

# Warrior Weekly

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## Weddington High School



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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Monday, October 17th:** Report Cards Distributed

**Wednesday, October 19th:** Pre ACT Test for Sophomores (see below for more information)

## PRE-ACT TEST FOR SOPHOMORES

All UCPS sophomores are required to participate in the Pre-ACT. Weddington High School will be administering the Pre-ACT next **Wednesday, October 19th**. The Pre-ACT test is considered to be a practice test to provide an estimated score of how your student will perform on the ACT test. Colleges will NOT have access to Pre-ACT scores. Additional information regarding the test including testing locations will be shared next week.

Pre**ACT**<sup>®</sup>

Freshman, Juniors, and Seniors will follow the regular schedule on Wednesday.

Please contact Mrs. Washington at [Jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us) or Mrs. Smith, assistant principal and testing coordinator, at [Alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us) with any questions or concerns.

## NEW UCPS WEBSITE

Union County Public Schools launched its brand new, [redesigned website](#) last Friday. Since February, the communications team has worked to streamline pages, update content and organize a modern and innovative website design.

The district and school websites were created using stakeholder feedback, analytics and web best practices. In addition, accessibility, usability and readability were priorities during the creating and implementation process. The UCPS website launched Oct. 7, and the new WHS websites was launched earlier this week.

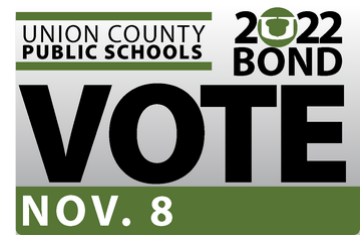
### Highlights

- The desktop experience features a traditional drop-down menu for an enhanced user experience. The mobile version will be responsive and feature a traditional mobile menu

- More opportunities to feature pictures and videos of teaching and learning, school activities and celebrations.
- Frequently accessed information can be found on every page in the global icons section (six icons at the bottom of the page) and in the Spotlight region on each homepage (below the calendar).
- The "How Do I" menu option features top requested pages such as bell times, inclement weather procedures, school nutrition menus, help desk and more!
- Email can be accessed in MyUCPS or at the footer of each and every web page.

## UCPS BOND INFORMATION

On November 8, Union County residents will vote on \$134,405,000 million in school bonds to address aging facilities. This bond package will replace current buildings at East Elementary and Forest Hills High, schools that were built in the 1950s and 1960s. The 2022 bond will build on previous investments and provide adequate facilities for students and staff.



**There will be a Bond Community Information Meeting next Thursday, October 13th in the Weddington High School auditorium at 6pm.**

All schools and communities benefit when we value public schools. With a successful bond, more projects will move up on the priority list for capital needs. To learn more about this bond referendum, visit [www.ucps.k12.nc.us/bond2022](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/bond2022).

- [Bond Presentation](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Union County Board of Elections](#)

## SENIOR PORTRAIT SESSION INFORMATION

### Weddington Senior Portrait Roadshow

Haven't gone to the studio for your senior portrait session? Then you are in luck. Cady will be coming to Weddington High School on Saturday, October 22nd for a Roadshow. You must go online at [www.cady.com/book22](http://www.cady.com/book22) to book your Roadshow session at WHS. They will only offer the Simple Session for \$29 and the Standard Session for \$59 on this date. The Simple Session includes the yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and one additional scene photo. The Standard Session includes the yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and two additional scenes photos. Please refer to the attached handout to help book your senior's Roadshow session.

Can't make the Roadshow? Seniors have until December 30th to get their picture taken at the studio.

Seniors are still able to book a studio experience by going to [www.cady.com/schedule](http://www.cady.com/schedule) or calling the studio at the phone number below. **If you do not schedule a studio session or participate in the Senior Portrait Roadshow, we will have a makeup day in December for seniors at school. However, this session will only include the yearbook photo.** Please contact Anna Waldrup if you have any questions via email at [anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us).

CADY Studio address and phone number



2201 Crownpoint Executive Dr., Suite E Charlotte, NC 28227  
704-859-0737



Steps for Booking at the School Roadshow.pdf

[Download](#)

4.2 MB

## Senior Portrait Information



FREE ACT AND SAT PRACTICE

# FREE ACT AND SAT PRACTICE

All students are enrolled in a grade-level course in Albert. This includes:

- A timed ACT practice test
- A timed SAT practice test
- Open independent practice

This fall, all high school students in UCPS are enrolled in an ACT and SAT practice course in Albert. This course allows students to take a timed practice test for the ACT and/or SAT. Once students have completed their practice test, they can use the score converter to convert the number of questions they got correct to an approximate score on the ACT or SAT. They can also use the standards tags to find practice specific to what they need.

Albert has created a 6-minute video explaining how to find the score converter and how to find targeted practice based on practice test results. Visit <https://bit.ly/Albertoverview22> to watch the video.

## ATTENDANCE

In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please provide an email or 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. A phone call to the school, stating your student is absent, is not necessary. Remember, parent notes will only be accepted during the current 6-week grading period, of the absent day.

**Early Dismissal Procedure:**

On the occasions that you need your student to be dismissed from school early, please send in a note stating the time of dismissal with your student. The note must include the first and last name of the student, date, time of dismissal and parent signature. Students should bring the note to the front entrance/office area before the school day begins so they can be given an early dismissal pass to leave class at the appointed time. The student is then able to leave class, without disrupting instruction, and come to the front office. Students who follow this process will be allowed to walk out to meet you at your car or drive (if they are a registered student driver).

**\*While notes from a physician will be considered at any time, an excuse from a parent will only be accepted within the same 6-week grading period as the absence. Reminder that a note from a parent stating that a student has a doctor's appointment, is not excused. We must receive the note from the doctor's office in order to excuse the absence.**

For any attendance related questions or concerns please email Mrs. TC Yost  
([tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us))

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### Free College Application Week

October 17 - October 21

Visit CFNC for details, <https://www.cfnc.org/>

See attached for list of participating colleges.

### College Visits

Pre-Registration in Scoir

Open to Seniors and Juniors

#### October 17

11:30, Auburn

12:00, Guilford

12:30, University of Mississippi

1:00, Sewanee: The University of the South

#### October 18

11:30, George Mason University

12:00, Duke University

12:30, University of Kentucky

1:00, Wofford College

1:30, Coastal Carolina University

#### October 19

11:30, Lynn University

12:00, Texas Christian University

12:30, University of Florida

1:00, Butler University

#### October 20

11:30,

12:00, North Carolina Wesleyan

12:30, New York University

1:00, Catholic University of America

1:30, North Carolina State University

October 21

11:30, Virginia Tech

12:00,

12:30, Roanoke College

1:00, SUNY at Binghamton

**On-the-Spot College Admissions! (class of 2023)**

October 13, 10:00 - 2:00

**Wingate University**

Students will participate in an admission interview concluding in an "On the Spot" college admissions decision. Qualifying students could receive a scholarship award offer as well.

Email Dr. Jordan to schedule an On-the-Spot interview appointment, [mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Junior Workshop - Part 1**

Wednesday, October 26th, 6:00-8:00

WHS Auditorium

College Admissions Panel, 6:00

SPCC Spring Registration, 7:00

SAT/ACT Prep, 7:30

**On-the-Spot College Admissions! (class of 2023)**

November 2nd, 10:00 - 2:00

**Francis Marion University**

Students will participate in an admission interview concluding in an "On the Spot" college admissions decision. Qualifying students could receive a scholarship award offer as well.

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**On-the-Spot College Admissions! (class of 2023)**

November 16th, 10:00 - 2:00

**Guilford College**

Students will participate in an admission interview concluding in an "On the Spot" college admissions decision. Qualifying students could receive a scholarship award offer as well.

Email Dr. Jordan to schedule an On-the-Spot interview appointment, [mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us)



# NC Schools Waiving Application Fees on CFNC.org During College Application Week (Oct. 17 – 21)

Remember, other schools may be accepting special fee waivers offered through ACT, SAT, or NACAC.

Barton College  
Belmont Abbey College  
Bennett College  
Brevard College  
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences  
Campbell University  
Catawba College  
Chowan University  
Davidson College  
East Carolina University  
Elizabeth City State University  
Elon University  
Fayetteville State University  
Gardner-Webb University

Greensboro College  
Guilford College  
Lees-McRae College  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Livingstone College  
Louisburg College  
Mars Hill University  
Meredith College  
Methodist University  
Montreat College  
North Carolina A&T State University  
North Carolina Central University  
North Carolina Wesleyan University  
Pfeiffer University  
Queens University of Charlotte

Saint Augustine's University  
Salem College  
Shaw University  
St. Andrews University  
University of Mount Olive  
University of North Carolina Asheville  
University of North Carolina School of the Arts  
University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
Warren Wilson College  
Western Carolina University  
William Peace University  
Wingate University  
Winston-Salem State University  
All 58 NC Community Colleges

Updated List as of 10-5-22

College  
Foundation  
of North Carolina

CACRAO

For More Information, Go to [CFNC.org/C2C](https://cfnc.org/C2C)

NC COUNTDOWN  
TO COLLEGE

## SPCC Office of Recruitment

FAFSA day has been scheduled for **Tuesday 11/1**. The event will run a bit different this year. From 12:00-7:00 we will have financial aid staff available to assist students and parents with completing the FAFSA or answering questions. From 5:30-6:30 that evening we will be holding a structured session where we will be sharing more general information related to the FAFSA. Our team will be reviewing why it is important to complete the FAFSA, the difference between grants and loans, common issues, timelines, and more.

**As always both sessions are open to ALL, no matter where the student plans to attend school.**

## HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

The holidays are just around the corner and it's time to kick off the UCPS Holiday Card Contest!

- The deadline is Monday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. Information will be posted on the UCPS website and promoted on social media channels. Please note: we are only accepting digital submissions through this link -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1JcQWHqInnFcXBcFaQ9cX8zbn3abZqydT2PHqC316iKg6Fg/viewform>

- Again, this year! Parents, staff, students and community members will be able to vote on the top 10 submissions through our online portal.

- The 10 finalists, members of their immediate family, principals and art teachers will be invited to attend a special breakfast celebration on Nov. 17 at the PDC. The winner will be announced at that time.





**UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Holiday Card CONTEST**

UCPS is inviting elementary, middle and high school students to spread holiday cheer!

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**ELIGIBILITY**  
 Any student who is currently enrolled in UCPS is eligible to participate. One entry per student.

**RECOGNITION**  
 The winning artwork will be featured as the cover of the 2022 UCPS Holiday Card. The student's name, grade and school will be noted on the card.

The top 10 finalists will be invited to a special celebration and the winner will receive a personalized gift and recognition on the UCPS website and social media pages. In addition, the winning card will be available for purchase via an online portal. Proceeds will benefit the art department at the winning student's school.

**ARTWORK THEME**  
 Happy Holidays/Season's Greetings  
 Submissions should reflect holiday spirited or winter themes.  
 Artwork may not reference or contain images related to specific religious holidays.

**DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS**  
 The final card size should be 8.5 in. wide x 6 in. tall. Please create all artwork to fit these proportions.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES**  
 All entries must be received by Monday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m.

**SUBMISSION OF ARTWORK**  
 To participate, submissions must be uploaded through the following electronic form:  
<https://tinyurl.com/72b5swaw>

**CAST YOUR VOTE**  
 Students, parents, staff and community members will vote on the top 10 submissions Oct. 31 – Nov. 4.  
 The winner will be announced at a celebration on Nov. 17.  
 Stay tuned to UCPS social media pages and the website for updates.

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**STAY CONNECTED**       [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us)

## 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/>

**Purchase by October 31st to receive the lowest price of the year.** Attached below is a pricing flyer and a Quick Start Guide to help parents get started.



Senior Ads Quick Start Guide.pdf

[Download](#)  
592.2 KB



Senior Ad Pricing Information.pdf

[Download](#)  
965.7 KB

# 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.

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



### Athletic Department Update

Fall Sports are underway and off to a great start! Be sure to come out and cheer on the Warriors!

**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!

**SUN VALLEY FOOTBALL GAME VS. WEDDINGTON**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH**

**GAME STARTS AT 7:00PM**

**HURRICANE IAN RELIEF DRIVE  
at the Spartan Stadium**

**Bring 5 or more canned goods/non-perishables to  
the gate to be entered into raffle for a \$10  
concession voucher (5 winners)**

**Names will be drawn at half-time**

**Donations will help the DeSoto community in  
Florida**







## WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO



Thank you to everyone that has joined the WHS PTSO! Your membership and INVEST IN EXCELLENT provides students and staff with many programs, scholarships, grants, as well as support of the College Fair, Life Skills and so much more.

### Current Standings by Grade:

9th Grade: 22%

10th Grade: 18%

11th Grade: 14%

12th Grade: 83%

If you have not joined the PTSO, please join today at [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com)! *IT'S THE WEDDINGTON WAY!*

Mark your calendar for Senior Breakfast events on **October 21st** and **November 18th** plus many more gatherings to come if you have signed up!

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)

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