

# Warrior Weekly

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# Weddington High School

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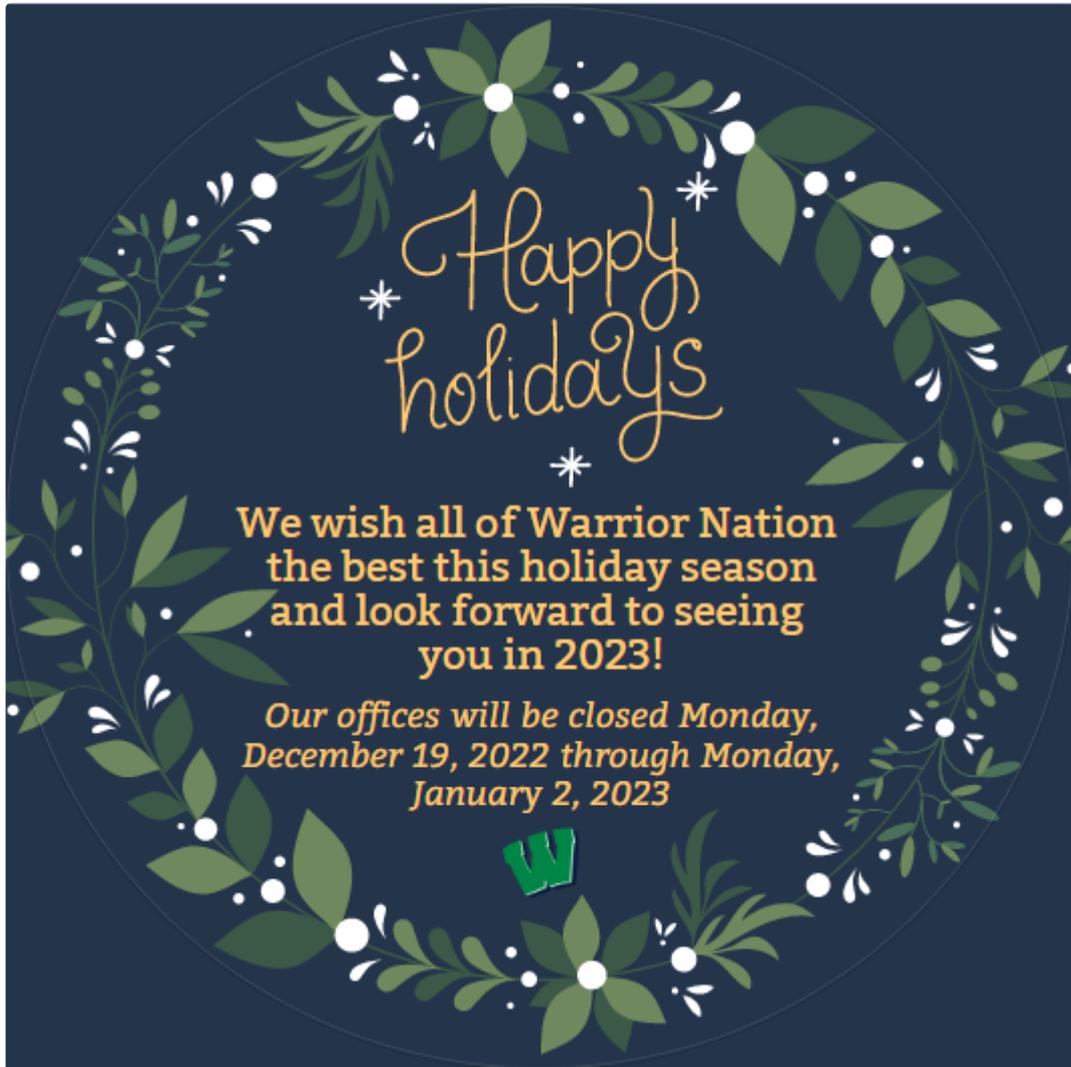
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**There will be no Warrior Weekly during the winter break.** The next Warrior Weekly will be sent out on Friday, January 6th.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Monday, December 19th - Monday, January 2nd** - School closed for Winter break

**Tuesday, January 10** - Winter Band Concert (see below for more information)

**Thursday, January 12** - Winter Chorus Concert (see below for more information)

Monday, January 16 - Senior Ad deadline

Friday, January 20th - Thursday, January 26th - 1st Semester exam week (see below for more information)

Friday, January 27th - Optional Teacher workday, no school for students

## 2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The Board of Education approved the [2023-2024 traditional academic calendar](#).

Calendar highlights:

- The first day of school for students is Aug. 9
- Teacher workdays will begin on Aug. 2
- Exams will be administered before winter break
- The last day of school for students is May 22

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS



#### Drop Off Table

Should a student need an item brought from home, parents are permitted to do so. There is a drop-off table inside the main foyer. The school will not be responsible for any items left in this drop-off area. Classes **will not** be interrupted for pick-ups. Make sure to label them with your child's first and last name. **Food drop-offs by parents or outside delivery services (such as Door Dash, Uber Eats, etc.) will not be permitted.** Please plan ahead for events such as a forgotten lunch by arranging to have a balance in the student's cafeteria account. **No other deliveries will be accepted for students...this includes flowers and other gifts.**

#### Arrival and Dismissal

Students are not permitted to park at the elementary or middle schools. Vehicles that are parked at the elementary or middle schools may be towed at the owner's expense. Our local neighborhoods have contacted the school asking that students not park or be dropped off/picked up on the streets in their neighborhood. Vehicles can be towed by the neighborhood at the owner's expense.



### FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Students are required to take ALL EXAMS, including End of Course (EOC) and Teacher Made exams, at school during exam week.

Friday, January 20th - 1st Block Exams

Monday, January 23rd - 2nd Block Exams

Tuesday January 24th - 3rd Block Exams

Wednesday, January 25th - 4th Block Exams

Thursday, January 26th - Makeup Exam Day

**Required EOC Courses:**

- NC Math 1
- NC Math 3
- English 2
- Biology

**Fall 2022 CTE Courses with State Exams**

- Accounting I Honors
- Business Essentials
- Business Law Honors
- Career Management
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality I Honors
- Foods and Nutrition I
- Horticulture I Honors
- Interior Design Fundamentals Honors
- Health Science I Honors

**MORE INFORMATION REGARDING EXAM DAYS WILL BE SHARED CLOSER TO EXAM WEEK**

## Absences and Teacher Made Final Exam Exemptions

Absences have an impact on whether or not a student can be exempt from a teacher made final exam. The follow excerpt outlines the requirements for teacher made final exam exemptions as is found on page 24 of the 2022-2023 UCPS High School Student Handbook which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

- The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam **and has no more than 2 unexcused absences in the class**; or
- The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam **and has no more than 1 unexcused absence in the class**.

## ATTENDANCE

Students who have 7 or more Unexcused Absences (this includes Out of School suspension days) are required to complete Attendance Recovery. Any Attendance Recovery forms that are not picked up by the end of the day Friday will be mailed. The form will provide the number of hours that your student will be required to attend. Please remind your student they will need to bring this form with them for recovery. Recovery sessions will be held in the school Media Center during the week of January 9th – 13th (times offered will be before school 7:00-8:00am or after school 3:15-6:15pm). If you or your student have any questions about their required recovery time, please contact Mrs. TC Yost [tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us). Students may also stop by the attendance office to speak with her directly. Failure to attend the required sessions results in failure of the class. Students or parents may also email their assigned assistant principal if you have additional questions. Assistant Principals will respond upon returning from the break.

Dates for Attendance Recovery:

**Monday, January 9th**

- 7:00 – 8:00
- 3:15 – 6:15

**Tuesday, January 10th**

- 7:00am – 8:00am
- 3:15pm – 6:15pm

**Wednesday, January 11th**

- 7:00am – 8:00am
- 3:15pm – 6:15pm

**Thursday, January 12th**

- 7:00am – 8:00am
- 3:15pm – 6:15pm

**Friday, January 13th**

- 7:00am – 8:00am
- 3:15pm – 6:15pm

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## Attendance Reminder

As a friendly reminder, up to 5 days can be excused with a parent-written attendance note and it can only be accepted within the current 6-week grading period. A physician note will be accepted at any time. Always be sure the student's full name and date of visit is clearly stated. Please contact Mrs. TC Yost with any questions or concerns ([tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us))

## WINTER CONCERTS

PLEASE JOIN THE WHS BAND  
AS WE  
PERFORM OUR

**WINTER**

**BAND CONCERT**



JANUARY 10, 2023  
7:00 PM  
WHS AUDITORIUM

**WEDDINGTON**  
Elementary, Middle & High Schools

Proudly Present

**WINTER SONG**

January 12, 2023  
6:00 pm  
WHS Auditorium

Scan the QR Code above to purchase tickets  
\$5 in advance; \$8 at the door

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### Winter Break Schedule for the School Counseling

In observance of winter break, there will be no school for UCPS students and staff. The School Counseling staff will be off campus and without access to email. If you or your student need support during this time, please feel free to use the following resources...

- **Say Something App Reporting System (SS-ARS)** students and adults can easily and completely confidentially report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies. Tips can be submitted 24/7 through the website, app or by phone, and a crisis center review and sends all submissions to law enforcement and/or school administration for intervention.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** 1-800-273-8255
- **Optum** has a toll-free 24-hour Emotional Support Help Line at 866-342-6892 for people who may be experiencing anxiety or stress around COVID-19.
- **Partners Crisis Line** (mental health referrals-multiple languages) 1-888-235-HOPE (4673).

- **DayMark Mobile Engagement** (Mental Health Crisis 24/7) 1-866-275-9552
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746. (TTY 1-800-846-8517)
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-7233 or text LOVEIS to 2252

### Semester 2 - Schedule Change Request

1. Schedule change requests can be submitted Wednesday, December 1st - Friday, February 3rd.
2. Modifications to schedules began **Monday, December 12th** and conclude Friday, February 3rd.
3. ONLY requests submitted via this [form](https://forms.gle/c3C3bdBYxdGEmruV6) (<https://forms.gle/c3C3bdBYxdGEmruV6>) will be considered.
4. Requests sent via email and/or voicemail will NOT be considered.
5. Please know submitting this form does NOT guarantee a schedule change.
6. Do not submit this form if you do not want the order of your current schedule to change as this is a possibility.
7. Check PowerSchool often to identify if a modification to your schedule has been made.
8. Schedule changes are made in real time therefore a list of options cannot be made available.

### **Elective courses commonly offered at WHS:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bRZygN-JR1feXPrfpZFx5qTc3gcWxyEvytsXaMvD2vl/edit?usp=sharing>

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

### **\*December information sessions have been rescheduled to February\***

#### February = 2023-2024 Academic Information Sessions

Auditorium

9th grade - February 7th 1st block

11th grade - February 8th 2nd block

10th grade - February 9th 4th block

#### February = 2023 - 2024 Course Registration

Auditorium

9th grade - February 20th 1st block

10th grade - February 21st 1st block

11th grade - February 22nd 1st block

#### Semester 2 Open House - Wednesday, February 15th, 5:30-7:00 pm

AP information session, 7:00, auditorium

Freshman and Sophomore information session, 7:30, auditorium

#### February - March = Course Registration Conversations 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.

The Outreach Coordinator for LAWA (Latin Americans Working for Achievement), Noemi Arreola, will be visiting Weddington High School on January 11th during all lunches. She will be here promoting their High School Series program, a program the district is partnering with LAWA to promote. There are a few remaining sessions this school year!



The High School Series program is a multidisciplinary approach aimed at lessening the graduation gap, increasing higher education access, and preparing youth for the workforce. Parents and students are invited to attend our bilingual workshops which include information on high school graduation, college readiness, higher education institutions, college application process, financial aid process and opportunities, bachelor and associate degrees, and trade and vocational program options. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.lawanc.org/high-school-series>

## 2022-2023 YEARBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Yearbooks are now on sale for the 2022-2023. Purchase your yearbook now at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) to get the lowest price of the year along with free personalization.



### SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS FOR THE YEARBOOK

Senior parents can now create a special ad celebrating their senior's milestones and successes. Ads are created by the parents directly through Jostens using the following link:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1163950/Weddington-High-School/>

Please refer to the Senior Ad Quick Start Guide for assistance creating your senior recognition ad. (attach quick start guide below)

# ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!



ORDER BY			
COLOR AD	10/31	12/05	01/16
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](http://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.

### 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.



Senior Ads Quick Start Guide.pdf

[Download](#)

592.2 KB

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



# WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

### 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](#)

**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!



A dark blue graphic with a repeating pattern of a white 'W' inside a green speech bubble. At the top center is a green speech bubble containing a white 'W'. Below it, the text 'Stay Connected!' is written in a white cursive font. Underneath, 'WARRIOR ATHLETICS SOCIAL MEDIA HAS MOVED!' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below that, 'BE SURE TO FOLLOW OUR DEDICATED ATHLETIC SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES:' is written in smaller white capital letters. There are three rows of social media icons: the first row has Instagram, Facebook, and the text '@weddingtonathletics'; the second row has Twitter and the text '@WHSwarriors'; the third row has Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram icons.

*Stay Connected!*

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WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO



Thank you to everyone that has joined the WHS PTSO! Your membership and INVEST IN EXCELLENCE provides students and staff with many programs, scholarships, grants, as well as support of the College Fair, Life Skills and so much more.

If you have not joined the PTSO, please join today at [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com)!

*IT'S THE WEDDINGTON WAY!*

### **Staff Appreciation**

The Staff Holiday Luncheon, held on Tuesday to show our appreciation, was huge success. Thank you WHS Staff for your dedication to our students all year long!

### **Senior Events**

FREE Senior shirts and Senior signs! We have a few senior shirts (all sizes) and signs that have not been collected. Come by and grab one while supplies last. First come, first serve in the office.

Enjoy the holiday break!!

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)

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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