

# Warrior Weekly

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## Weddington High School

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Tuesday, December 6th** - Senior Yearbook Only Picture Day (see below for more information)

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

## 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, 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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4da9a92ca2fcc70-hope>

## 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 from COVID. 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)

## 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. To create a new PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you will need to visit our front office and show your photo ID in order to receive your Access ID and Password. Directions for accessing PowerSchool Portal can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

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

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL REMINDERS

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.



## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### Semester 2 - Schedule Change Request

1. Schedule change requests can be submitted beginning Wednesday, December 1st - Friday, February 3rd.
2. Modifications to schedules will begin **Monday, December 12th** and conclude Friday, 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-JR1feXPrfpZFx5qTc3gcWxyEyvtsXaMvD2vl/edit?usp=sharing>

December = 2023-2024 Academic Information Session

Auditorium

9th grade - December 13th 2nd block

10th grade - December 14th 2nd block

11th grade - December 15th 2nd 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 - Wednesday, February 15th

Open House, 5:30-7:00, classrooms

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 AVAILABLE NOW!

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 Yearbook Only Photo

Senior Yearbook Only Picture Day at school will be **Tuesday, Dec 6th**. Only the yearbook photo will be taken on this date. Please wear a white tee shirt for the tux picture and a spaghetti strap tank under whatever you wear to school on this day for the drape picture. Seniors can still schedule at the studio through December 31st.



### 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/Wedding-ton-High-School/>

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



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

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## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



CONGRATS WARRIOR SOCCER PLAYERS!

**ELI**  **JUNIOR | #14**  
**PETKO**  
**PLAYER**  
*of the*  
**YEAR**  
**SOUTHERN CAROLINA CONFERENCE**



**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**
- 1 HIDDEN GNOME 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 WEDDINGTON CLUSTER SCHOOLS.

## 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!



A dark blue graphic with a repeating diamond pattern. 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' and 'SOCIAL MEDIA HAS MOVED!' are written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, '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 and handles: the first row has Instagram, Facebook, and the handle '@weddingtonathletics'; the second row has Twitter and the handle '@WHSwarriors'; the third row shows partial icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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!*

### **Cookies, Cookies, Cookies**

Calling all our Christmas Cookie bakers! This is your chance to show off your best Christmas Cookie recipes and show your appreciation to the WHS staff. We would love to send each staff member home with 1 to 2 dozen cookies at the December 7th Staff Meeting. Please use the link below to sign up for 2 dozen cookies.



<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c044aaciaa2ca6fe3-cookies>

### **Angel Tree**

It's the season for giving! The Angel Tree is a wonderful opportunity to give to Weddington Families in need this holiday season. Please drop by the office to grab an "Angel" (a gift card request) from the Angel Tree. Bring the gift card and Angel back to the office by December 15th.

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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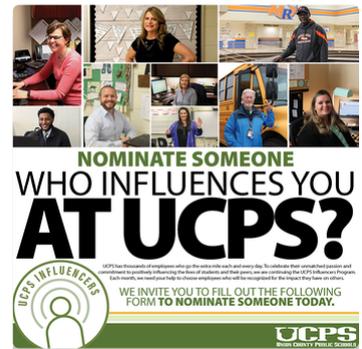
Scan QR code for payment

## NEWS FROM UCPS

### UCPS Influencer Program

UCPS has thousands of employees who go the extra mile each and every day. To celebrate their unmatched passion and commitment to positively influencing the lives of students and their peers, we are continuing the UCPS Influencer Program. Each month, we need your help to choose employees who will be recognized for the influence they have on others.

We invite you to fill out [this form](#) to nominate someone today!



### 2023-2024 School Transfers and Lottery

Please see below for next year's school choice and transfer timeline.

## 2023-2024 School Transfers and Lotteries Timeline

School Choice Lottery	
December 12-February 12	School Choice Lottery application window
February 20	School Choice parents notified
February 28	School Choice deadline to claim seats
Special Program Schools Lottery (BHESA, CATA, HSA @ MHS, UCEC)	
February 13-March 12	Special Program Schools Lottery application window (BHESA, CATA, HSA @ MHS, UCEC)
March 27	Special Program Schools parents notified
April 3	Special Program Schools deadline to claim seats
Dual Language Immersion Lottery	
March 13-April 9	Dual Language Immersion Lottery application window
May 1	Dual Language Immersion parents notified
May 8	Dual Language Immersion deadline to claim seats
School Transfer Requests	
May 8-May 28	School Transfer Requests, Renewals only
June 1-June 30	New School Transfer Requests
July 1	New School Transfer Requests <i>Only for New to UCPS, New Home Construction, and newly hired UCPS employees.</i>

## High School Programs Expo

It's never too early to plan for high school and college. This is why UCPS offers middle and high school students and their families an opportunity to learn about the district's college and career readiness programs by speaking to teachers, administrators and staff at the annual High School Programs Expo.

The expo will be held at the Union County Ag Center, 3230 Presson Road on December 3, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Some of the offerings include:

- Public safety
- Carpentry
- Law enforcement
- Architecture Engineering and design
- Pharmacy technician
- Digital film editing
- Culinary arts
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Central Academy of Technology and Arts
- Fine arts
- International Baccalaureate (IB) at Marvin Ridge High
- Career readiness summer camps



These programs offer specialized curricula that provide unique options for in-depth learning experiences in specific areas of interest. For more information, visit [www.ucpscte.org](http://www.ucpscte.org).

## EC Parent Lunch and Learn

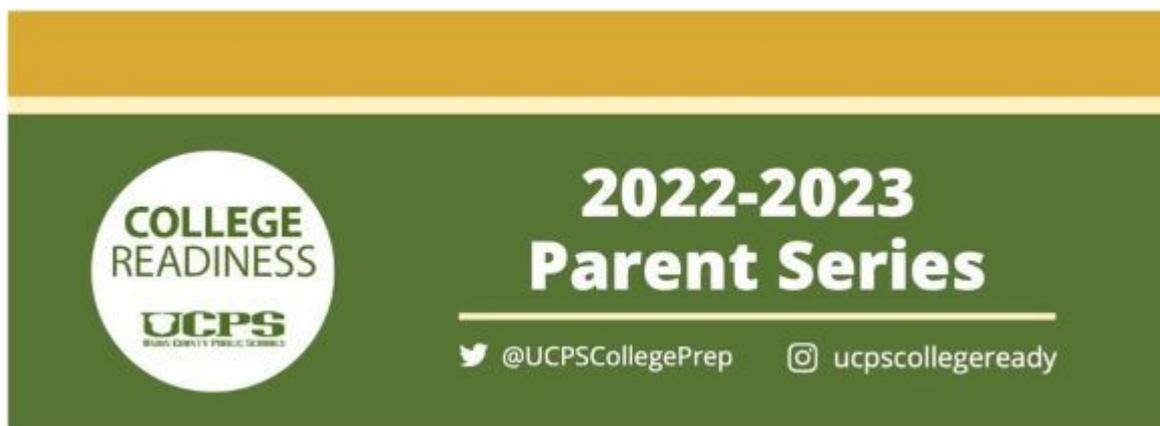
Click on the link below for information about the 2022-2023 Exceptional Children Parent Lunch and Learn Series.



EC Parent Lunch and Learn Series 22-23pdf.pdf

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## UCPS PARENT SERIES



## Choosing the Right Path in High School

Learn about tools and resources available to UCPS students to help them choose the right path in high school!

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm Webinar

To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

LOOKING FOR A PREVIOUS WARRIOR WEEKLY? CLICK  
HERE!

