

Warrior Weekly

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Weddington High School

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Reminder

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND IN
OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

enjoy the long weekend!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, September 2nd: No school in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3rd: Senior Info Night: 9/3 6pm-7:15pm (see below for more information)

Thursday, September 5th: Freshman Info Night - High School 101: 9/5 6pm-7:15pm (see below for more information)

Friday, September 6th: Required Back to School Forms Due (see below for more information)

Tuesday, September 10th: Parent Portal Opens

Tuesday, October 1st: Underclassmen Picture Day (more information to come)



**PLEASE NOTE: THE POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL IS LOCKED
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10TH.**

ATTENDANCE



IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

We will no longer be accepting paper notes or emails to excuse absences. All doctor and parent notes need to be uploaded into the Student Absence Portal. **ALL PARENTS** must create an account. Scan the QR code below, or click “Quick Links” on the WHS home page.





EARLY DISMISSALS

- On the occasions that you need your student to be dismissed early, a prior written note will be **REQUIRED**. The note must be brought to the front office prior to the beginning of school and should include the following information:
 - student's first and last name
 - date and time of dismissal
 - parent signature
- In the event a student does not have a dismissal note, and needs to leave school early, a parent will need to come into the school to sign them out. We are no longer accepting emails for dismissals.



2024-2025 Bell Schedules

[2024-2025 Bell Schedules](#)

SCHOOL HOURS FOR STUDENTS

The school day for WHS begins at 8:10am and ends at 3:05pm. Students are expected to be in their first period class ready for class by 8:10am, otherwise, they will be considered tardy. Students and parents are asked to review the WHS Tardy Policy which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). Weddington High School students may enter the building each day at 7:15 a.m. Entrances will remain locked until that time.

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.

SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS:

Parents!! We are sorry, we realized while handing out the senior yard signs that the perforated holes to display the signs with the attached stand are running in the wrong direction! In the meantime, we suggest using a heavy duty tape to attach the sign to the stand so that you can display your signs in the yard! We worked with the vendor and got this corrected, if you had your order placed by the August 9th deadline, we will have a new sign for you and can be picked up at Senior Night next week, Tuesday 9/3 in the lobby. You can also pickup any shirts and signs that were ordered before 8/9 if you didn't make it to Orientation!

If you ordered your Senior Package after August 9th deadline, your next available pickup date will be 9/19 from 3 to 3:30pm at school. There will be a table as students are being dismissed outside the gym.

The next close out to order shirts and signs for the year will be September 3! Again, the distribution for these will be 9/19 from 3 to 3:30pm outside the gym.

We are happy to announce our First Senior Event will be a breakfast on 9/20 at 7:20am to 8:00am in the Media Center. The Signup Genius for volunteers and items we need donated will be out this week, be on the lookout!

Make sure you and your senior follow us on social media too , it will help to make sure you're not missing anything!



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WHS STUDENT HANDBOOK

It is an expectation that students are aware of, and comply with, the expectations outlined in the [WHS student handbook](#) and the [UCPS Code of Conduct](#). We saw an increase in the number of students coming to school out of dress code last year. 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. The dress code can be found on pages 13-14 of the WHS student handbook linked above. Please review the dress code with your child and remind them of the importance of complying with it.

We also want to reiterate the importance of students getting to school on time in the morning and to each class throughout the day. When students are tardy, it can cause a disruption to both their learning and the learning of the other students in the class. Students missing more than 15 minutes of class, will be marked absent for the block. Please take time to review the tardy policy which is on page 5 and 6 of the WHS student handbook.

PARENT BILL OF RIGHTS

The Union County Board of Education recognizes the value of family engagement in a child's academic success and believes that the education of children is an ongoing cooperative partnership between the home and the school. Parents and other family members are their

children's first teachers; therefore, the continued involvement of parents and family members in the educational process is most important in fostering and improving educational achievement. The North Carolina General Assembly recently passed Senate Bill 49—Parents Bill of Rights. This act was voted on to enumerate the rights of parents to direct the upbringing, education, healthcare, and mental health of minor children. For more details on the Parent Bill of Rights, please visit the UCPS Parent's Bill of Rights page by clicking [HERE](#).

Additionally, the UCPS Student Achievement Guide provides parents with resources and information to stay connected in your child's education. This can be accessed on the UCPS Parent Bill of Rights page under the section heading of Quick Links or by clicking [HERE](#).

REQUIRED BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

We are continuing to utilize the convenience of online form completion that can be located on our school's website by clicking "About Us" followed by "Back to School Forms" or by clicking [here](#). The due date for all required forms is **Friday, September 6, 2024**.

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

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL / TRANSPORTATION

Weddington High School students may enter the building each day at 7:15 a.m. Entrances will remain locked until that time.

Car Riders:

At arrival time, students are to be dropped off in front of the school. Please help us to keep car traffic flowing efficiently by facilitating the quick but safe exit of your child from your car and by pulling your car up as far as possible in the line. Students will enter through the main entrance of the school. At dismissal time, students will exit the building from the main entrance. School personnel will be supervising the process, but as is the case with arrival, we encourage you to

stress with your child/children the importance of safe habits. **Please take note that parking and student drop off/pick-up are not permitted in the student parking lot, staff lot, gravel lot, or the church across the street during arrival and dismissal times. Additionally, the surrounding neighborhoods have requested that we remind students and parents that neighborhood streets are not for parking and dropping off / picking up students. Vehicles may be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.**

Bus Riders:

Our bus driver shortage continues and will impact operations as we open school. We will continue to practice strategies put in place in prior years, including double runs and bus stop consolidation. In addition to the normal back to school delays, we anticipate added challenges with the bus driver shortage. We will be communicating any delays using the Edulog Parent Portal app, and additional information is available on the UCPS Transportation website. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated as we work through these challenges.

Students will load and unload buses on the side of the school at the bus lot entrance. Students will be directed to appropriate areas. Buses will typically depart Weddington High School around 3:15pm each afternoon. However, as we settle into the routines of a new school year, it is very possible that buses will be delayed during the first couple of weeks of school. Please also note that due to unforeseen mechanical, driver, and/or other issues, bus runs may be delayed on any given day throughout the school year. We will do everything in our power to minimize such instances. For additional bus rider information, please click [HERE](#). This link will provide parents with directions for installing the Edulog Parent Portal smartphone app which allows parents to access designated bus stop times and locations, see real-time information about the location of your child's school bus, and receive notifications when the bus is getting close. Mr. John Grexa, assistant principal, will be overseeing bus transportation at Weddington High School this year. Questions regarding this area should be directed to him. Mr. Grexa can be reached via email at john.grexa@ucps.k12.nc.us or by calling the school.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Counseling Department Information

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

SENIOR INFO NIGHT

The Weddington School Counseling Department is excited to invite seniors and parents to an in person Senior Information night on **Tuesday, September 3rd from 6:00pm – 7:15pm** in the WHS Cafeteria.

All seniors and parents/guardians are invited to attend. Presentation topics will include but not limited to: Scoir, common app, college application process, writing the college essay, requesting a transcript, letters of recommendation, etc.

FRESHMAN INFO NIGHT: HIGH SCHOOL 101

The Weddington School Counseling Department is excited to invite freshman and parents to an in person Freshman Information Night on **Thursday, September 5th from 6:00pm – 7:15pm** in the

WHS Cafeteria. Join us in learning all about high school and how to navigate these next four years!

SPCC/FLEX

We will no longer be using fobs for students who leave campus for SPCC or flex. Please read the attached document for important information on how to set up your Verkada account.



SPCCFlex.pdf

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UCPS COLLEGE READINESS SERIES

**2024-2025
College Readiness Series**

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College Entrance Exams 101
September 17, 2024
6:00 PM
Webinar

[To register, visit https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions](https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions)

Have you ever wondered what the major differences are between the ACT and the SAT? Are these tests even relevant anymore? What is considered a "good" score? These questions and more will be answered in this webinar!

Presented in partnership with Huntington Learning Center, Weddington.



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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Scior 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
Getting Ready for College	November 16, 2024	Wingate University
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Location TBD
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	Location TBD
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 8, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Location TBD
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Location TBD
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Location TBD
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

For more information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>.

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE

Request for Health Information Form

The Request for Health Information Form can be found on our school's website by clicking "About Us" followed by "Back to School Forms" or by clicking [here](#). This form is requested for ALL students every year. A paper copy will be sent home with students at the start of the year and should be returned the next day.



Medical Consent Forms

We will continue to need a Medication Consent form completed and signed by a physician for any meds needed at school (over the counter or prescription meds- other than hand sanitizer, Chapstick or cough drops). We require a new one every school year. They are found on the School Health Department webpage which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

I look forward to this year at Weddington High School! Please let me know if you ever have any questions or concerns. My phone number here is 704-296-6319 ext 1905.

Thanks so much, Susan Mastin, RN

CAFETERIA (BREAKFAST & LUNCH)

The Weddington High School cafeteria produces healthy and hot meals for our students. Children and families are encouraged to utilize this service. Breakfast is served from 7:40-8:10. **ONLY** students who complete an application and qualify for free and reduced meal prices will receive free or reduced meals. The application for free and reduced meals along with directions for completing the application can be found on the UCPS website under [School Nutrition](#).

Weddington High School serves breakfast and lunch daily. **Students are to eat in the cafeteria or courtyard area only.** Students are to remain seated while in the cafeteria or leave and go to a designated area. **Students are not permitted to leave campus for lunch OR order lunches to be delivered to Weddington High School. The lunch schedule will be shared with students on Monday.**

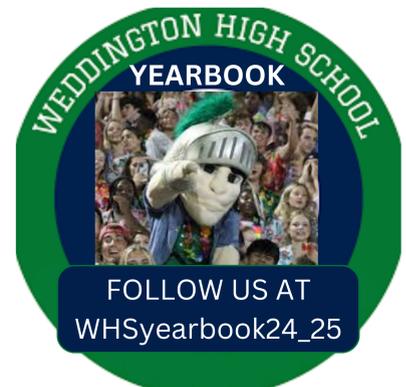
Information concerning menus and how to use the online prepay system can be found on the Child Nutrition page of the UCPS website <https://ucpsschoolnutritionservices.com/>.

If you have any questions about the cafeteria or your child's account, please contact our cafeteria manager, Ms. Ann Watson at 704-708-6266 or via email at ann.watson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

2024-2025 YEARBOOK

With a start of a new school year, the 2024-2025 yearbook staff is already hard at work capturing the first few days of school. Our staff invites you to follow the yearbook Instagram page [@whsyearbook24_25](#) to help make this year's book the best yet in school history.

Purchase your yearbook today to get it at the lowest price of the year. Click [here](#) to purchase this year's book.



CLASS OF 2025

SENIOR PICTURES

We still have over 200 seniors who have not scheduled their senior photo session. Please go to [cady.com](#) and schedule your appointment today before dates and times fill up. The simple session is the basic package where seniors will get several tux/drape photos, several casual photos, and several cap and gown photos. Seniors will be able to select which photo they want in the yearbook through their Cady portal. All sessions will be at Cady Studios except for the Roadshow which will be in the media center at WHS on October 3rd. This is an optional workday for students. The deadline to be included in the yearbook is Monday, December 2nd. Any photos taken after this date **will not** be included in the book.

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

Make your senior's yearbook extra special by creating a senior recognition ad. You can design the ad with a special message and pictures to create a keepsake for years to come. Purchase your ad by September 30th to get it at the lowest price offered. The final deadline to purchase a senior recognition ad is December 9, 2024.

Deadline 1 9/30/2024

Full Page _____\$350
1/2 Page _____\$200
1/4 Page _____\$150

Deadline 3 12/9/2024

Full Page _____\$450
1/2 Page _____\$250
1/4 Page _____\$200

Deadline 2 10/28/2024

Full Page _____\$400
1/2 Page _____\$225
1/4 Page _____\$175

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date!*



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SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

2024 BOND VOTE

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2024 BOND **VOTE** NOV. 5

COMMUNITY MEETINGS



DATES AND LOCATIONS

SEPTEMBER 12
FOREST HILLS **HIGH - 6 P.M.**



SEPTEMBER 19
PARKWOOD **HIGH - 6 P.M.**



OCTOBER 3
PARKWOOD **HIGH - 6 P.M.**

OCTOBER 17
EAST UNION **MIDDLE - 6 P.M.**



ATHLETIC INFORMATION



WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

UCPS EVENT PROTOCOL

! 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 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!

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