



WARRIOR WEEKLY

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Student Centered; Future Focused!



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, January 18th - Wednesday, January 24th: Final Exams (see below for more information)

Wednesday, January 24th: End of Semester 1

Thursday, January 25th: Teacher Workday, no school for students

Friday, January 26th: Semester 2 Begins

Wednesday, February 7th: Second Semester curriculum night (see below for more information)

JOIN THE WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO!

Please join the WHS PTSO at 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.

FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

EXAMS CONTINUE MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Important Testing Reminders:

- Be on time! **The building is open to students at 7:15am each morning.**
- **Students must be in their testing locations by 8:15 am.** Students arriving late will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun.
- As a reminder, final exams count as 25% of the overall semester grade. Attendance is very important.
- **Students will need their laptops and their chargers each day and a calculator if taking an exam where it is permitted.**
- All students are encouraged to get a good night's sleep each night and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

If you have questions concerning exams, please contact assistant principal and WHS testing coordinator, Alanna Smith at Alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us.

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

Thursday, January 18th - 1st Block Exams
Friday, January 19th - 2nd Block Exams
Monday, January 22nd - 3rd Block Exams
Tuesday, January 23rd - 4th Block Exams
Wednesday, January 24th - Makeup Exam Day

Required EOC Courses:

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

Fall 2023 CTE Courses with State Exams

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

The following are some important reminders for all students taking an EOC, CTE, or teacher made final exam:

- Students are asked to charge their Chromebook the night before AND bring their charger with them for test day. If your students computer is broken or not working properly, please have them contact Ms. Tammy Douglas, our Desktop Support Engineer.
- Students should bring a pencil and calculator if they have a math exam.
- Testing will begin at 8:15am on Thursday, January 18th through Tuesday, January 23rd as well as on Wednesday, January 24th for the make-up exams. **All testing should be completed daily around 12:30pm. Students will not be permitted to leave campus until all exams have been completed.**
- Buses will pick up at normal morning times on exam days **but will be taking students home immediately following exams during those days.** Buses will run on normal times during the make-up exam day on Wednesday, January 24th. Only students who have to take a make-up exam are required to come to school on the make-up exam day on Wednesday, January 24th.

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 2023-2024 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

ATTENDANCE NOTES

SPRING 2024

1st Grading Period T4	2nd Grading Period T5	3rd Grading Period T6
January 26th thru March 8th	March 9th thru April 26th	April 27th thru June 6th
	We cannot accept parent notes for dates prior to March 9th, 2024	We cannot accept parent notes for dates prior to April 27th, 2024

UCPS ATTENDANCE POLICY

- 5 days/semester may be excused with a parent note
- Parent notes are ONLY accepted during the grading period the absence occurred.
- Medical notes are always accepted, but as a courtesy, please do not wait until the end of the semester!

Attendance notes must be received by May 24th to process for exam exemption!

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). 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.

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.

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SECOND SEMESTER CURRICULUM NIGHT

The 2nd semester curriculum night will take place **Wednesday, February 7th** from **5:30pm – 6:25pm**.

Following the completion of the Curriculum Night, the WHS School Counseling Department will be providing an AP information session at 6:35 pm in the auditorium.

All parents are asked to report directly to your child's first period class. The event will begin promptly at 5:30pm. This will be an opportunity for teachers to provide an overview of their course content and class expectations.

Please note that the teachers will not be available for parent/teacher conferences during this event. PARENTS...please be sure to take a picture of your child's schedule on your phone, and bring it to this event so that you are able to navigate his/her schedule.

Curriculum Night Schedule.

- **5:15pm – 5:30pm:** Parents report to students 1st period class
- **5:30pm – 5:40pm:** First period class
- **5:45pm – 5:55pm:** Second period class
- **6:00pm – 6:10pm:** Third period class
- **6:15pm – 6:25pm:** Fourth period class

6:35pm-7:05pm AP Information Session for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students/parents in Auditorium

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Meet Our Behavioral Health Staff



Ms. FULLER
MSW, LCSWA

**SCHOOL SOCIAL
WORKER**

SPECIALTIES:

- REFERRAL SERVICES
- CRISIS INTERVENTION
- INDIVIDUAL CHECK INS
- PROVIDE SUPPORT TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

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Ms. PATTON
MSW, LCSWA

**SCHOOL SOCIAL
WORKER**

EXPERIENCE:

- CHILD WELFARE
- CLINICAL CASE MANAGEMENT
- BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH IN ADOLESCENTS

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WHS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF



Ms. NAM
MA, LCMHC, NCC

**BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH THERAPIST**

EXPERIENCE:

- CLINICAL COUNSELING SERVICES
- PARTIAL CARE PROGRAMS AND INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS FOR ADOLESCENT, ADULT AND GERIATRIC POPULATIONS

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Ms. ADDISON
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**BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH THERAPIST**

EXPERIENCE:

- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FIELD FOR 5 YEARS
- WORKING WITH ADOLESCENTS AND FAMILIES IN PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES & SCHOOLS

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Behavioral Health Schedule

WHS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCHEDULE	
MONDAY	MS. FULLER - SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER 8:10 AM - 3:05 PM
TUESDAY	MS. NAM - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH THERAPIST 8:10 AM - 3:05 PM
WEDNESDAY	MS. FULLER - SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER 8:10 AM - 3:05 PM
THURSDAY	MS. PATTON & MS. ADDISON - SOCIAL WORKER/BEHAVIORAL THERAPIST 8:10 AM - 3:05 PM
FRIDAY	MS. PATTON - SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER 8:10 AM - 3:05 PM

Second Semester Begins Friday, January 26th

Students will follow their 2nd semester schedule beginning Friday, January 26th. Students are asked to review their schedule prior to semester 1 exams. Student schedules are available via PowerSchool. Paper copies of second semester schedules will not be distributed. If a student has a hole in their second semester schedule, students are asked to see a counselor during the student's lunch block (not during class) to select a course.

Semester 2 - Schedule Change Request

Spring semester schedule change requests can be submitted beginning at **3:00pm on Friday, January 26th through Friday, February 2nd at 8:00am** by completing the schedule change request form which can be accessed via the school counseling webpage or by clicking [HERE](#). Please note, requests through this form cannot be made until 3:00pm on Friday January 26th.

1. Schedule change requests can be submitted the first 5 days of semester 2.
2. ONLY requests submitted via the schedule change request form will be considered.
3. Requests sent via email and/or voicemail will NOT be considered.
4. Please know submitting this form does NOT guarantee a schedule change.
5. Do not submit this form if you do not want the order of your current schedule to change as this is a possibility.
6. Check PowerSchool often to identify if a modification to your schedule has been made.
7. 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>

February: 2024 - 2025 Academic Information Sessions

WHS Auditorium

8th grade - February 1st, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

11th grade - February 20th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

10th grade - February 21st, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

9th grade - February 22nd, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

February - March: Course Registration Meetings 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.

Class of 2024 - Midyear Transcript / Midyear Report/ Midyear Grades - Request

Not all colleges/universities require a midyear transcript/midyear report. Check your email, review admissions pages, and login to your college portals to identify if this documentation is required.

This <https://forms.gle/VosLSBxN8ygwqDzWA> should only be completed for those schools requesting or requiring a midyear transcript/midyear report.

Once Semester 1 exams have concluded and grades are finalized, the District will load final Semester 1 transcripts. This process could take up to 3 days. Please allow 2 weeks for transcripts to be submitted.

Only midyear transcripts requested via this document will be sent to colleges/universities. Email/voicemail requests will not be processed.

Check your SCOIR account for updates.

Scholarship Opportunity

This year the Kiwanis Club of Monroe is pleased to award three scholarships and would like to invite any Union County high school senior to apply.

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who possesses strong character, a demonstrated belief in service to the community, and academic evidence predicting success in college. The purpose of the scholarship is to help a student who can be successful in college but may not receive financial assistance elsewhere. The recipient may pursue higher education at the institution of his/her choice.

Please click on the link below for more information.



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:

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



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

[Download](#)

848.9 KB

How to View SPCC Class Schedule.pdf

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878.2 KB

FOCUS HBCU FAIR

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PRESENTS

FOCUS HBCU Fair

ON-SITE
ADMISSIONS AND
SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER
501 S COLLEGE STREET, CHARLOTTE, NC 28202
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



REGISTER HERE:



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FOCUSHBCUFAIR2024](https://tinyurl.com/focushbcufair2024)

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UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CAREER FAIR

LOOKING FOR A **FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE**
OR WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

*Come to our upcoming career fair and find out why YOU
should join Team UCPS! We are hiring for both
certified and classified positions.*



January 27, 2024

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Weddington High School - 4901 Monroe Weddington Rd., Matthews, NC 28104

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2023-2024 YEARBOOKS

Wednesday, January 31st is the last day to purchase a personalized yearbook.

Order Today:
jostensyearbook.com
1.877.767.5217



WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

The PTSO needs your help! Invest in Excellence giving is only 1/3 of what it was last year at this time. Please remember all donations for Invest in Excellence go directly to WHS administration to put towards a variety of items that benefit ALL OF OUR STUDENTS. Please consider giving to help each and every student at WHS. To those who have already given THANK YOU!

Senior Events: Please be on the lookout for emails from 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.

The PTSO Staff Appreciation Committee will provide a breakfast for our incredible WHS staff on the 26th.

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 or use the QR code.

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

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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.



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

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!

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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