

# WARRIOR WEEKLY

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**

# WEDDINGTON



# WARRIORS



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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

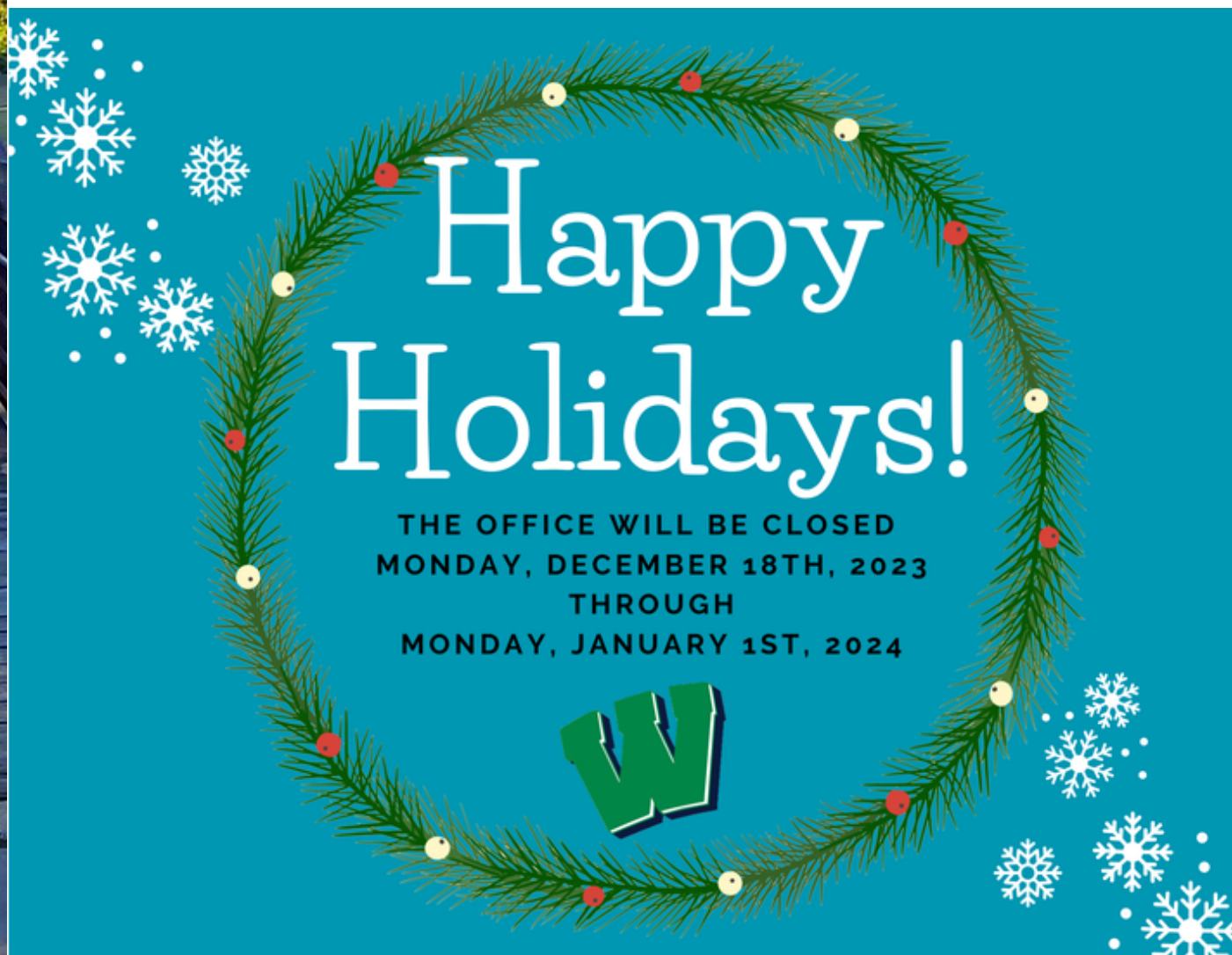
**Monday, December 11th - Friday, December 15th:** Holiday Spirit Week (see below for more information)

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

**Thursday, December 14th:** Winter Chorus Concert (see below for more information)

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

**Thursday, January 18th - Wednesday, January 24th:** Final Exams (more information to come)





# 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.

## HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK!

**HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK 2023**

DAY	THEME	CLASS COLOR DAY
<u>MONDAY</u>	<b>HOLIDAY PJS</b> (Illustrated with a green pajama top with a snowman and red pajama pants with a Christmas tree)	
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<b>FLANNEL DAY</b> (Illustrated with a red and black plaid flannel shirt)	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<b>UGLY SWEATER</b> (Illustrated with a green sweater featuring a gingerbread man and a penguin)	
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<b>HOLIDAYS IN HAWAII</b> (Illustrated with a red shirt with white hibiscus flowers and a Christmas tree with flowers)	
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<b>HOLIDAY EDITION!</b> 9TH: BLUE 10TH: WHITE 11TH: RED 12TH: GREEN STAFF: GOLD	<b>CLASS COLOR DAY</b>

## WINTER BAND CONCERT





## WINTER CHORUS 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.**

## 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)



**Career and College Promise**  
**@SPCC**

**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](mailto:sep@spcc.edu)  
704.290.5090

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

[Download](#)

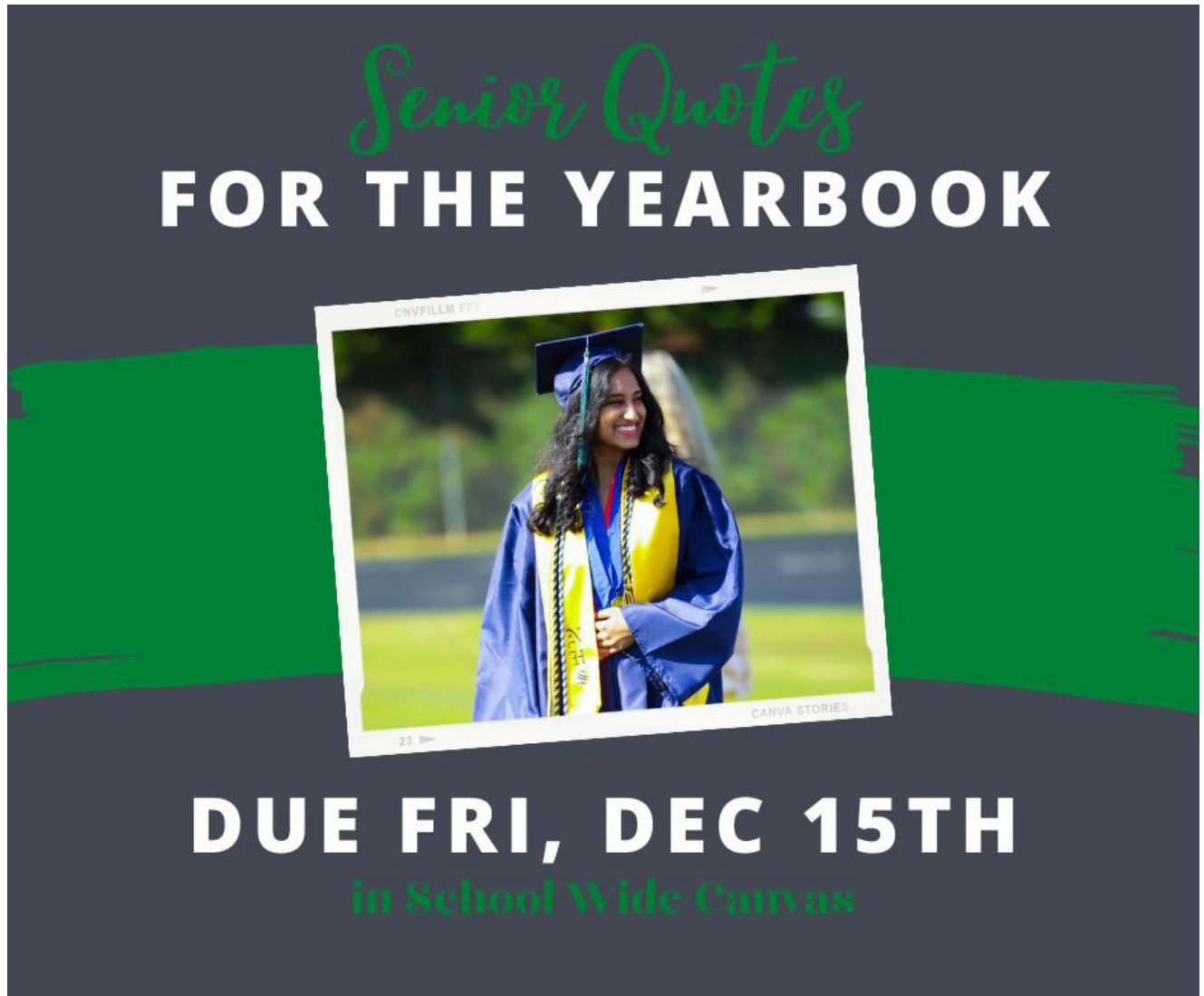
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**How to View SPCC Class Schedule.pdf**



## 2023-2024 YEARBOOKS

Senior quotes must be submitted in school-wide Canvas by Friday, December 15 to be included with your senior portrait in the yearbook.



### 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**

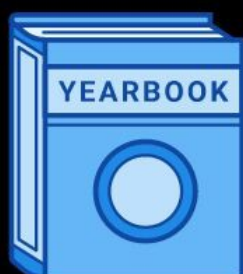
#### **Have you purchased a senior recognition ad for your child?**

Attention Senior Parents: Monday, January 15th is the last day to purchase senior recognition ads for the yearbook and leave your senior a special message. Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) to purchase and design your ad today!



# ATTENTION: SENIOR PARENTS

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE A  
SENIOR RECOGNITION AD  
IS  
MONDAY, JAN 15TH



GO TO JOSTENS.COM  
TO PURCHASE YOUR AD



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](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.

#### 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](http://www.jostensadservice.com)

*Jostens*


## 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



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.



### CONGRATS WHS CHEERLEADERS!

We are so proud of our Varsity Cheerleading team who won their STATE cheerleading competition this past weekend! After cheering for the game Friday night, they jumped onto a bus and got to Raleigh at 1:30am and had to get up at 7:30am to compete! Not only were they crowned state champs....they also won the Grand champion title after receiving the highest score, beating out 50+ teams in the game day division across the state. Additionally, our very own Weddington



cheerleaders received the highest score of 168 teams in both divisions of the entire day! Congratulations to these hard working cheerleaders! You represent Warrior Nation well and we are so proud of you!



## 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 will be selling WEDDINGTON WARRIOR scarves on Friday during all the lunches. This is a great way to cheer and show your Warrior Pride while keeping warm!

PTSO members - \$20

Nonmembers - \$30

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.

The PTSO will host a staff holiday luncheon on Tuesday, December 12th to show our teachers our appreciation for their dedication to our students and to wish them a wonderful Holiday season.

### 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>



**Scan. Pay. Go.**



**WHS PTSO**

@WHSPTS0



**venmo**

Scan QR code for payment

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**

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