

Warrior Weekly

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Student Centered; Future Focused!





Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 12th - December 16th - Holiday Spirit Week (see below for more information)

Wednesday, December 14th - Hope for the Holidays (see below for more information)

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

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

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



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

FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

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**.

IMPORTANT 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)

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK



PERFORMING ARTS

Congratulations Warrior Marching Band!

Congratulations to our Warrior Marching Band on their incredible performance in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade this past Wednesday in Honolulu, Hawaii.



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

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, 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 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 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

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](#)

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ATHLETIC INFORMATION



WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

Congrats Warrior Football!

Congratulations to the WHS Football Team for making it to round 5 of playoffs, and being Regional Runners-Up! A great season for the Warriors!

Per Niche, WHS is at the top of the list for the best high schools for athletes in NC! Way to go Warriors! To read the article, [click here](#).

W 2023 BEST HIGH SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETES
IN NORTH CAROLINA

#3 OVERALL

#1 PUBLIC
SCHOOL



SCC
OFFENSIVE
PLAYER
OF THE
YEAR

TYLER BUDGE #12 | QUARTERBACK

20
22

ALL CONFERENCE



**JACK
COLLINS**



**VINNY
JORDAN**



**KNOX
WILLINGHAM**



**SAM
NEELY**



**MICAHEL
LUIZA**



**EVERETT
SCOTT**

VARSIY FOOTBALL

20
22

ALL CONFERENCE



**GRIFFIN
REIMER**



**ZYMILL
PATTERSON**



**EVAN
GILBERT**



**NICK
DIAMOND**



**LOGAN
POTES**



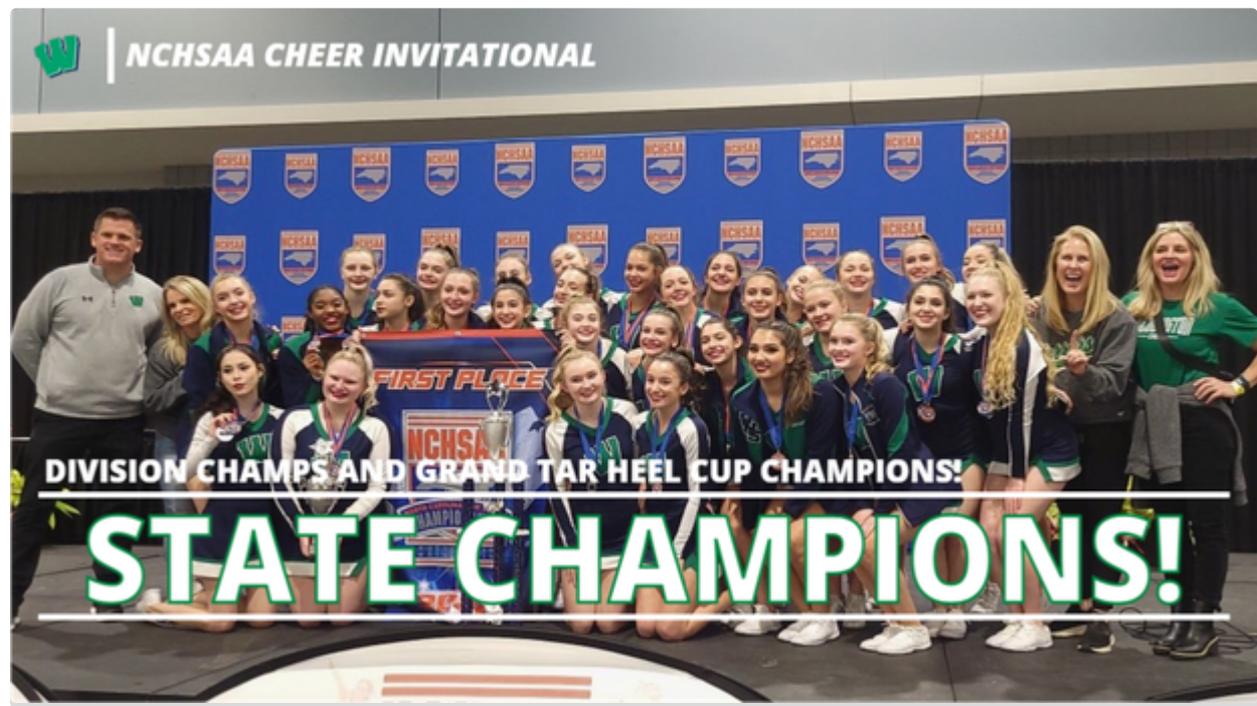
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VARSIY FOOTBALL



Congratulations Warrior Cheer Team!

Congratulations to our Varsity Cheer team on winning the D1 Varsity Game Day Division State Championship last Saturday! The team also won the TarHeel Cup with is the grand champion out of all the game day teams (out of 45 total teams). Way to go Warriors!



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!



Stay Connected!

WARRIOR ATHLETICS SOCIAL MEDIA HAS MOVED!

BE SURE TO FOLLOW OUR DEDICATED ATHLETIC
SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES:



@weddingtonathletics



@WHSwarriors



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!

IT'S THE WEDDINGTON WAY!



Staff Holiday Lunch
Tuesday, December 13th

Angel Tree

It's the season for giving. The Angel Tree is a wonderful opportunity to provide gift cards for Weddington Families in need this holiday season. Please drop off or have your child drop off to the Office a \$25 gift card for groceries, gas, Amazon, Target, Walmart, etc 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

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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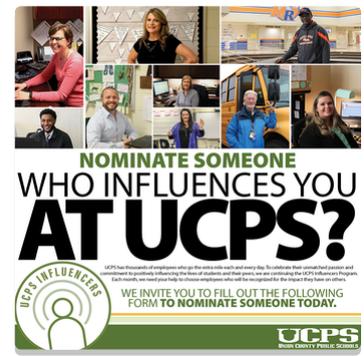
NEWS FROM UCPS

UCPS Influencer Program

UCPS has thousands of employees who go the extra mile each and every day. To celebrate their

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>

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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