

Warrior Weekly

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Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, March 12th: ACT for Juniors (see below for more information)

Wednesday, March 13th: FAFSA Night (see below for more information)

Friday, March 15th: Early Release Day (see below for more information)

Thursday, March 14th - Saturday, March 16th: Spring Musical (see below for more information)

Saturday, March 16th: UCPS Career Fair (see below for more information)

Friday, March 29th: Good Friday, School Closed

Monday, April 1st - Friday, April 5th: Spring Break, School Closed

JOIN THE WHS PTSO!

Please join the WHS PTSO at www.whsptso.com or scan the QR code in the PTSO section of this newsletter. Please also take a moment to review additional important information regarding our amazing PTSO below.

ACT TEST FOR JUNIORS - TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH

The North Carolina Accountability Model requires all 11th graders to participate in a measure of college readiness. North Carolina has contracted with the ACT to provide this assessment to 11th graders each Spring. UCPS High schools will administer the ACT to all 11th graders on **Tuesday, March 12th**. Testing will begin around 8:15am, directly after morning announcements are complete. Each student needs to bring a calculator with them for testing. Students need to be sure to arrive to school on time and be in the appropriate testing location so that testing can start and end at the projected time. Testing is expected to go through the end of 3rd block. **Students are not allowed to leave the testing session until all testing is complete.**

All other students (9th, 10th and 12th grade) **will be following the Homeroom/Extended 2nd period schedule** with adjusted classroom locations if their classroom is located on the E Hallway. Teachers whose classrooms are effected will notify students where they are to report for class. Posters will also be located at various points for students to check relocations.

After testing is complete, all juniors will complete non-test/demographic information and set up a personalized MyACT account. With MyACT, students may select up to four colleges and universities to receive their ACT score report free of charge. We have provided your child with the necessary information and individualized code needed to complete this process. Please encourage your student to hold on to the sheet with their individualized code as they often need to reference this code after testing is complete. Students have up to 2 days after testing to complete the

information and select universities for the MyACT account portion. The MyACT is where students will view scores when they are released. If students do not set up the MyACT account, they will have to wait up to 10-12 weeks to receive their score report from the school.

If you have questions regarding the ACT testing, please contact Assistant Principal and testing coordinator, Mrs. Alanna Smith, via email at alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us

EARLY RELEASE DAY BELL SCHEDULE

Next **Friday, March 15th**, will be the third of four early release days during the 2023-2024 school year. The dates for the other early release days can be found on the 2023-2024 UCPS Calendar which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

Similar to a normal school day, the building will be open to students beginning at 7:15am with 1st period beginning at 8:10am. During an early release day, the WHS school day will end at 11:35am. Lunch will be available to students on early release days from 11:35am - 12:05pm. Bus riders will report to the cafeteria where they can eat lunch and wait for their bus. Bus riders will be dismissed from the cafeteria at 12:03pm to go to the bus lot to get on their bus.

EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

DOORS OPEN:	7:15AM	
MORNING BELL:	8:00AM	
FIRST BLOCK:	8:10AM - 8:57AM	47 mins
SECOND BLOCK:	9:02AM - 9:50AM	48 mins
THIRD BLOCK:	9:55AM - 10:42AM	47 mins
FOURTH BLOCK:	10:47AM - 11:35AM	48 mins
DISMISSAL:	11:35AM	

- Car riders and student drivers are dismissed @ 11:35am
- Students wishing to eat lunch may do so between 11:35-12:05pm
- Bus riders are to report to the Cafeteria to eat or wait for buses
- Bus riders will be dismissed at 12:03pm



UCPS CAREER FAIR FOR TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING POSITIONS

Union County Public Schools (UCPS) is looking to hire elementary and secondary teachers, various

Exceptional Children teachers and support staff, mechanics, plumbers and many more.



The district will hold a career fair Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Weddington High School, 4901 Monroe Weddington Rd.

Matthews, NC 28104. The fair is a great opportunity to ask questions, meet current employees and apply for positions. Principals, district administrators, managers and human resources staff will be at the fair and there will be opportunities for onsite interviews and application support.

UCPS offers excellent employee benefits. Some of the benefits offered to full-time employees are health insurance, life insurance, dental insurance and an employee assistance program. UCPS provides teacher assistants with the [Next Stop: TeachUCPS](#) program, designed to help aspiring educators launch their teaching careers without worrying about financial barriers. We serve approximately 41,500 students at 53 schools and have approximately 5,000 staff members.

Those interested in attending can pre-register at <http://tinyurl.com/39v46xvm>. To view positions, visit Human Resources at www.ucps.k12.nc.us/careers.

FAFSA NIGHT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

FAFSA NIGHT

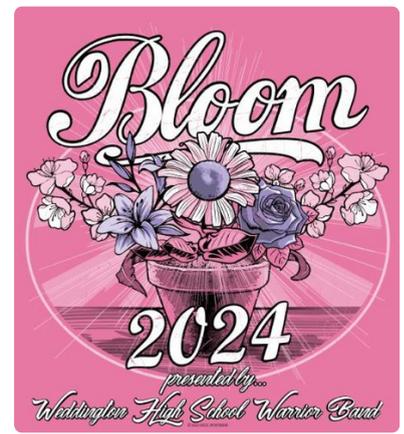
Free Application for Federal Student Aid

 WEDNESDAY MARCH 13	 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM	 WHS MEDIA CENTER
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A trained staff member will be available to walk you through the new FAFSA process and answer any questions you may have. We will also provide helpful resources to assist you on the financial aid journey.

WHS MARCHING BAND

Is your student interested in joining the WHS Marching Band?
Recruitment ends on April 25th! Please have your student reach out
to Ms. Norton at mallory.norton@ucps.k12.nc.us if you are
interested - no experience necessary!



WHS & WMS BAND MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

10TH ANNUAL WHS & WMS BANDS

MATTRESS FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY, MARCH 23
10AM - 5PM
WMS GYMNASIUM

BIG SAVINGS!

- ✓ All sizes available
- ✓ 25+ styles available
- ✓ Brand new with full factory warranties
- ✓ Delivery available
- ✓ All forms of payment accepted
- ✓ **FINANCING AVAILABLE**



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WHS SPRING THEATER PRODUCTION

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS...



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

THURSDAY
MARCH 14
7:00 PM

FRIDAY
MARCH 15
7:00 PM

SATURDAY
MARCH 16
1:00 PM
&
7:00 PM



SCAN HERE
FOR TICKETS!

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE NOTES

SPRING 2024

1st Grading Period
T4

January 26th
thru March 8th



2nd Grading Period
T5

March 9th thru
April 26th

We cannot accept
parent notes for
dates prior to
March 9th, 2024

3rd Grading Period
T6

April 27th thru
June 6th

We cannot accept
parent notes for
dates prior to
April 27th, 2024

UCPS ATTENDANCE POLICY

- 5 days/semester may be excused with a parent note
- Parent notes are **ONLY** accepted during the grading period the absence occurred.
- Medical notes are always accepted, but as a courtesy, please do not wait until the end of the semester!

Attendance notes must
be received by May 24th
to process for exam
exemption!

In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please provide written documentation to our Attendance Counselor, Mrs. TC Yost (tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us). Either a doctor's note or written parent note is required to excuse the absence. Remember, parent notes will only be accepted during the current 6-week grading period, of the absent day. For more information regarding attendance, please reference the UCPS policy found on the website

Early Dismissal Procedure:

Due to the increased number of students leaving school early, it is important that you follow the early dismissal procedures to avoid classroom interruption. **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, time of dismissal and parent signature. Following this procedure will allow the student to leave class at the assigned time without interrupting instruction.

Please contact Mrs. Yost with any attendance questions or concerns.

Tardies

At Weddington High School, we believe that teachers have a right to teach and students have a right to learn. Instructional time must be protected and without interruption in order to assure that quality teaching and learning are taking place in every classroom, every day. Instruction should and will be conducted from the time students enter the classroom through the time the bell rings and they are released by their teacher. At the beginning of class when the bell rings, teachers are to

mark students arriving late to class tardy in PowerSchool. This applies to ALL blocks and lunches. Students missing more than 15 minutes of class, will be marked absent for the block. Keep in mind, students who leave a class should have a pass to avoid being marked incorrectly. * The WHS tardy policy can be found in the WHS student handbook which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

*At the beginning of each semester, student tardies will reset**

UCPS has enabled an automated message that will go out each day to the parents of students who were tardy for one or more classes that day.

PROM 2024

Prom tickets are now available for purchase! Each junior and senior can purchase up to two tickets for \$85 each through March 29th. Beginning April 1st, tickets will be \$100 each. Purchase through the school website by going to Quick Links and then [School Event Tickets](#). If you purchase a guest ticket an outside guest form will be emailed to the address provided. Tickets prices will increase after March 29th.

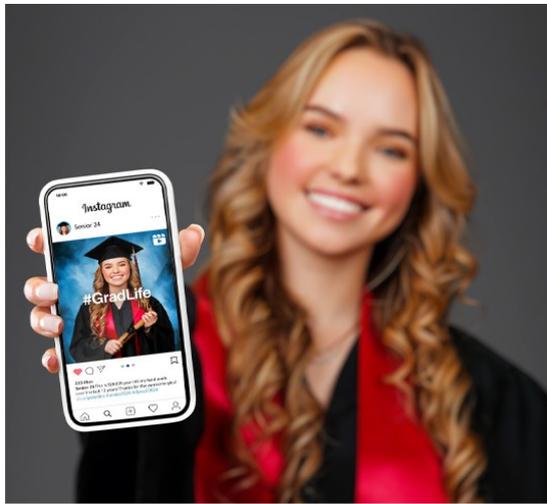


CLASS OF 2024

Cap & Gown portraits and products are now available for purchase! Log in using the link below to order today. #CADYSenior www.cady.com/capgown24

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Cap & Gown
**Portraits
and Products
Available Now!**



Deadline to order is Thursday, April 4th

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION

CALLING ALL SENIORS!

JOSTENS WILL BE ON CAMPUS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

**DURING ALL 4 LUNCHESES TO DISTRIBUTE YOUR CAPS AND GOWNS!
IT WILL BE A SPECIAL DAY FOR OUR CLASS OF 2024! IF YOU HAVE A
BALANCE DUE, IT MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO PICKING UP YOUR
ORDER. JOSTENS HAS MAILED INFORMATION TO ALL SENIORS, BUT IF
YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOU OWE A BALANCE, PLEASE CALL JOSTENS AT
800-582-6376 AS THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.**



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



Counselor Caseload Assignments

Student's last name beginning with: A-C

Ms. Jumana Scoggins - jumana.scoggins@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: D-H

Mrs. Jenni Allen - jenni.allen@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: I-M

Mrs. Jackie Washington - jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: N-R

Mrs. Laura Lewin - laura.lewin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: S-Z

Dr. Mary Jordan - mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us

Class of 2024 To Do's

Senior Tasks

1. Graduation Survey

2. SCOIR

- log in to scoir
- click on "my colleges" (across top)
- go to "applied" column
- update your outcome for EVERY college in 'applied' column

3. **Canvas** - Seniors will have an announcement on **Canvas** directing them to a Google form. This form must be filled out by all seniors, it will be used to make their name pronunciation card for the graduation ceremony. They will be asked to record a video of themselves saying their name. Please direct them to speak loudly, clearly, and slowly so we can hear them well. This can be done on their own time if it is too loud in class. *(Please reach out to Brittney Slaughter with any questions about this task).*

4. **Senior Trip** - Tickets for the **senior trip** to Carowinds are on sale now. The trip will be all day Friday, May 24th. If your senior already has a season pass, there are discounted tickets to just ride the bus. Students must purchase a ticket and ride the bus with us if they wish to have an excused absence on that day.

To get tickets, follow these steps:

1. Go to the WHS homepage
2. Click "quick links" on the left side
3. Click "payments"

5. Log in (or register if you haven't logged in previously)
6. Carowinds tickets will be assigned to your senior as an option
(Please reach out to Brittney Slaughter with any questions about this task)

Course Selections

How to Select Courses in PowerSchool, PPT -

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xpl4bNwrcbVodNu4dTBbmJ-mD3_ZTaC287OeqVt3wic/edit?usp=sharing

How to Select Courses in PowerSchool

How to Select Courses in PowerSchool Weddington High School

docs.google.com

Review the video found at this link

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18v0pILrdQ3RLaxGSFJdrIcESredF35VN/view>

- For information on how to select courses in PowerSchool, start at minute **1:40** and end at **4:44**
- The video may need to be downloaded to view
- If watching the entire video, please know some of the course related content may be dated as the video was created during Covid. The most up to date course related information can be found in the UCPS Program of Studies

Program of Studies

The 2024-2025 Program of Studies has been published. The electronic book here:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/a8e27ca64e.html> , and the PDF listed on the academics/high school website here: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/2922>.

Current 9th, 10th and 11th Grade Students:

-WHS students will input 2024-2025 course selections into PowerSchool from **March 1st- March 5th**.

-Course selections must be submitted before meeting with a counselor.

-WHS counselors will review 2024-2025 course selections with WHS students during the week of **March 6th - 21st**.

Elective courses commonly offered at WHS: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bRZygN-JR1feXPrfpZFx5qTc3gcWxyEyvtsXaMvD2vl/edit?usp=sharing>

UCPS High School Academics: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6405>

February - March: Course Registration Meetings with Counselors - by student request

Students are welcome to schedule an individual academic info session with counselors. Please reach out to your counselor to select a date and time that works best. Parents are welcome to join the conversation virtually.



2024-2025

COURSE SELECTIONS

FOR: CURRENT 9TH - 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

WHEN: MARCH 6TH, 7TH, 14TH & 19TH-21ST

**-FACE TO FACE MEETINGS W/COUNSELORS,
BLOCKS 2 & 4**

**COURSES MUST BE IN POWERSCHOOL BEFORE MEETING
W/COUNSELOR!!!**

GIRLS ON THE RUN ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

2024 GIRLS ON THE RUN OF UNION CO.

ALUMNI COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Now Accepting Applications



ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Graduating seniors who participated in any GOTR or Heart & Sole Program in Union Co. is eligible to apply for our \$1,000 scholarship!



Alumni Scholarship

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

application deadline - April 8th

apply @ www.girlsontherununion.org

2024- GOTR Union County College Scholarship.pdf

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Scholarship Opportunity

This year the Kiwanis Club of Monroe is pleased to award three scholarships and would like to invite any Union County high school senior to apply.

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who possesses strong character, a demonstrated belief in service to the community, and academic evidence predicting success in college.

The purpose of the scholarship is to help a student who can be successful in college but may not receive financial assistance elsewhere. The recipient may pursue higher education at the institution of his/her choice.



Please click on the link below for more information.

Kiwanis Club of Monroe Scholarship.docx

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SOUTH PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SPCC)

OPEN HOUSE

SP SOUTH PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The first step to your college and career goals!

- Tour campuses and labs
- Learn about degrees and workforce programs
- Get help with financial aid
- Meet with instructors and academic advisers
- Learn about student clubs and organizations

When & Where

March 12 | 4pm - 7pm
Old Charlotte Highway Campus,
4209 Old Charlotte Highway,
Monroe, N.C.

March 19 | 4pm - 7pm
L.L. Polk Campus,
680 Highway 74,
Polkton, N.C.

 Scan here to register for Open House.

**Registration requested but not required.

The South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) Career and College Promise (CCP) Program offers students an opportunity to earn college credit, tuition-free, while still in high school. These courses can be taken in a variety of formats (in-person and online), and they offer subjects ranging from transferable general education courses (English, Math, Science, etc.) to career and technical education courses (business, IT, medical assisting, welding and much more!). These courses can also help students achieve credits toward high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credit.

If you would like to learn more information about the opportunities that the CCP program offers, we encourage you to attend a virtual information session on the following dates at 6PM using the Microsoft Teams link provided:

March 12, 2024
April 9, 2024

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Secondary Education Partnerships team at SEP@spcc.edu



INFORMATION SESSIONS

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12
- January 9
- February 13
- March 12
- April 9

JOIN US @ 6PM VIA MS TEAMS!



JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Pathways
- Eligibility
- Steps to Enrollment
- Career Coach vs. High School Counselor
- SPCC Technology
- Course Load
- Course Instructional Formats
- Accommodations
- Benefits of CCP
- **AND MORE!**

CONTACT US

sep@spcc.edu
704.290.5090

How to Register for a Class- Career and College Promise (CCP) Student.pdf

[Download](#)
848.9 KB

How to View SPCC Class Schedule.pdf

[Download](#)
878.2 KB

UCPS PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

WE ARE GOING



LIVE



UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PARENT

EDUCATION SERIES

UCPS is offering three virtual sessions this spring to help parents with resources and tools to navigate tough situations. Join us on **Facebook @UCPSNC** on February 8, March 20 and April 10 at 6 p.m.

SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS

Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.

This presentation is for parents and guardians of children ages 5-17. Parents will learn facts about online risks, statistics, videos, and other resources. Mr. Traceski will also share tips for keeping children safer online.

PRESENTER: Eric Traceski, Senior Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service

SUICIDE AWARENESS

March 20 at 6 p.m.

Parents will learn about terminology related to suicidal activity, prevalence, risk factors, characteristics and warning signs. They will also receive information about community resources.

PRESENTERS: Belle Walker and Susan Slattery-Rogers, UCPS Student Support Staff

VAPING

April 10 at 6 p.m.

Parents will learn about e-cigarettes (e-cigs, vapes) and how to identify the different shapes and sizes. The presenters will also discuss the epidemic use of e-cigs in teens and the harmful effects. In addition, parents will receive resources to prevent the use of e-cigs and where to get help for teens who are using e-cigs.

PRESENTERS: Carolyn Ford and Erica High, Community Engagement Specialist, Community Support and Outreach, Union County Government

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

Remember to Spring Forward for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 10th! Thank you to those who have joined the PTSO. We have seen our membership numbers increase recently. However, the PTSO still needs your help. Invest in Excellence giving is way below what it was last year at this time and the year before. Please remember all donations for Invest in Excellence go directly to WHS administration to put towards a variety of items that benefit ALL OF OUR STUDENTS. Please consider giving to help each and every



@WHS.NC.PTSO

student at WHS. Again to those who have already given or recently joined THANK YOU!

Senior Events: The next senior event is Friday, March 15th. More info to come. Please be on the lookout for emails from weddingtonseniors2024@gmail.com and make sure to follow us on Instagram @weddingtonseniors2024 for updates on senior events.

There's still time to join the WHS PTSO and Make a Difference in Our School Community! Your membership helps enhance our school community by providing student scholarships to Seniors, mini-grants to teachers, aid in the college fair, and many other activities for both students and teachers.

If you'd like to purchase a Weddington Warriors scarf (\$20 for members/\$30 for nonmembers) or a Weddington Magnet (\$5) please email us.

Please join the WHS PTSO at www.whsptso.com or use the QR code.

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @WHS.NC.PTSO



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WHS PTSO

@WHSPTS0



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WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Thank you, Huston!

THANK YOU, HUSTON!

MARCH IS NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH!

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH ATRIUM HEALTH TO PROVIDE TOP NOTCH ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES TO OUR ATHLETES! WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR HUSTON MATTSON, OUR ATHLETIC TRAINER!



Fall Varsity Scholar-Athlete Team Awards

FALL 2023 VARSITY SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARDS



UNWEIGHTED TEAM GPA'S

3.7766

CHEERLEADING

3.8426

WOMEN'S
GOLF

3.8040

MEN'S
CROSS COUNTRY

3.5896

SOCCER

3.8270

WOMEN'S
CROSS COUNTRY

3.7843

WOMEN'S
TENNIS

3.4436

FOOTBALL

3.7720

VOLLEYBALL

3.7299

AVERAGE UNWEIGHTED GPA

4.1115

AVERAGE WEIGHTED GPA

82.7%

OF FALL ATHLETES HAVE A
WEIGHTED GPA OVER A 3.5!

Winter Varsity Scholar-Athlete Team Awards

WINTER 2023 - 2024 VARSITY SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARDS



UNWEIGHTED TEAM GPA'S

3.5288 MEN'S
BASKETBALL

3.7721 WOMEN'S
INDOOR TRACK

3.5912 WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL

3.8434 MEN'S
SWIM/DIVE

3.5883 MEN'S
INDOOR TRACK

3.6968 WOMEN'S
SWIM/DIVE

3.6867 WRESTLING

3.6723 AVERAGE UNWEIGHTED GPA

4.0335 AVERAGE WEIGHTED GPA

87.5% OF WINTER ATHLETES HAVE
A WEIGHTED GPA OVER A 3.5!

New Protocol for UCPS Events

This a friendly reminder that due to a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county, UCPS implemented the protocols listed in the graphic below.

Please know that this applies to all athletic events, both indoors and outdoors, effective immediately. Please plan ahead: pre-purchase your ticket, store all bags/purses that do not meet criteria below at home, ensure there is adult supervision for children.



NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.
For winter 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 of the final event.



Athletic Department Update

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!

Remember to re-link your Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon Smiles account to WHS so you can be giving money back all year long while shopping for your family.

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Jeff Kraftson

Jeff is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters