

Warrior Weekly

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Student Centered; Future Focused!



Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

Friday, January 10th - Thursday, January 16th: Final Exams (more information to come)

Thursday, January 16th: End of Semester 1

Friday, January 17th: Teacher Workday, no school for students

Monday, January 20th: No school in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

CONGRATULATIONS, MS. AYCOCK!!!



Congratulations to Ms. Aycock on being selected as Weddington High School's 2024-2025 Beginning Teacher of the Year! Good luck to Ms. Aycock as she moves on to the next step of the UCPS Beginning Teacher of the Year process!

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

- **students are required to bring in a parent written note in order to leave early**
- **bring your early dismissal note to the front office before the start of school to collect your early dismissal slip**

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.**

WINTER CHORUS CONCERT

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
**WINTER
CHORUS
CONCERT**

TUESDAY, DEC 17 - 6:00 PM
WHS AUDITORIUM

\$5 IN ADVANCE
\$8 AT THE DOOR



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.



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.



SCHOOL COUNSELING UPCOMING EVENTS

for the 2025-2026 school year

DEC 11 PowerSchool opens for Juniors	JAN 22 WMS 8th Grade Parent Night 6:00 pm - WHS Auditorium	FEB 10 & 11 WHS Counselors to WMS to review course selections
DEC 18 PowerSchool opens for Sophomores	JAN 22 PowerSchool opens for 8th grade students	FEB 17 last day to input course selections - grades 11, 10, 9, 8
JAN 8 PowerSchool opens for Freshmen	JAN 27 WHS Counselors present to WMS 8th grade @ WMS	FEB 18 PowerSchool CLOSES for grades 11, 10, 9 & 8

2025-2026 Course Selections

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ifGE7m-_iEpb7wnlrV0cMMYyYeujfr7POqIkQDwZQTW/edit#slide=id.p1

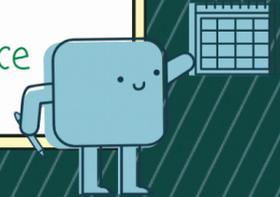
SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE CHANGES

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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.

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

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 (hosted 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

MAJOR CLARITY PARENT MEETING

Below is a link to the recording of the Career Planning with Major Clarity Parent Night event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dodmhaviCEI>

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
- Scan the QR code

APPLY BY MARCH 1

WHS TALENT SHOW

Get ready for a night of unforgettable performances at our Talent Show! You won't want to miss the incredible talent on display. Come cheer on your friends, family, and community members as they showcase their amazing skills. It's a fun-filled evening for all ages—bring your excitement and your applause! See you there!

Tickets are \$5 each. Click [HERE](#) to purchase.

TALENT SHOW

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024
6:30 PM



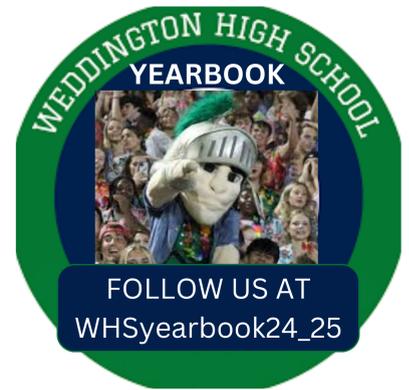
TICKETS = \$5



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.

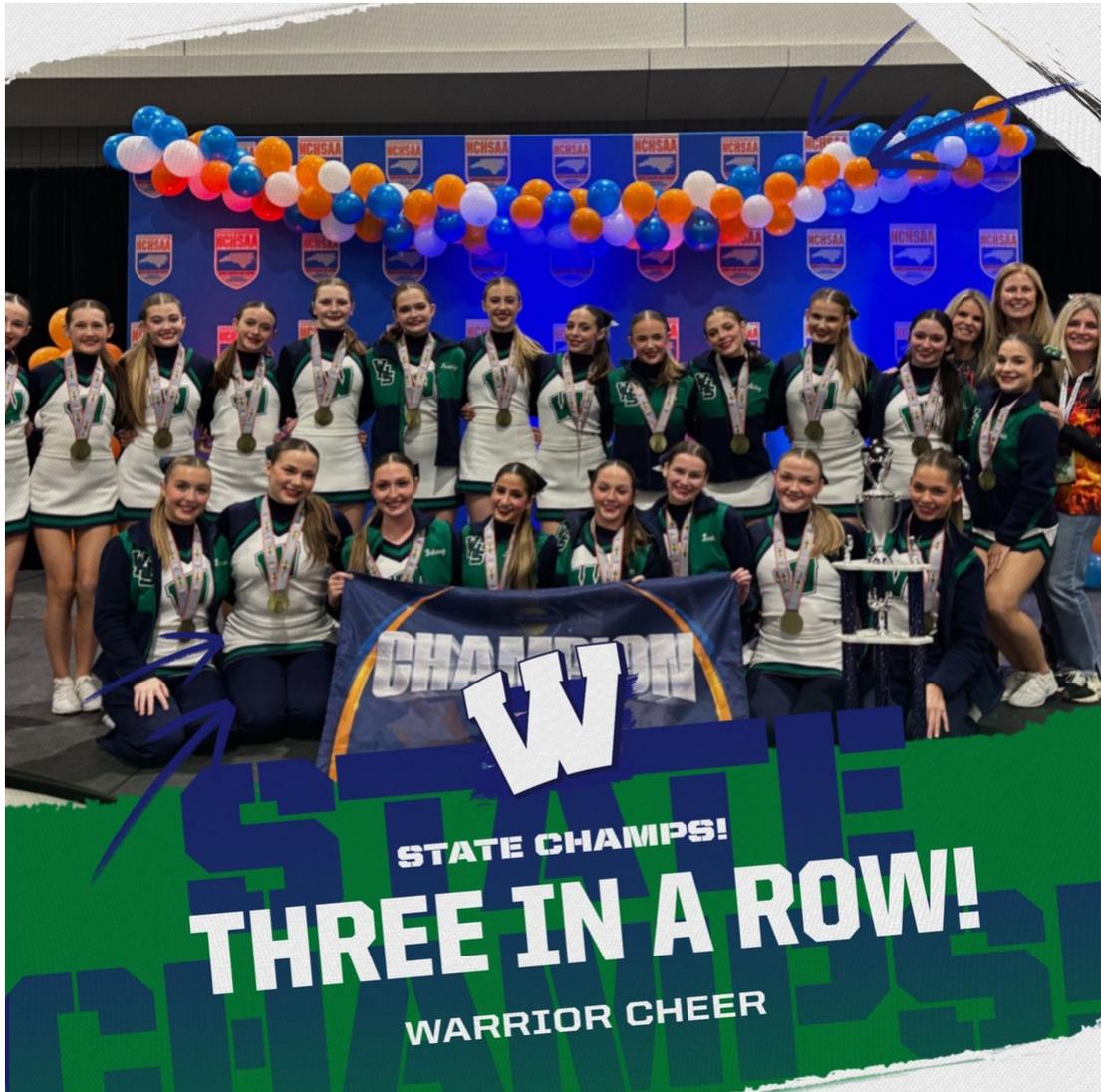
ATHLETIC INFORMATION



WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

CONGRATS, VARSITY CHEERLEADERS!!!

STATE CHAMPS! The Warrior cheer team earned a state championship! Taking home the state title in the NCHSAA D1 Medium Game Day division! This is the teams 3rd state championship in a row and the programs 5th in school history! Way to go!



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

SPIRIT WEAR SALE!



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

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 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

