

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



**Weddington High School**

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, December 12th: Winter Band Concert (see below for more information)

Tuesday, December 17th: Winter Chorus Concert (see below for more information)

Wednesday, December 18th: Talent Show (see below for more information)

Friday, December 20th - Friday, January 3rd: Winter Break, no school for students

## 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.**

# HOLIDAY CANDLE SALE

The WHS TTA will be having their holiday candle sale on Tuesday, December 3rd, Thursday, December 5th and Tuesday, December 10th during all 4 lunches. Come check out all their new holiday scents, as well as new sizes and sugar scrubs!

## HOLIDAY CANDLE SALE!

TUESDAY 12/3  
THURSDAY 12/5  
TUESDAY 12/10

BIG DUB SCRUB! **\$6**  
lemon & candy cane

4 oz. **\$6**  
8 oz. **\$10**  
10 oz. **\$18**

CINNAMON VANILLA	HOLIDAY BERRY
COOKIES FOR SANTA	CRANBERRY MARMALADE
WHITE EUCALYPTUS	PRALINE BUTTERCREAM
FROSTED JUNIPER	WESLEY'S LIGHT
EVERGREEN APPLE	CREME BRULEE
UNDER THE MISTLETOE	HOT APPLE PIE
GINGERBREAD HOUSE	CITRUS DELIGHT
SUGAR PLUM FAIRY	LAVENDER

## WINTER BAND CONCERT

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Thursday, December 12th  
6:00 PM

WHS AUDITORIUM  
8TH GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL  
CONCERT BANDS

## WINTER CHORUS CONCERT



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL  
**WINTER  
CHORUS  
CONCERT**

TUESDAY, DEC 17 - 6:00 PM  
WHS AUDITORIUM

## **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).

### **THANK YOU!**

We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving Pies for our amazing staff! We were able to serve every staff in the building, all the bus drivers, and the crossing guards!



Next week we are going to continue to show our appreciation to our staff with our Holiday Luncheon. We need your help by providing homemade treats so they can

each bring home a dozen treats! Please go to the Sign-Up Genius and pick something special to share!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-52910218-holiday#/>

## SENIOR BREAKFAST

Friday 12/13 @ 7:20 a.m. (this is only for seniors who signed up for Senior Events through the PTSO)

If you signed up to donate an item for the Senior Breakfast, please drop off to the office by Wednesday 12/11 and label it "Senior Breakfast." Thanks for your donations!



WHS PTSO

@WHSPTSO



**venmo**

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.

### 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)

## ON THE SPOT ADMISSIONS

# WINGATE UNIVERSITY

## Direct Admissions Day

WITH JENN AMBROSE, DIRECTOR OF FIRST YEAR ADMISSIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9  
10:00 - 2:00

- COMPLETE OUR FREE "FAST APP"
- ONE-ON-ONE ADMISSIONS INTERVIEW
- IMMEDIATE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER



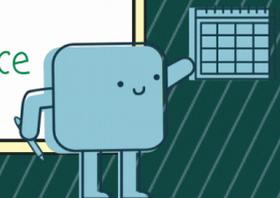
### SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE CHANGES

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**SPCC**  
WEEK OF  
NOV 18

**SCHEDULE CHANGE  
REQUEST FORM**  
opens at 3:00  
on 1/21/25

1. changes are based on COURSE REQUESTS and what the master schedule allows
2. MONITOR POWERSCHOOL FOR CHANGES
3. Only ONE schedule change request submission per student
4. Requests CANNOT be edited once submitted



### SCHEDULE CHANGES - SEMESTER 2

ELECTIVE COURSES COMMONLY OFFERED AT WHS

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bRZygN-JR1feXPrfpZFx5qTc3gcWxyEyvtsXaMvD2vl/edit?usp=sharing>

SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST FORM - LIVE ON 1/21 @ 3:00 PM

<https://forms.gle/5Mb1BzTBo18ugBsu6>

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

[@UCPSCollegePrep](#) [ucpscollegeprep](#)

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>.

### Career Planning with Major Clarity Parent Information Session

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024 6:30-7:30pm**

This session will provide parents with information regarding career planning through the Major Clarity platform which is available to all students grade 6-12. Participants will get a demonstration of the service and how students use the service to complete their career plan.

<https://bit.ly/3B9UiqY>

## 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

## WHS TALENT SHOW

IT'S BACK!! Are you ready to shine? Sign up to perform in our Talent Show! Whether you sing, dance, act, or have a unique skill to share, we want to see what you've got! This is your chance to take the stage and impress the audience.

- 📅 Registration Deadline: December 9
- 🕒 Performance Date: Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 pm

Don't miss this opportunity to share your passion and creativity! [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up now and be part of an unforgettable night! 🎤🌟



# GET YOUR ACTS TOGETHER

FOR A

# TALENT SHOW

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024  
6:30 PM



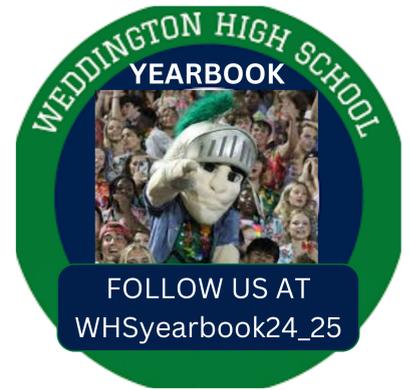
**SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 12/9**



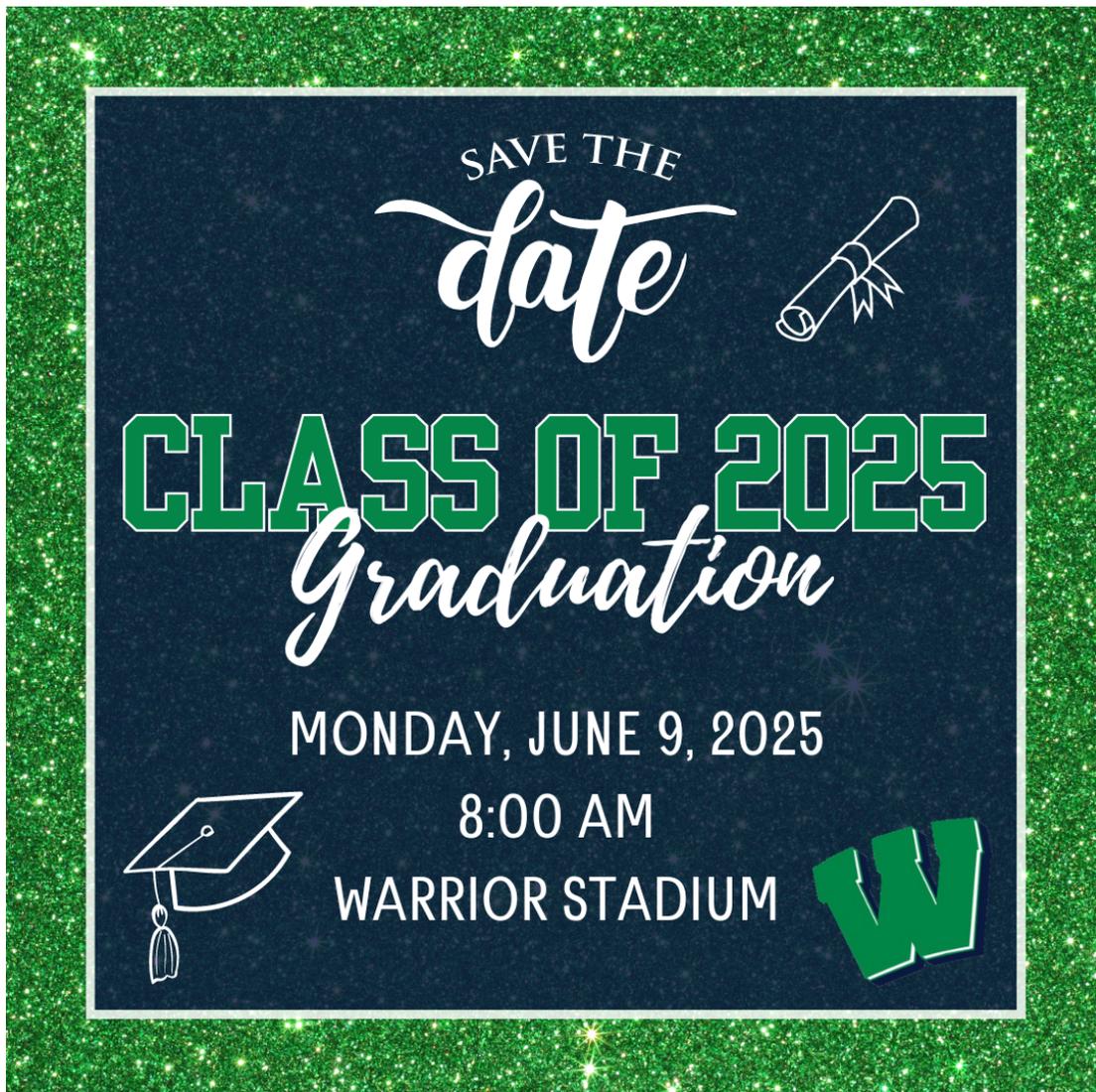
# 2024-2025 YEARBOOK

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



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 PICTURES

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

The last day to purchase a senior ad for your senior is Monday, December 9th. Go to [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) today to purchase this special ad for your senior.

**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

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



### SPIRIT WEAR SALE!

Hey Warriors - the online Spiritwear store is OPEN now through December 16. 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 January.

[https://shop.sportstoyou.com/weddington\\_high\\_school\\_athletic/shop/products/all?page=1](https://shop.sportstoyou.com/weddington_high_school_athletic/shop/products/all?page=1)



### CHEER FUNDRAISERS

SALE RUNS  
NOV 20- DEC 20

DELIVERIES  
DECEMBER  
6-20



WEDDINGTON CHEERLEADERS PRESENT

# Gnome YOUR HOME

\$20  
PER  
YARD

1 SURPRISE AT  
YOUR DOOR  
WITH  
INSTRUCTIONS  
ON HOW TO  
FIND YOUR  
GNOME

GNOMES  
HIDDEN IN  
YOUR YARD  
FOR KIDS TO  
FIND

ADDITIONAL  
GNOMES CAN  
BE ADDED FOR  
\$10 (SAME  
HOUSEHOLD)



100% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE WHS CHEERLEADING PROGRAM. PLEASE NOTE WE CAN ONLY DELIVER TO HOMES IN THE WEDDINGTON AREA. FOR QUESTIONS CALL (704) 389-0778



# Cocoa, Cookies, and CHEER

## A MOTHER'S MORNING OUT

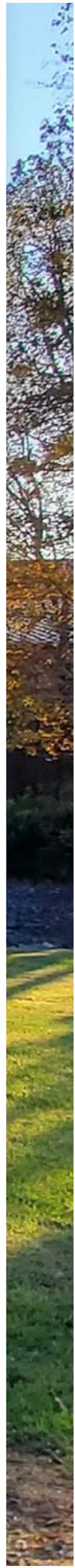
Take some time to do last minute shopping, errands, baking or wrapping while your children come and play games, snack and have fun with the HS cheerleaders! This is a fundraiser to help our 6-time BACK-TO-BACK STATE CHAMPION CHEERLEADERS, raise money for nationals! Thank you for your continued support!

**\$50 PER CHILD (AND \$25 PER  
ADDITIONAL CHILD IN SAME FAMILY)**



-  December 14th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
-  Weddington High School
-  RSVP by clicking on the QR code below

*All children  
are welcome*



TO BE THE BEST, YOU HAVE TO LEARN FROM THE BEST

# W The Varsity Experience

JOIN US FOR



SPACES ARE LIMITED  
SO SIGN UP EARLY

**\$45**

**PERFORMANCE DATE:  
JAN 24TH**

CHEER WITH THE VARSITY CHEERLEADERS  
1ST HALF OF THE BASKETBALL GAME AND  
PERFORM AT HALFTIME!



### The Varsity Experience

January 24: 4:15 pm -7:00 pm  
Auxillary Gym

Join us for the Varsity Cheer Experience basketball edition! Come learn b-ball chants, dance and stunts at a clinic and then cheer the first half of the game and perform at halftime of the women's varsity basketball game!

\*all participants will bring bagged dinner and eat together between clinic and pre-game

Deadline for registration is Jan 20

All proceeds, go to the WHS varsity cheer team to help with competition fees! Thank you for your help with our program!

Questions:  
Text Angie McDuffie  
704.287.6636

Register  
Online



## 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

