# Warrior Weekly

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# **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

Monday, May 5th: Report Cards Distributed

Monday, May 5th - Friday, May 9th: Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 5th - Friday, May 16th: AP Testing (see below for more information)

Monday, May 19th: Senior Cap and Gown Photo (see below for more information)

Wednesday, May 21: Non-Instructional Career Fair (see below for more information)

# thank you teachers!

teacher Appreciation Week: MAY 5 - 9, 2025

# **ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS**

AP Testing will begin on Monday May, 5th. Please encourage students to follow social media for any AP testing updates. The following are a few helpful testing day tips:

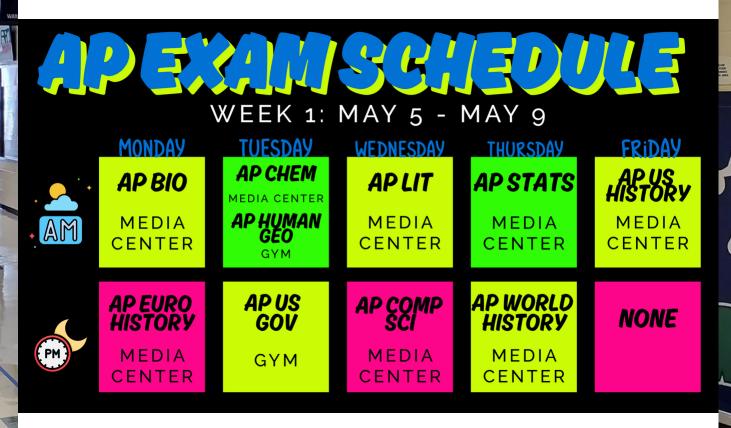
- Dress in layers- Gym/Media could be cold or warm
- Eat a healthy breakfast or lunch- nothing loaded in sugar to avoid a sugar crash
- Bring healthy filling snacks as all students will receive a 15 minute break between each section
- Get a good night's sleep: being well rested on your testing day will help you perform your best on the exam. Lack of sleep will make for a very long exam
- · Bring a calculator

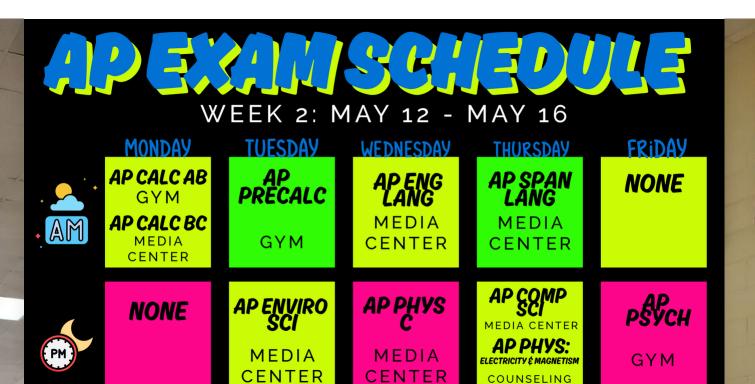
- Pencils and pens will be provided
- Cell phones will be collected: please make sure your phone can be identified quickly as some test groups are large and I-phones can all look identical. Avoid placing your credit cards and/or drivers license outside of your phone case
- Leave smart watches at home as we will be required to collect all smart watches
- Do not bring any type of Bluetooth/wireless accessory
- Be on time- students will not be permitted to enter the test room late. If you have a morning test, please plan accordingly for traffic

#### **Late Testing Policy**

Any student who misses the AP exam must contact Mrs. Smith immediately via email. Please remember AP testing is **REQUIRED**. If a student does not participate in testing their overall grade will be lowered a letter grade according to UCPS policy. If a student misses the regular exam time, there will likely be a fee that the student will be responsible for.

**SENIORS:** Please remember that AP exam administration times are strict and we are bound to follow all College Board and AP Policies. Weddington High has never scheduled senior week during the regular administration of AP exams, however we have no control of late testing schedule conflicting with senior week activities. Please do your best to be present for all regular scheduled exams.





# **CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION**

Click **HERE** for the graduation website.



Seniors will be taking a class Cap and Gown picture on Monday, May 19th. All seniors will report directly to the stadium no later than 8:00 am. All seniors will need to bring their cap and gown. Following the picture, the senior class will walk through Weddington Elementary school and Weddington Middle school in their cap and gown. All seniors will report to class after the walk-through.

#### Graduation Rehearsal: Friday, June 6th 12:00pm

All seniors participating in commencement are required to attend rehearsal on Friday, June 6th at 12:00pm. Students should report to the auditorium starting at 11:15am for check-in. Students will receive their cords and 8 graduation tickets. All fees must be paid in full before students can receive their tickets. Students cannot pick up tickets for other students.

IMPORTANT: Physical tickets MUST be presented at the commencement in order for entry. NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

#### **Senior Collections:**

Seniors will not be allowed to receive their tickets if their school account has not been cleared. Please check PowerSchool to see if your student has any unpaid fees. If you have any questions regarding fees, please feel free to reach out to our bookkeeper, Tina Starnes at <a href="mailto:tinat.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us">tinat.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us</a>. She will be available during graduation rehearsal to assist students with clearing any outstanding fees. It is extremely important that all seniors ensure that they have turned in all textbooks, library materials, Chromebook and charger, and any outstanding fees by the end of the day Friday, June 6th.

#### Graduation: Monday, June 9th at 8:00am

Weddington High School's Class of 2025 Commencement will be held on Monday, June 9th at 8:00am at the high school stadium. Seniors are expected to arrive and line up by 7:15am. Students may park in the student parking lot as early as 7:00am, check in at the table in the gym, and then proceed to their assigned pod for line up. We will begin the processional at 7:45am. It is extremely important that students arrive by 7:15am in order to ensure they are able to check in and be in line for the procession.

Dress code for students is business casual. Males should wear dress pants and a collared shirt and females a dress, skirt, or dress pants. Flip Flops should not be worn. Ladies should not wear heels as they will be walking on soft grass. Ladies should affix the white collar that comes with the graduation gown. All cords will be distributed at graduation rehearsal. Only school distributed cords may be worn. Graduation caps are not to be decorated.

#### **Inclement Weather Contingency Plan:**

Graduation will take place Monday, June 9th at 8:00am as planned, however, it is possible that there could be a minor delay or modification to the program depending on the weather. We will continue monitoring the weather throughout the week and over the weekend prior to graduation. Any delays to the 8:00am start time would be communicated Monday morning by no later than 6:00am via a connect ed text message and through our school social media platforms. Students, parents, and guests are encouraged to follow Weddington High School social media the morning of graduation for any updates.

Instagram, Facebook, & Twitter: WeddingtonHSNC

#### **Graduation Live Stream:**

Graduation will be Live Streamed as in years past. The link for the Live Stream will be shared with families the week prior to graduation.

#### **Graduation Tickets:**

Each graduating senior will receive 8 tickets to the ceremony. **Each student will receive the 8 physical tickets on rehearsal day.** Students are more than welcome to ask other students for any unused tickets. However, WHS will not facilitate this process or provide additional tickets. There will be three entry points for all guests: Weddington Middle School, Weddington Elementary School, and the Weddington High School student lot.

You may also click **HERE** for additional graduation event directions including parking information.

All guests will need a ticket in order to attend. Children who are 5 years and younger do not need a ticket, however, they must sit on a parents lap. We ask that you please have your paper ticket ready upon arriving at the ticket booth. The gates will open at 7:00am. All guests are encouraged to arrive early to ensure you get a parking spot and find a seat prior to the ceremony beginning promptly at 8:00am.

#### **Safety Protocols for UCPS Events:**

Per UCPS safety protocols, only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed into graduation. All guests are asked to plan accordingly as this will be enforced. After consulting with law enforcement and district officials, UCPS reserves the right to utilize body scanners at events. Metal detectors will be used at all stadium entrances. Please plan your arrival accordingly.

#### **Graduation Parking:**

Parking is available at Weddington Elementary, Weddington Middle and Weddington High School. We highly encourage guests to park at the elementary and middle school lots due to their close proximity.

Although there are handicap parking spots at each of the parking locations, all individuals requiring additional assistance are asked to park at Weddington Middle School. There will be a golf cart shuttle for those who need assistance. Handicap loading/unloading will occur in the handicap spots in the front middle school lot.

Due to the number of guests attending graduation, parking will be limited. Families are encouraged to carpool and maximize the number of guests per vehicle.

# **UCPS NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CAREER FAIR**



# TARDY AND DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Parents, we have seen a significant increase in the number of students who are tardy getting to school over the last couple of weeks. As a reminder, the school day for WHS begins at 8:10am and ends at 3:05pm. Students are expected to be in their 1st period class by the 8:10am bell. Students who are not in their class by the 8:10am bell will be marked tardy. We recognize traffic can cause delays in the morning and as such, students and parents are encouraged to allow extra time to get to school in the morning. WHS students may enter the building each day at 7:15am. Please remind your child of the importance of getting to school on time as having students come into the classroom late causes a disruption for all students in the class.

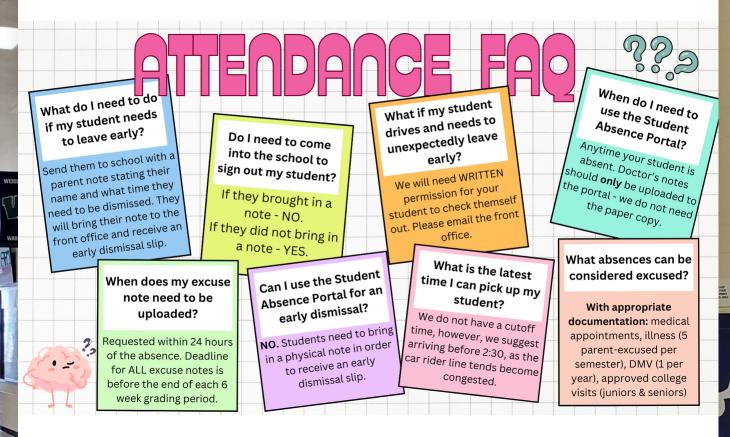
We also need your help in reminding students of the importance of being aware of, and complying with, the dress code which can be found on page 13 and 14 of the <u>student handbook</u>. Although we understand that style trends are ever changing and this is often reflected in the clothes that stores are 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.

**ATTENDANCE** 

Attendance Recovery will take place after we return from Spring Break. Any student required to attend will be notified via email with their required hours. Attendance Recovery hours must be completed before the completion of the 2024-25 school year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. TC Yost (<a href="mailto:tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us">tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us</a>).

#### STUDENT ABSENCE PORTAL

In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please upload your documentation to the <u>Student Absence Portal</u>. 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.



# SECOND SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

EOC and Teacher Made Final Exams Begin Monday, June 2nd.

Students are required to take ALL EXAMS, including End of Course (EOC) and Teacher Made exams, at school during exam week.

Monday, June 2nd - 1st Block Exams
Tuesday, June 3rd - 2nd Block Exams
Wednesday, June 4th - 3rd Block Exams
Thursday, June 5th - 4th Block Exams
Friday, June 6th - Make-Up Exams

#### Required EOC Courses:

- NC Math 1
- NC Math 3
- English 2
- Biology

#### **Spring 2025 CTE Courses with State Exams:**

- Health Science I Honors
- Business Essentials
- Business Essentials UCPS (Online Course)
- Culinary Arts & Hospitality I Honors
- Food and Nutrition I Honors

The following are some important reminders for all students taking an EOC, CTE, or teacher made final exam:

Students are asked to charge their Chromebook the night before AND bring their charger with them for test day. If your students computer is broken or not working properly, please have them contact Ms. Tammy Douglas, our Desktop Support Engineer.

Students should bring a pencil and calculator if they have a math exam.

Testing will begin at 8:15 on Monday, June 2nd through Thursday, June 5th, as well as on Friday, June 6th for the make-up exams. All testing should be completed daily around 12:30pm. Students will not be permitted to leave campus until all exams have been completed.

Buses will pick up at normal morning times on exam days **but will be taking students home immediately following exams during those days**. Buses will run on normal times during the makeup exam day on Friday, June 6th. Only students who have to take a make-up exam are required to come to school on the make-up exam day on Friday, June 6th.

# **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

#### SENIORS....

WHS will be distributing paper tickets for graduation. Please complete the tasks below in exchange for your graduation tickets. Not completed? No ticket.

#### **Scholarships**

**Senior Parents**- Complete the scholarship reporting form for each scholarship, merit and athletic, awarded from each school. WHS is required to report a scholarship total and we can't do this without your help. Report all dollars awarded, regardless of not attending. One submission form per award. Please see your counselor with any questions. <a href="https://forms.gle/5GfkJpkxb2cDuEET8">https://forms.gle/5GfkJpkxb2cDuEET8</a>

#### **UCPS - Graduation Survey**

- · Click on the following link to complete the graduation survey
  - https://bit.ly/gradsurvey2025

#### Scoir

· Update Your Outcome for each college in the Applied column

Mark either Accepted, Denied, Deferred

· Mark the college you plan to attend as ENROLLING

#### JUMPSTART THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS, June 3, 4, 5 - 1:00 - 3:00, WHS Cafeteria

Don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in individual sessions (hosted by leading college admissions counselors) sharing the ins and outs of the college application process for the 2024 application cycle.

Topics include but not limited to: College Tours, Holistic Application Review, Anatomy of the College Application, Writing the Personal Statement, Scoir, Resume Writing, Creating an Application List, Recommendation Letters, Early Action – Early Decision – Regular – Rolling, Common Application, I've been deferred, now what? Writing the Winning Essay, Community College. Four, 30-min college application sessions will be held each day, for three days.

# Bring your lunch! Bring your student computer! Let's get started! THE WHS COLLEGE APPLICATION GUIDEBOOK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING JUMPSTART.

June 3, 1:00 - 3:00

June 4, 1:00 - 3:00

June 5, 1:00 - 3:00

#### PARENT UNIVERSITY - WHS auditorium

- Navigating Financial Aid, 5:00-6:00, June 5
- College Admissions Panel, 6:00-6:45, June 5
- College Application Guidebook, 6:45-7:00, June 5 WHS School Counselors

### **Counseling Department Information**

Please visit the <u>WHS Counseling Department webpage</u> for information and resources.

# 2024-2025 YEARBOOK

#### Still need a yearbook?

We have 30 yearbooks left to purchase. Please go to <u>Jostens.com</u> to get your book ASAP.



# **IMPORTANT 2026 SENIOR PORTRAIT**

The Class of 2026 Senior Portrait Booking is now open! CADY is our school's exclusive senior photographer and school pictures are going to be a little different this year. In order for your child to be in their senior yearbook, you must have their portrait taken with them. This is a very busy year so ideally, you'll book your CADY session this summer. Don't worry though, CADY specializes in senior portraits with several different session options to fit every need. Their state-of-the-art studios have endless scene options, changing rooms, and a professional staff. Their weekend schedules fill up fast, so book early to secure your spot! Your senior portrait **must be taken by December 5, 2026** to be included in the yearbook.

Get your photos for your family, grad announcements, senior yearbook ads, and more. Remember — **Book early!** Don't let your senior get left out of the yearbook. Visit <u>cady.com/schedule</u> to book now.

Attached are FAQs and Senior session options

Final prints and digital images are <b>NOT</b> included in session fee. <u>Learn more.</u>						
	Elite Unlimited As Low as \$299	Elite As Low as \$199	Most Popular As Low as \$129	Legacy As Low as \$79	Standard As Low as \$59	Simple As Low as \$29
Yearbook Photo(s) ◊	~	~	~	~	~	~
Private Photographer	~	~	-	-	-	-
Studio Scenes	All	All	4	3	2	1
Dry Hair Styling	~	+ \$45.99	+ \$45.99	-	-	-
Make-Up Artist	~	+ \$59.99	+\$59.99	-	-	-
Choose Your Destination Scene	~	+ \$129.99	-	-	-	-
Front of the Line Pass	~	~	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Scene at the Studio	~	~	~	+ \$29.99	+ \$29.99	+ \$29.99
Premier Retouching	~	~	-	-	-	-
Free Digitals †	2	2	1	-	-	-
Credit Towards Collections ‡	\$200	\$200	\$100	-	2_0	2-0
Portraits for Preview	95 - 105	60 - 75	45 - 50	20	15	10
Packages Starting at	\$199	\$199	\$179	\$179	\$179	\$179



Senior-FAQs.pdf

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# 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 <u>HERE</u> to go to WHS PTSO website and join today!

As we plan for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, the Weddington High School PTSO is seeking dedicated individuals to join our board. Serving on the board is a rewarding opportunity to support our students, teachers, and staff, and to contribute to the Weddington school community. Anyone interested in serving on the Weddington High School PTSO board, please reach out to us at <a href="www.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com">w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com</a>. We would be delighted to provide more information and discuss how you can get involved.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our schools.

https://weddingtonhsptso.membershiptoolkit.com/home

#### **THANK YOU!**

We invite you to thank our teachers and staff for their efforts during this 2024-25 school year by donating a gift card or making a donation for gift cards via Venmo (<a href="https://venmo.com/u/WHSPTSO">https://venmo.com/u/WHSPTSO</a> - please note in memo that donation is for gift cards). For more information, please click:





Scan QR code for payment

# JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

Prom tickets are now available for purchase! Each junior and senior can purchase up to two tickets for \$85 each through April 4th. Beginning April 5th, tickets will be \$100 each. Purchase by scanning the QR code below, or through the school website by going to Quick Links and then <a href="School Event Tickets">School Event Tickets</a>.

PLEASE NOTE: Each attendee is required to present a ticket. Two tickets must be purchased for parties of 2.





2025 Prom Guest Permission Slip.pdf

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# 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 <u>before the end of each block</u> 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

# **EC PARENT SURVEY**



#### What is the Parent Survey?

This is an annual survey of parents of children receiving special education. It is an opportunity to report how well your school system includes you in the IEP process and the education of your child.

#### Your response matters!

Your response lets the State and your district know how well they are doing or how they can improve parent involvement.

#### Did you know?

Your response is anonymous.

#### **Survey Specifics**

This short, 2-minute survey is open between January 6 and June 30, 2025. If you don't have a computer or smartphone, you can request a paper copy from your district.



https://go.ncdpi.gov/24-25ParentSurvey

#### Need more information?

Contact:

The Office of Exceptional Children Johanna Lynch, Parent Liaison 984-238-2570

#### The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center

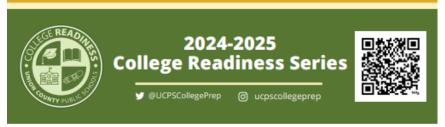
Anastacia Newton, Parent Educator (704) 990-7273 (English)

Millie Ramos, Lead Bilingual Parent Educator 704-990-7276 (Spanish)

OFFICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN



# **UCPS COLLEGE READINESS SERIES**



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 (hoste 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	

# **ATHLETIC INFORMATION**



# WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

# **FLAG FOOTBALL**

- 曾 GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL IS CALLING 曾
- $\mathscr{O}$  No pads.  $\mathscr{O}$  No tackling.  $\mathscr{O}$  ALL the hype.

Grab your friends, pull some flags, and let's make some serious noise this season! Never played before? Doesn't matter. We'll teach you everything you need to know! Complete the interest form by Friday 5/9! An interest meeting will be scheduled the week of May 12th!



FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS



Each student-athlete will receive the following free services from our team of expert providers:

- · Review of medical history
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) This is a exam)
   heart screening for sudden cardiac 
   Vision exam death to detect health risks before they Registered Dietitian become issues
- . Echocardiogram (ECHO) to be
- Review of medical managers
   General wellness sports screening for
   Orthopedic screening (musculoskeletal
   Orthopedic screening (musculoskeletal)

  - · Hands-Only CPR training

Please register using the link or QR code between March 1 and May 10:

REGISTER HERE



#### Atrium Health Musculoskeletal Institute

and does not replace the need for an annual physical with your doctor. Click here to **LEARN MORE** 

or visit atriumhealth.org/heart-of-a-champion



# **2025 SUMMER CAMPS**



Hey warriors - did you know that we offer SPIRITWEAR year-round? Many of our items are available for purchase ANY TIME! Tshirts, hoodies, pj pants, sweats, hats, etc. are available NOW for immediate pickup. Email <a href="whsabcspiritwear@gmail.com">whsabcspiritwear@gmail.com</a> or text 704-806-6433 to get yours today!

# **UCPS EVENT PROTOCOL**



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 <a href="michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us">michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us</a> or by calling the school.

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

Coaches Directory

Eligibility Website

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

Click <u>here</u> to learn more about our live stream partnership with the NFHS Network! Volleyball, wrestling, basketball, football, soccer and lacrosse will all be live streamed!

