

# WARRIOR WEEKLY

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



Weddington High School



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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Friday, December 1st:** Term 2 Report Cards

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

**Thursday, December 14th:** Winter Chorus Concert (more information to come)

**Monday, December 18th - Monday, January 1st:** Winter Break, no school

## CONGRATS NURSE MASTIN!

Congratulations to Susan Mastin for being selected as a top 3 finalist for UCPS School Nurse of the Year! Nurse Mastin will now move on to the next step in the selection process. Good luck Nurse Mastin...we are proud of you!





## TERM 2 REPORT CARDS

Term 2 report cards were distributed to students this morning. Grades are also available online via PowerSchool Portal. Both you and your student will have access to this information through the PowerSchool Portal.

If you have questions about the PowerSchool Portal, please contact the school.

## JOIN THE WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO!

Please join the WHS PTSO at [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com) or use the QR code located at the bottom of this newsletter. Please also take a moment to review additional important information regarding our amazing PTSO below.

## WARRIOR ANGEL TREE

Each year, WHS is excited to provide an angel tree for our Warriors in need over the Holiday season. Many families have struggled with job loss or a reduction in hours of employment. We are asking our community to come together and help us help our Warriors. Our angel tree is full of angels with a minimum of \$25 gift card donation for grocery, gas, Visa, Target or Wal-Mart. We have so many families in need this year and we know Warrior Nation can make a lot of wishes come true over the Holiday season. If you have any questions or would like to nominate a child or family for the angel tree please contact Mrs. Washington at [Jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS ANNUAL EVENT





Holiday magic is in the air; join the fun and spread some cheer! ☺ National Honor Society, Mentors Club, and National English Honor Society are providing a holiday experience for the children from the Boys and Girls Club. We are sponsoring 60 Boys and Girls Club kids and providing them with a magical experience complete with a family dinner, a visit from Santa, holiday games, loving friendship, toys, gifts, and clothes! This is a huge undertaking, we would appreciate any and all help, specifically with food donations. If you are in a place where you can give a little extra this holiday season, please check out our food Sign-up Genius by clicking [HERE](#), and choose to donate something in need. Make sure you fill in the spot for the items you donate and follow the timeline drop-off specifics. If you would like to donate in other ways, please let us know. Thank you for your kind generosity in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Marisa DiFronzo.

## WINTER BAND CONCERT



## ATTENDANCE

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](mailto: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.

## **CLASS OF 2024**

### **Senior Pictures Information**

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

1. Between now and December 3rd 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. **THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE YEARBOOK.**

**\*\*Seniors who do not get their senior picture taken by December 3rd, 2023 will not be included in the yearbook.**

## **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

### **College Visits**

Pre-Registration in Scoir

Open to Seniors and Juniors



**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.

### **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

### **SPCC**

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:**

**Dec. 12, 2023**

**Jan. 9, 2024**

**Feb. 13, 2024**

**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](mailto:SEP@spcc.edu)

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



848.9 KB

## How to View SPCC Class Schedule.pdf

[Download](#)

878.2 KB

# 2023-2024 YEARBOOKS

## Need a Holiday Gift Idea?

If so, purchase your student a yearbook for the holidays. It will be a great keepsake of all their high school memories. Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) to purchase your book today.



## Yearbook Staff Needs Your Help!

The Yearbook staff needs your help collecting first day of school photos for the book. Please share with us on Instagram at [whsyearbook23\\_24](https://www.instagram.com/whsyearbook23_24) or email them to our yearbook advisor at [anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## Senior Recognition Ads for Yearbook



Have you purchased a senior recognition ad for your child?

Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) to purchase your ad by December 4th or the price will increase. The final deadline to purchase a senior recognition ad is January 15th.



#### Weddington High School

**DEADLINE: 01/15/2024**

Dear Parent or Student,  
Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 01/15/2024.

### ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!

ORDER BY			
COLOR AD	10/30	12/04	01/15
Full Page	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
1/2 Page	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$250.00
1/4 Page	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$200.00



#### EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE\*

\*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

**IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at**  
[www.jostensadservice.com](https://www.jostensadservice.com)

1. Choose your ad size and layout.
2. Enter your text and upload your photos.

#### Important information about Yearbook Recognition Ads

- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

#### GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?**

Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

**How is the ad deadline determined?**

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

**Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?**

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

**Can I send my materials to the school?**

No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

**More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.**

[www.jostensadservice.com](https://www.jostensadservice.com)



Weddington HS Senior Ads 2324.pdf

[Download](#)

# ATHLETIC INFORMATION

## 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.

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# 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.



# WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

## CHEER FUNDRAISERS



SALE RUNS  
NOV 15- DEC 15  
DELIVERIES  
DECEMBER  
5-15



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  
\$5 (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 4-time BACK-TO-BACK STATE CHAMPION CHEERLEADERS, raise money for nationals! Thank you for your continued support!

\$50 PER CHILD (AND \$15 PER  
ADDITIONAL CHILD IN SAME FAMILY)



December 18th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Weddington High School



RSVP by clicking on the QR code below



All children  
are welcome



## Athletic Department Update

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!

## WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

We would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers, PTSO members, and investors. Each dollar and every minute of your time help in so many ways. THANK YOU again for your time, efforts, and donations.

Looking for an opportunity to help our Weddington families? If so, please grab an Angel off our Angel Tree in the front office and purchase a gift card of your choice: Groceries, Gas, Target, Walmart, or Visa/Master Card. This is an age-old tradition where we as a community are able to support some of our own Warrior families. All donations received go directly to the families identified. Please stop by or have your student stop by the front office to pick up an Angel and drop off a gift card.



Also, we want to make the December staff meeting one they will be talking about into the next year. We are asking for volunteers to donate 1-2 dozen of their favorite Holiday cookies/treats. Ideally, we would like for each staff member attending the meeting to take home close to a dozen sweet treats! Please sign up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-46261420-cookies>

### Our next Senior Breakfast is December 15th!

Please be on the lookout for emails from [weddingtonseniors2024@gmail.com](mailto:weddingtonseniors2024@gmail.com) and make sure to follow us on Instagram @weddingtonseniors2024 for updates on senior events including final opportunities to pick up Senior T-Shirts and Signs.

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.

Please join the WHS PTSO at [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com) or use the QR code.

<https://cdn.smores.com/u/6538/dd512d8ad7cc6b6581768cd41d9fac2a.png>

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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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