

# WARRIOR WEEKLY

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Weddington High School



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

FROM WARRIOR NATION



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Monday, January 15th:** No school in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**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 Open House (see below for more information)

## 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.

**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

**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 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 DEADLINE



**ATTENDANCE NOTES MUST BE  
RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10TH  
TO PROCESS FOR EXAM  
EXEMPTION!!**



**DON'T FORGET  
TO BRING THEM  
IN!**

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

## **Attendance Recovery:**

An email has gone out to both parents and students regarding Attendance Recovery. Attendance Recovery must be completed before exams begin. If your student has not picked up their form showing required hours, please have them stop by the attendance office on Monday, January 8th. Thank you

## **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.

# 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.

## SECOND SEMESTER CURRICULUM NIGHT

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

All parents are asked to report directly to your child's first period class. The event will begin promptly at 5:30pm with first period teachers for a 10 minute presentation from the teacher. 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.**

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.

### 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

## 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-JR1feXPrfpZFx5gTc3gcWxyEvytsXaMvD2vI/edit?usp=sharing>

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

### 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/VosLSBxN8ygwgqDzWA> 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.

## FAFSA Day

**FAFSA Day is Saturday, January 11, 2024**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**



North Carolina's FAFSA Day is a free event where local college campuses will provide one-on-one or small group support for completing a FAFSA. Any student or parent who needs FAFSA assistance is welcome! The map below provides information on local host sites. Please find resources in the toolkit to help

promote FAFSA Day with your students and families.

### [FAFSA DAY EVENTS](#)

## 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.

### **Kiwanis Club of Monroe Scholarship.docx**

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## 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:

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

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### How to View SPCC Class Schedule.pdf

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## FOCUS HBCU FAIR



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# 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

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

Logos of participating HBCUs: UNCF, JST, Central State University, SC State University, FAMU Rattlers, Tennessee State University, MTSU, ECSU, Prairie College, Benedict College, ASU, Golden Flamingo, Winston-Salem State University, West Virginia State University, Wilberforce University, Allen University, VCU, Fisk University, The Citadel, Clark Atlanta University, United States Naval Academy, Houston Baptist University, Fort Valley State University, Florida Memorial University, Morris College, North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical State University, NCCentral University, Army West Point.

## 2023-2024 YEARBOOKS

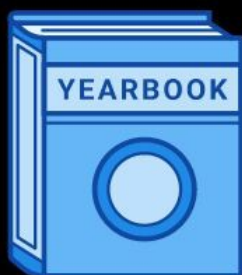
### Senior Recognition Ads for Yearbook

**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://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)

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# WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

We hope everyone enjoyed their time off during the holiday break and are ready to finish the semester off in excellence. Speaking of excellence, 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](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.

**The PTSO Staff Appreciation Committee will provide a breakfast for our incredible WHS staff on January 12th and 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](http://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](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!

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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3A Men's Tennis Champions  
2017  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1A/2A/3A Men's Lacrosse Champions  
2017  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3AA State Football Champions  
2016  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Women's Soccer Champions  
2016  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Men's Indoor Track Champions  
2016  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Men's Soccer Champions  
2015  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Men's Indoor Track Champions  
2020  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3AA State Football Champions  
2019  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Large Varsity Cheerleading  
2019  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1A/2A/3A Men's Lacrosse Champions  
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3A Men's Soccer Champions  
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FEET OFF THE  
STAIRS AT ALL TIMES

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