE

Haven't paid your 2024-2025 technology fee yet? No problem! Scan the QR code below. If you wish to send in a check, please note that there is an additional \$1.55 processing fee, totaling \$31.55. All checks submitted without the additional fee will be returned.

## **NEED TO PAY YOUR 2024-2025 TECHNOLOGY FEE?**

scan the QR  
code here!



## **NEED TO PAY A TECHNOLOGY FEE? FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR?**



scan the QR  
code here!

## **WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO**

You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way! Click [HERE](#) to go to WHS PTSO website and join today!

All you need to do is create an account, verify your email address and then explore ALL of the opportunities for your involvement. In addition to your Membership we have Invest in Excellence (giving above and beyond without any fundraising), volunteer opportunities, and the option to link up to our donation partners such as Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon Smiles, a calendar, and more!!

Follow us on Facebook [@weddingtonhighschoolptso](#) (WHS PTSO) and Instagram [@whs\\_ptso](#).

Email us at [w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com](mailto:w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com).



WHS PTSO

@WHSPTSO



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Scan QR code for payment

## WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

winter  
**spirit week**  
january 27 - 31

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
<b>PJ DAY</b> 	<b>STUDENT/TEACHER SWAP</b> students dress like teachers, teachers dress like students 	<b>CLASS COLOR DAY</b> 9 - white 10 - green 11 - navy blue 12 - black staff - gray 	<b>famous groups and duos</b> 	<b>jersey out w/ a pep rally!</b> 

## JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

Get ready for a night to remember! We apologize for the inconvenience, but due to a scheduling issue at The Pine, Prom will now be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 8:00 pm. The prom theme will be released during the Prom Fashion Show on February 5th. Don't miss out on an unforgettable evening of dancing, fun, and memories. We can't wait to see you there!



## PROM FASHION SHOW



## VISITORS/DROP OFFS

All visitors to the school must enter through the front doors of the school using the video doorbell system. All visitors must check in at the main office during the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm,

which are the main office hours on days that school is in session.

### **Forgotten Items/Drop Offs/Deliveries:**

- items can be placed on the drop-off cart located outside the front doors
- items will be brought inside before the end of each block and placed on the table in the foyer
- please notify your student that their item has been dropped off - WE WILL NOT CALL STUDENTS OUT OF CLASS TO RETRIEVE ITEMS
- students can retrieve items in between class periods ONLY - they will not be permitted to go outside
- lunches can be placed inside the bin, and will be brought in before the end of each block and before the start of each lunch period
- PLEASE NOTE: items such as Chromebooks, phones, headphones, ear buds, etc., should NOT be left on the cart outside, and should be brought inside to the drop-off table

## **WHS STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Parents, we need your help in reminding students of the importance of being aware of, and complying with, the dress code which can be found on page 13 and 14 of the [student handbook](#). Although we understand that style trends are ever changing and this is often reflected in the clothes that stores are selling, it is important that students understand that there is a different standard for what should be worn during school and what they wear outside of school. Thank you for your assistance in reinforcing this with your child.

## **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

### **Counseling Department Information**

Please visit the [WHS Counseling Department webpage](#) for information and resources.

### **Second Semester Begins Tuesday, January 21st**

**Students will follow their 2nd semester schedule beginning Tuesday, January 21st. Students are asked to review their schedule prior to semester 1 exams.** Student schedules are available via PowerSchool. Paper copies of second semester schedules will not be distributed.

### **Semester 2 - Schedule Change Request**

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**Class of 2025 - Midyear Transcript / Midyear Report/ Midyear Grades - Request**

Not all colleges/universities require a midyear transcript/midyear report. Check your email, review admissions pages, and login to your college portals to identify if this documentation is required. Click on this [link](#) and complete the form for schools requesting or requiring a midyear transcript/midyear report.

Once Semester 1 exams have concluded and grades are finalized, the District will load final Semester 1 transcripts. This process could take up to 3 days. Please allow 2 weeks for transcripts to be submitted.

Only midyear transcripts requested via this document will be sent to colleges/universities. Email/voicemail requests will not be processed.

Check your SCOIR account for updates.

**W SCHOOL COUNSELING**  
**UPCOMING**  
**EVENTS** for the 2025-2026 school year

<b>DEC 11</b> PowerSchool opens for Juniors	<b>JAN 22</b> WMS 8th Grade Parent Night 6:00 pm - WHS Auditorium	<b>FEB 10 &amp; 11</b> WHS Counselors to WMS to review course selections
<b>DEC 18</b> PowerSchool opens for Sophomores	<b>JAN 22</b> PowerSchool opens for 8th grade students	<b>FEB 17</b> last day to input course selections - grades 11, 10, 9, 8
<b>JAN 8</b> PowerSchool opens for Freshmen	<b>JAN 27</b> WHS Counselors present to WMS 8th grade @ WMS	<b>FEB 18</b> PowerSchool CLOSES for grades 11, 10, 9 & 8

**2025-2026 Course Selections**

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ifGE7m-\\_iEpb7wnIrvOcMMYyYeujfr7POqIkQDwZQTW/edit#slide=id.p1](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ifGE7m-_iEpb7wnIrvOcMMYyYeujfr7POqIkQDwZQTW/edit#slide=id.p1)

**UCPS COLLEGE READINESS SERIES**



## 2024-2025 College Readiness Series



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Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Monroe High School
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
Getting Ready for College	January 25, 2025	Wingate University
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	CATA
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 15, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Porter Ridge High School
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Cuthbertson High School
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Sun Valley High School
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

## ACT PREP

# Free ACT Practice Tests and Prep

*Open to all UCPS high school students*

**Pretest and Posttest in person**  
**Online content in-between**

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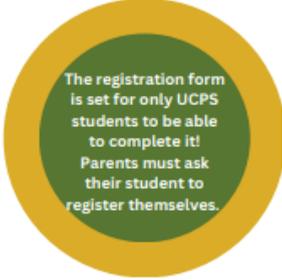
**PRETEST:**

February, 15 8 AM- 12 PM

**POSTTEST:**

March 1, 8 AM - 12 PM

In person tests held at:  
Porter Ridge High School  
2839 Ridge Rd,  
Indian Trail, NC 28079



The registration form  
is set for only UCPS  
students to be able  
to complete it!  
Parents must ask  
their student to  
register themselves.



**Register by February 12:**

<https://bit.ly/ACTtestPREP>



## ACT BLITZ



## 2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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### ACT Blitz

Saturday, February 1, 2025

10 AM - 12 PM

Monroe High School

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/ACTblitz>

Learn tips and strategies for success on the ACT. UCPS will be joined by our partners from Huntington Learning Center Weddington.

*This event is for students only.*



## UNION POWER COOPERATIVE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

### High School Seniors!

Apply today for a chance to receive a \$1,000 College Scholarship!



Two ways to apply :

- Visit [union-power.com/collegescholarships](http://union-power.com/collegescholarships)
- Scan the QR code

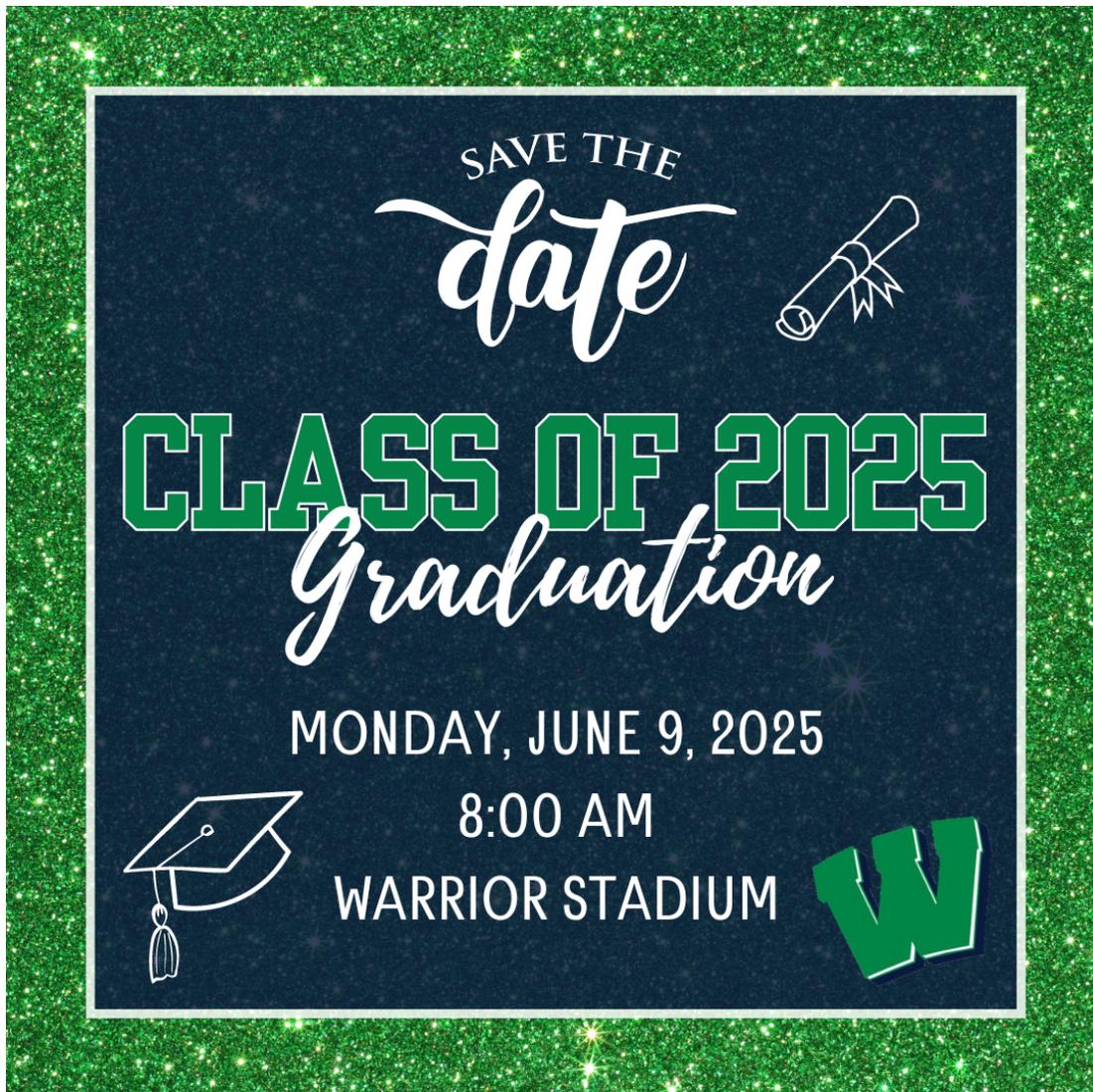
### APPLY BY MARCH 1

Time is running out. The last day to personalize your yearbook is January 31st. Go to [Jostens](https://www.jostens.com) today to purchase!



Last chance to  
personalize your  
**YEARBOOK**  
is January 31st!

**CLASS OF 2025**



Weddington High School's Class of 2025 Commencement will be held on Monday, June 9th at 8:00am at Warrior Stadium. Additional details regarding graduation, including the process for claiming tickets, will be shared with seniors and their parents in late April.

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



### SPIRITWEAR SALE!

Hey Warriors - the online spiritwear store is OPEN now through January 21. Check out all the sport-specific items as well as our new Green Machine long sleeve shirts and hoodies. After all, it's sweatshirt season! All orders will be delivered by the first week in February.

[CLICK HERE!](#)

# SPIRIT WEAR SALE!



## UCPS EVENT PROTOCOL

### UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# ! NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

**For fall sports, UCPS will implement the following protocols.**

- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime or at the mid-point of an event.
- After consulting with law enforcement and district leaders, UCPS will utilize body scanners at events. The use of body scanners will begin in the fall of 2024 at football games.



### Athletic Department Update

Fall Sports are underway and off to a great start! Be sure to come out and cheer on the Warriors!

Questions about Athletics? Please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Hart, via email [michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us) or by calling the school.

Please visit <https://weddingtonathleticzone.com/> for up to date information!

[Coaches Directory](#)

[Eligibility Website](#)

**Can't Attend Live? Watch it Live Instead!**

Click [here](#) to learn more about our live stream partnership with the NFHS Network! Volleyball, wrestling, basketball, football, soccer and lacrosse will all be live streamed!

**LOOKING FOR A PREVIOUS WARRIOR WEEKLY? CLICK HERE!**



**Jeff Kraftson**

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