

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



**Weddington High School**

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Tuesday, October 22nd:** PreACT - sophomores only (see below for more information)

**Thursday, October 24th:** PSAT/MSMQT - Select Juniors Only (see below for more information)

**Friday, October 25th:** Senior 25' Photo (see below for more information)

**Tuesday, November 5th:** Teacher Workday, no school for students

**Wednesday, November 6th:** Underclassmen Picture Re-Takes

**Monday, November 11th:** No School in Observance of Veteran's Day

**Wednesday, November 20th:** Senior Picture Makeup Day (see below for more information)

## PRE-ACT AND PSAT TESTING

### Pre ACT - Sophomores Only

All UCPS sophomores are required to participate in the Pre-ACT. Weddington High School will be administering the Pre-ACT on Tuesday, October 22nd. The Pre-ACT test is considered to be a practice test to provide an estimated score of how your student will perform on the ACT test. Colleges will NOT have access to Pre-ACT scores. Additional information regarding the test including testing locations will be shared next week. The PreACT will be online this year. Please make sure your 10th grader has a working Chromebook. If not, they will need to see Mrs. Douglas, technology support.

**All students not participating in testing on this day will operate on their normal class schedule.**

Please contact Mrs. Smith, Assistant Principal and Testing Coordinator, at [alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us) with any questions

### PSAT/NMSQT - Select Juniors Only

For students who signed up by the August 31st deadline, the PSAT/NMSQT test will take place on **Thursday, October 24th** starting directly after the morning bell. **This assessment is only for Juniors who signed up by the August 31st deadline.** This test will be digital. Testing location will be shared with students prior to test day.

For any further questions, please contact Mrs. Alanna Smith at [alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## 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.**

## 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!!

### October Senior Breakfast

Friday 10/25 @ 7:20 a.m. (this is only for seniors who signed up for Senior Events through the PTSO)

\*please get in line early, we will stop serving at 8:00 as the seniors need to be to the stadium for the '25 picture at 8:15

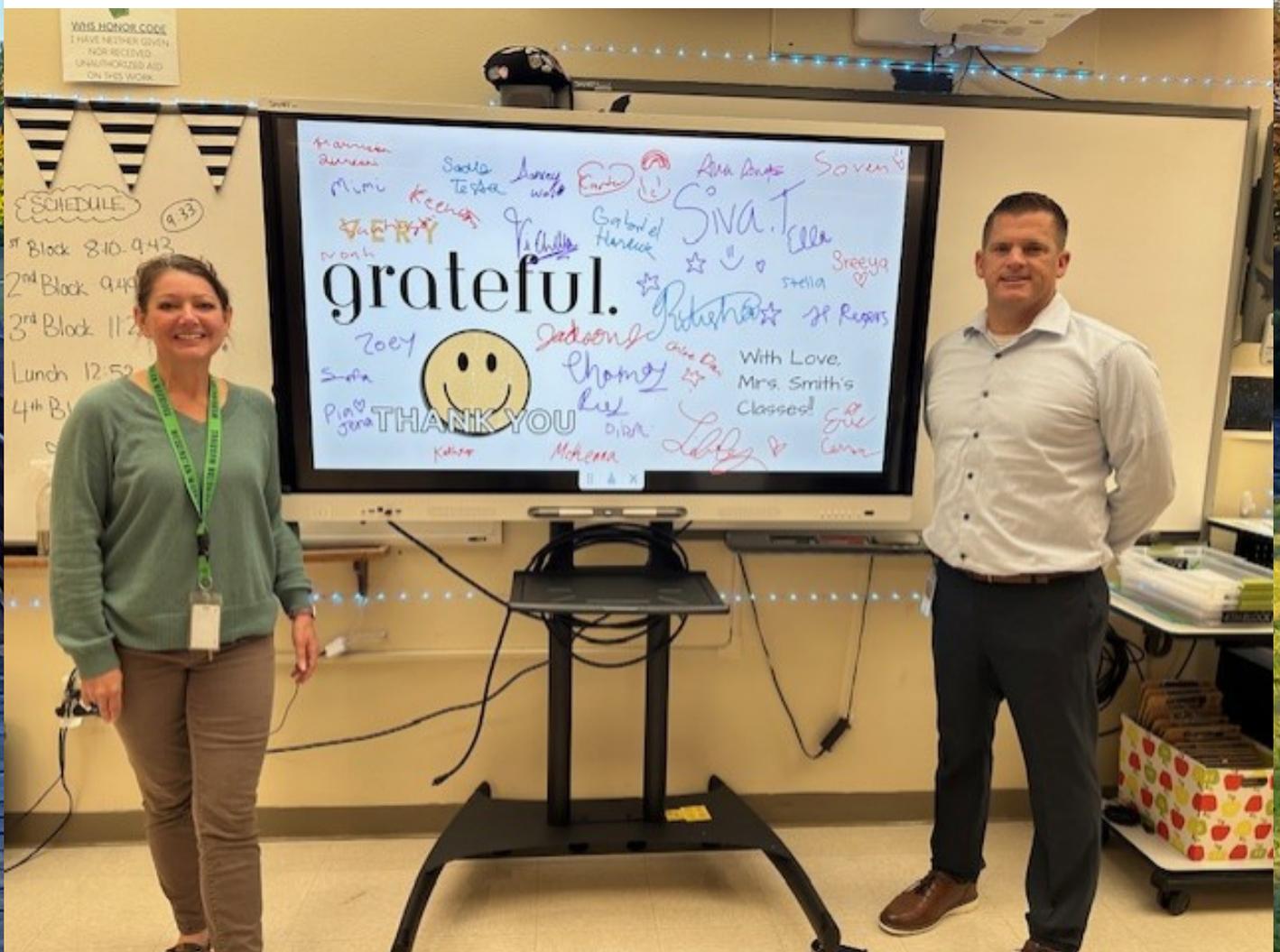
If you signed up to donate an item for the Senior Breakfast, please drop off to the office by Wednesday 10/23 and label it "Senior Breakfast." Thanks for your donations!

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).

## IVEST IN EXCELLENCE!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Invest in Excellence campaign last year!! We were able to purchase 2 new Smart Boards for our classrooms. One is for Mrs. Smith's Chemistry class and they are very grateful!! Each board costs \$3000 and the school needs to purchase about 3-5 each year as the older Smart Boards go out and need be replaced.

Please consider joining us in our Invest in Excellence campaign this year! The PTSO would love to continue to provide our school with much needed items like the Smart Boards. We need you to make this happen! Don't forget, if your company matches, that is double the money for our school! Please consider donating!





WHS PTSO

@WHSPTSO



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Scan QR code for payment

## 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.

**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](https://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



# 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>.

## WHS FALL THEATRE PRODUCTION

*Weddington High School Presents*

# THE PLAY THAT GOES

# WRONG

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 @ 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 @ 7:00 PM

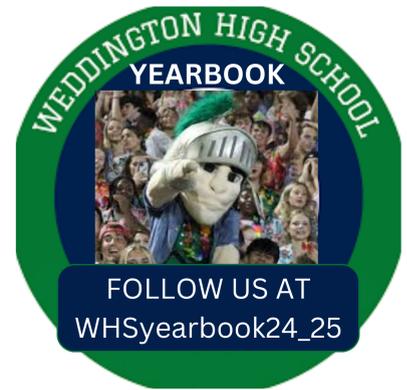
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 @ 1:00 & 7:00 PM



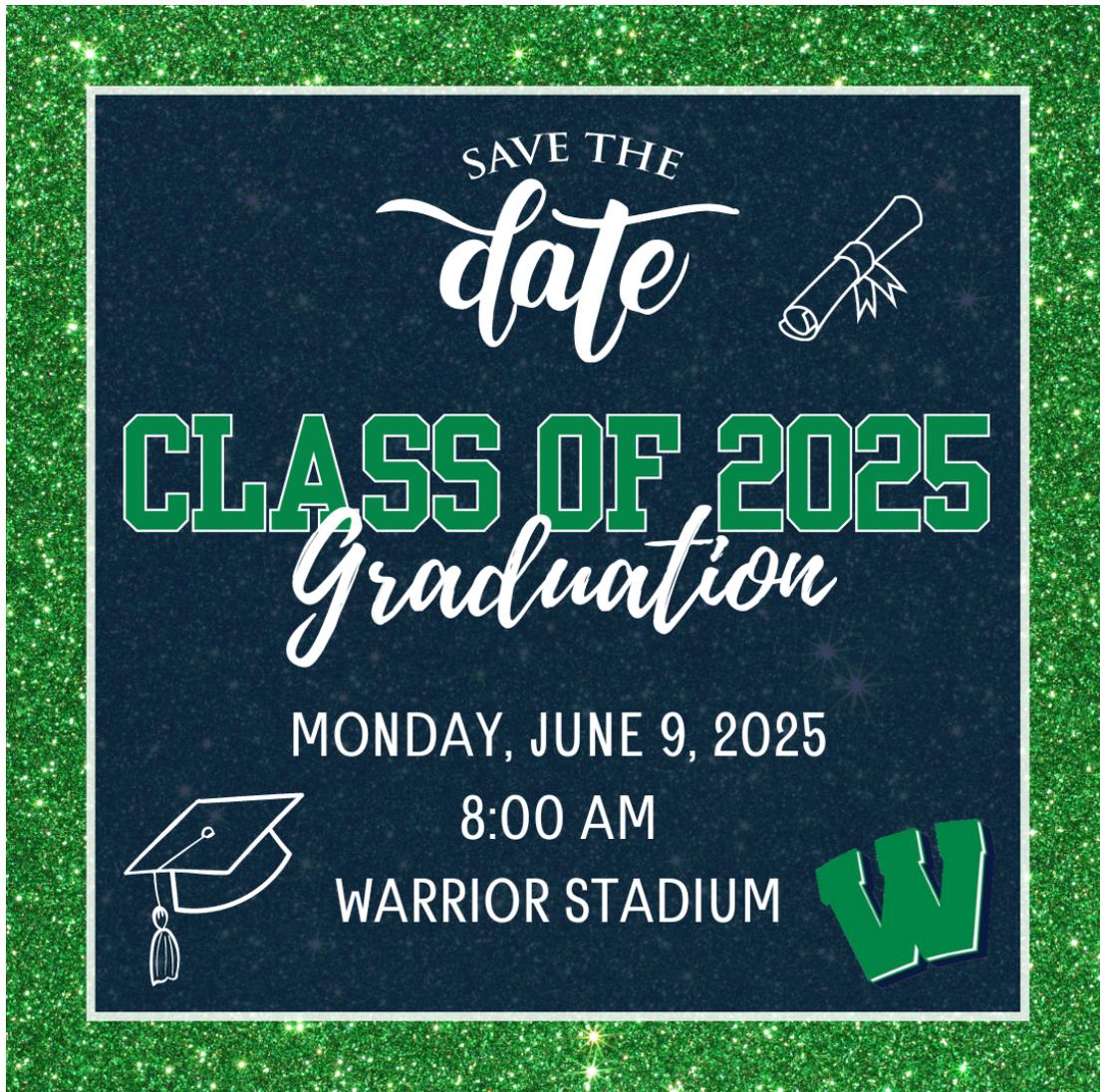
## 2024-2025 YEARBOOK

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 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.

## SENIOR 25' PHOTO

The senior 25 photo will be taken on Friday, October 25th immediately following senior breakfast at 8:15 am on the football field. All seniors need to wear black for the photo.

# SENIOR '25 PHOTO



**Friday, October 25th @ 8:15**  
**\*students must wear black\***

## SENIOR PICTURES

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. 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.
3. Our senior makeup and yearbook only picture day will be Wed, Nov 20th in the media center. All seniors who have not already scheduled a photo session will receive an appointment time for this day by Fri, Nov 1st. If you have already had your photo session but would like a makeup for the yearbook only picture, please email Mrs. Waldrup at [anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us) by Fri, Nov 1st to receive an appointment time. We ask that students bring a white t-shirt for the tux photo or a spaghetti strap tank for the drape photo. This will be the last chance to get your senior picture taken for the yearbook at school. Please email Mrs. Waldrup with any questions.

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

**Last Chance!!**



# SENIOR MAKEUP PICTURE DAY

**Wed, Nov 20th in the Media Center**

All seniors who have not scheduled a session will receive an appointment time by Fri, Nov 1st.

## 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 2 10/28/2024

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

### Deadline 3 12/9/2024

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

## 2024 BOND VOTE

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**2024**  
**BOND**

**VOTE**

**NOV. 5**

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

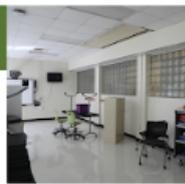
### DATES AND LOCATIONS

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**

### GIRLS LAX CLINIC

Join the Weddington Girls' Lacrosse Team as they host a clinic for UCPS elementary aged girls in our community. The funds raised will go towards cost of travel for our out of town games and other needed items for their upcoming season. A portion of the of the cost will also be donated to The DeAngelo Williams Foundation, helping to encourage philanthropy among our team during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**Checks accepted only, and can be made out to "WHSABC." Payment and permission slip can be turned in at the high school front office prior to October 26th or at the event.**

# LACROSSE CLINIC

Grades K-5 | Cost: \$75



Join the Weddington girls' lacrosse team as they host a clinic for UCPS elementary aged girls in our community. The funds raised will go towards cost of travel for out of town games and other needed items for their upcoming season. A portion of the cost will also be donated to The DeAngelo Williams Foundation, helping to encourage philanthropy among our team during breast cancer awareness month.



Pre-register at <https://bit.ly/WHSgirls lacrosse clinic>  
or use the QR code below

**DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH**  
**TIME: 9AM-12PM**  
**LOCATION: WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND FIELD**



- Each participant will receive a t-shirt
- Water and Snacks provided
- Gear provided if needed
- Fun games



## 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](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**

Jeff is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

