

Warrior Weekly

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Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Saturday, September 28th: Homecoming Dance (see below for more information)

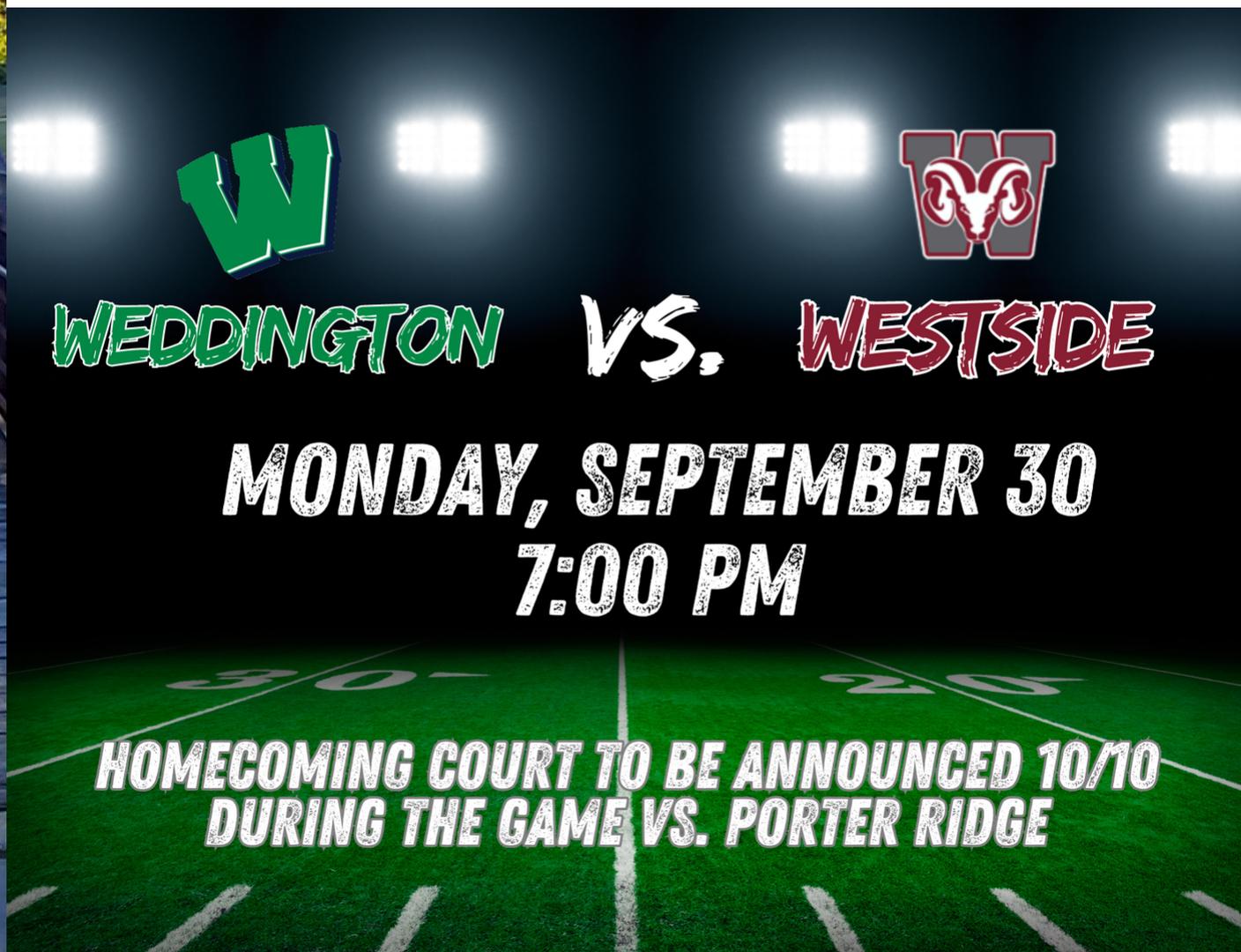
Monday, September 30th: Football Game vs. Westside (see below for more information)

Tuesday, October 1st: Underclassmen Picture Day (see below for more information)

Thursday, October 3rd: Teacher Workday - No School For Students, Senior Roadshow (see below for more information)

HOMECOMING UPDATE

The Varsity Football game against Westside has been moved to Monday, September 30th at 7:00 pm.

A graphic for a football game announcement. The background is a dark night scene of a football field with stadium lights. At the top, there are two logos: a green 'W' on the left and a red 'W' with a ram's head on the right. Below the logos, the text 'WEDDINGTON VS. WESTSIDE' is written in a stylized font. Underneath that, 'MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30' and '7:00 PM' are written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, the text 'HOMECOMING COURT TO BE ANNOUNCED 10/10 DURING THE GAME VS. PORTER RIDGE' is written in a smaller, white, bold font. The field has yard lines and numbers like '30' and '20' visible.

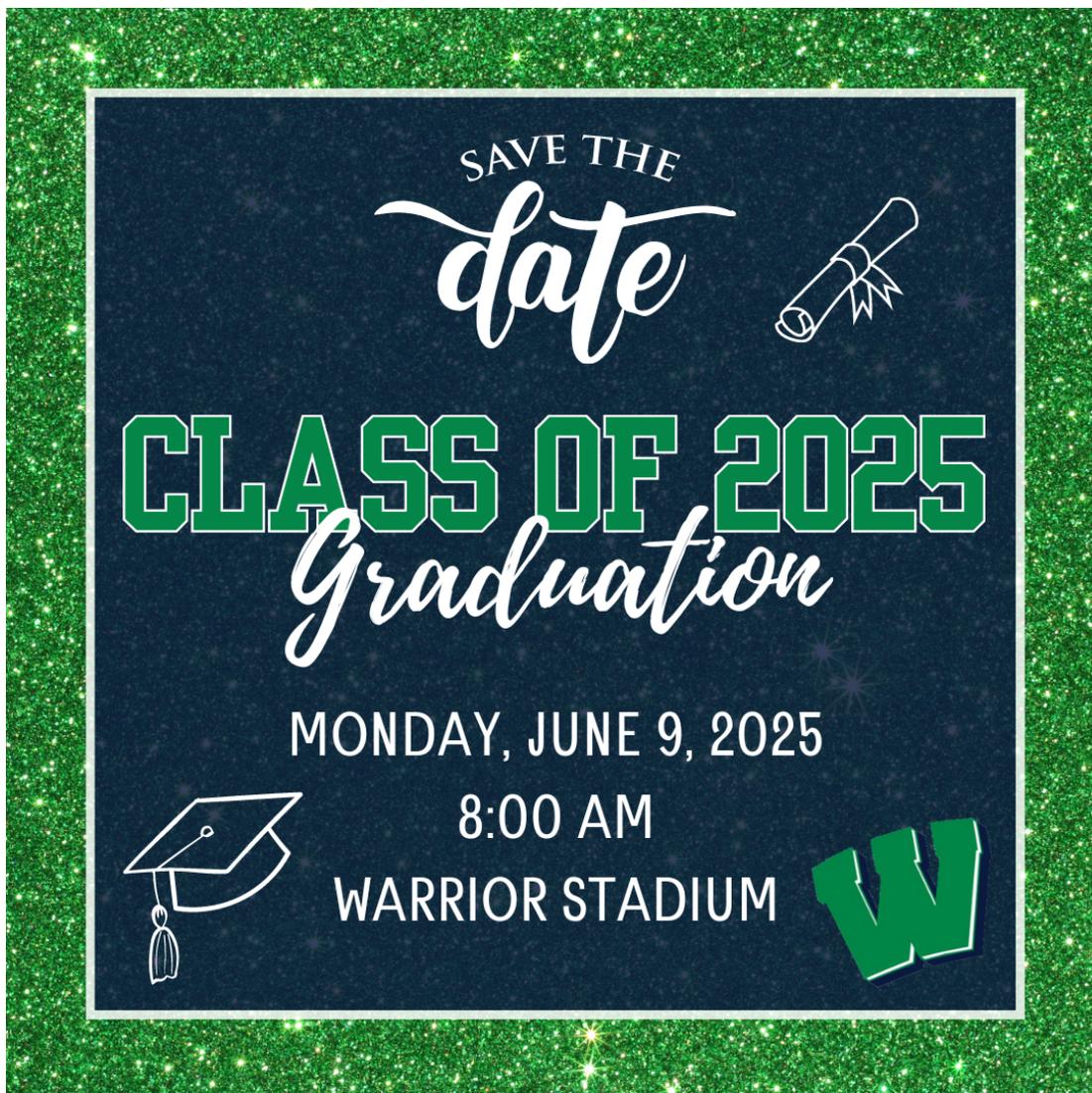
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WEDDINGTON VS. WESTSIDE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
7:00 PM

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DURING THE GAME VS. PORTER RIDGE

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION



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.

UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Underclassmen picture day will be on Tuesday, October 1st during 1st period. All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors need to have their picture taken for the yearbook. CADY is cashless, so no checks or cash will be accepted on picture day. Students can pre-order online at CADY.com/SchoolPictures prior to picture day and those that do not pre-order will receive digital proofs via email and SMS with a link to view and order after picture day. All orders will be shipped to the home address listed in PowerSchool, not to the school.

CADY

Look Sharp, Picture Day is Coming Soon!

Save **\$10** when you
order before picture day



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.

2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

Each year the WHS PTSO board creates a proposed budget for the current school year. Parents are asked to vote for the proposed budget to indicate whether you approve or do not approve of the budget. Please take a moment to view the proposed budget and vote to approve/not approve by clicking [HERE](#).

If you have questions regarding the budget or other PTSO related questions, please visit the WHS PTSO website by clicking [HERE](#) and click on CONTACT US.



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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.



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 RECOVERY

- Attendance Recovery will be held at the end of each 6 weeks.
- Attendance Recovery is for any student with 8 or more absences during the 6-wk grading period (excused, unexcused or OSS). Students and parents will be notified by Mrs. Yost if attendance recovery is required.
- Students will be required to come in for Attendance Recovery on the teacher workday following that 6-week grading period.
- The WHS Attendance Counselor will oversee this process and will supervise the students during recovery.
- They will be required to work on any outstanding assignments/make-up work from the 6-week grading period.

**** If the student does not complete the required recovery, they will be in danger of failing the course.**

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.

HOMEcomings DANCE 2024



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Counseling Department Information

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

Scoir <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7558>

Please reference the Scoir folder in the School Counseling Canvas page for a menu of detailed information and videos around setting up an account, downloading the app., viewing the calendar, etc.

Senior Conferences

Senior Conferences have begun. Email your counselor to set up an apt. to discuss college essays, applications, Scoir, Common App., and much more!

FAFSA

FAFSA, <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. To best prepare, review resources found at financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov.

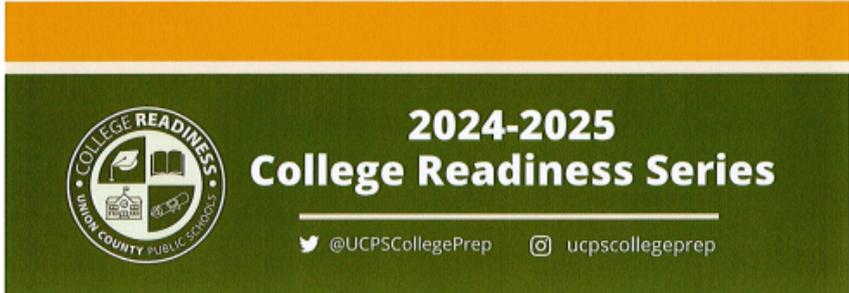
College Visits

On campus college visits are back! Wondering who will be on campus this week? Check the board in the cafeteria. Semester one visits are open to Seniors and Juniors.

Register in Scoir today!

1. Log into Scoir
2. Click on 3 lines in top right corner
3. Click on "Events and Deadlines"
4. Search for college of interest & sign up
5. Visits are in the Counseling Commons

UCPS COLLEGE READINESS SERIES



The banner features the UCPS College Readiness Series logo on the left, which includes icons for a graduation cap, a book, a person, and a building. To the right of the logo, the text reads "2024-2025 College Readiness Series". Below this text are social media handles: a Twitter icon followed by "@UCPSCollegePrep" and an Instagram icon followed by "ucpscollegeprep".

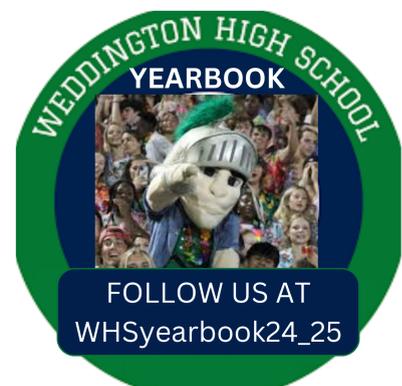
Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
Getting Ready for College	November 16, 2024	Wingate University
ACT/SAT Blitz	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>.

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](https://www.instagram.com/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

There are 3 ways to get your senior pictures taken this year.

1. Between now and December 2nd you can book a session at Cady studios by visiting their website at <https://store.cady.com/>. There are several different packages available ranging in a variety of prices. The basic session package is \$30 and includes several poses of the senior tux/drape yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and 1 scene of your choice. With this basic package, seniors will also be able to select the tux/drape photo they want to be included in the yearbook.
2. Cady Studios will be coming to Weddington High School in the media center on October 3rd to host a Roadshow. Please note this date is a teacher workday and not a school day for students. These sessions can also be booked online at <https://store.cady.com/>. Just make sure to select Oct 3rd as the date and Weddington High School as the location. At the Roadshow, the traditional packages which range from \$30 to \$80 will be offered. The basic session package is \$30 and includes several poses of the senior tux/drape yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and 1 scene of your choice. With this basic package, seniors will also be able to select the tux/drape photo they want to be included in the yearbook.
3. Last, we will offer a make-up session in late November. The date of this make-up session has not been determined. At this make-up session, students will only get a single shot of the tux/drape photo taken. Seniors will not be able to select the photo to be put in the yearbook.

****Seniors who do not get their senior picture taken by December 2nd, 2024 will not be included in the yearbook.**

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

2024 BOND VOTE

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2024
BOND

VOTE

NOV. 5

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

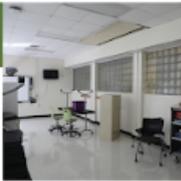
DATES AND LOCATIONS

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

PINK OUT T-SHIRTS!

\$20



Breast Cancer

Awareness Month



FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, THE WARRIORS CONTINUE THEIR TRADITION OF RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR THE CAUSE!

PINK SHIRTS WILL GO ON SALE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2 UNTIL SOLD OUT FOR \$20 DURING ALL LUNCHES. CARD ONLY. NO CASH!

OUR PINK OUT FOOTBALL GAME WILL BE ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 10TH VS. PORTER RIDGE.

ALL PROFIT WILL BE DONATED TO THE DEANGELO WILLIAMS FOUNDATION.

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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