

Warrior Weekly

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Weddington High School



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, October 25th: Pre ACT and PSAT Testing (see below for more information)

Friday, October 27th: Blood Drive (see below for more information)

Friday, November 2nd and Saturday, November 4th: Fall Play, A Midsummer Night's Dream (see below for more details)

Tuesday, November 7: Teacher Workday, no school for students

Friday, November 10: No School in Observance of Veteran's Day

CONGRATULATIONS MR. SALMINEN, WHS TEACHER OF THE
YEAR!



Congratulations to Mr. Salminen on being selected as Weddington High School's 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year! Good luck to Mr. Salminen as he moves on to the next step of the UCPS Teacher of the Year process!

PSAT AND PRE ACT TESTING

PSAT/NMSQT - Select Juniors Only

For students who signed up by the August 31st deadline, the PSAT/NMSQT test will take place on **Wednesday, October 25th** starting directly after the morning bell. **This assessment is only for Juniors who signed up by the August 31st deadline.** This test will be digital. Testing location details were shared with participating students yesterday afternoon (10/19/23) and will also be shared with students prior to test day.

For any further questions, please contact Mrs. Alanna Smith at alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us

PreACT

Pre ACT - Sophomores Only

All UCPS sophomores are required to participate in the Pre-ACT. Weddington High School will be administering the Pre-ACT next **Wednesday, October 25th**. 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.

All students not participating in testing on this day will be in homeroom locations by grade level.

Please contact Mrs. Washington at

Jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us or Mrs. Smith, Assistant

Principal and testing coordinator, at Alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us with any questions or concerns.

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.

WHOS CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

Location: Auxiliary Gym

To participate, the age requirement is 16 and older. If a student is 16, they MUST have a parent permission form signed before they arrive to the blood drive on Friday 10/27/23. If a student does not have the form, they will be turned away by the Red Cross staff. A student can pick-up a blank parent permission form from Ms. Raynor in Room E200.



*Student donors will be required to stay in their classroom until their assigned donation time. A WHOS club member will come retrieve the donor when it is their designated donation time.

*On the day of the blood drive anyone who is donating is required to arrive with proof of identification/school ID or license/permit

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). 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.

WHS FALL THEATRE PRODUCTION

Come check out the Wedding High School Theater department's Fall production, A Midsummer Night's Dream, by William Shakespeare. They will be performing on November 2nd at 7:00 pm and Saturday, November 4th at 2:00 and 7:00 pm. This will be an amazing show filled with comedy and drama - you don't want to miss out! Click [here](#) for tickets or scan the QR code below.



GREEN MACHINE GEAR IS BACK!

Green Machine Gear is now available for purchase. Our [online store](#) is open and will close on Sunday, October 22nd. Choose from Gildan and super soft Bella + Canvas options. All orders will be delivered to the school and distributed to the students upon arrival.

What is the Green Machine? The Green Machine is the name of our student section that was named from previous student government members when the school opened. Every year since Weddington opened, student government has created a t-shirt design to carry on the tradition and show our Weddy pride.

Weddington High School

Spiritwear On Sale Now

ORDER BY
OCT. 22



<https://stores.inksoft.com/WED015>

EPI CUSTOM APPAREL

TRUNK OR TREAT!



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 Tuesday, 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/1FAIpQLSe1JcQWHqInnFcXBcFaQ9cX8zbn3abZqydT2PHgC316iKg6Fg/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!



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 2023 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.

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 Tuesday, 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.

STAY CONNECTED  www.ucps.k12.nc.us

UCPS EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT PARENT LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXCEPTIONAL **CHILDREN'S** SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

PARENT VIRTUAL

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES **2023-24**



11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Please bring your lunch)

DATE	GUEST	TOPIC
Oct. 19, 2023	Partners Behavioral Health Management	Partners Behavioral Health Management is a managed behavioral healthcare organization focused on helping individuals access the services they need to lead better daily lives. The purpose of Partners is to enhance the health and well-being of individuals and their families.
Jan. 18, 2024	Autism Society	The Autism Society, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, exist to improve the lives of all affected by autism. We do this by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research, and advocacy.
March 21, 2024	NC ABLE	Have you begun saving for your child with special needs? If not find out one way you can start planning ahead. New NC Able helps individuals save, while preserving their SSI and Medicaid.



JOIN THE LUNCH & LEARN VIA ZOOM
Meeting ID: 880 6266 3623
Passcode: 268997

If you have questions, contact:

Mishaun Mitchell, MSW | 704-296-6397 | mishaun.mitchell@ucps.k12.nc.us
Belle Walker, MSW | 704-296-6383 | belle.walker@ucps.k12.nc.us

CLASS OF 2024

Senior Pictures Information

There are 3 ways to get your senior pictures taken this year.

1. Between now and December 3rd you can book a session at Cady studios by visiting their website at <https://store.cady.com/>. There are several different packages available ranging in a variety of prices. The basic session package is \$30 and includes several poses of the senior tux/drape yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and 1 scene of your choice. With this basic package, seniors will also be able to select the tux/drape photo they want to be included in the yearbook.
2. We will offer a Senior make-up session in late November. The date of this make-up session has not been determined. At this make-up session, students will only get a single shot of the tux/drape photo taken. Seniors will not be able to select the photo to be put in the yearbook.

****Seniors who do not get their senior picture taken by December 3rd, 2023 will not be included in the yearbook.**

Senior Recognition Ads for Yearbook

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Governor's School Applications

Applications to Governor's School are now being accepted. Applications must be received by November 10th.

Please email Ms. Scoggins with questions.



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.

Senior Conferences

Senior Conferences have begun. Email your counselor to set up an apt. to discuss college essays, applications, Scoir, Common App., and much more!

FAFSA

FAFSA, <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. To best prepare, review resources found at 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

SPCC will officially open registration for SP 2024 on **Monday, October 30, 2023** with classes starting **Friday, January 5, 2024**. We offer 16-week, 12-week and 8-week courses.

Existing SPCC students are encouraged to **pre-register starting NOW!** Please go to Etrieve and complete the CCP Registration form and select "add" indicating the course name and course number.

You can pre-register without the course section listed.



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

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869.3 KB



How to View SPCC Class Schedule.pdf

[Download](#)
899.3 KB

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!



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](#) or email them to our yearbook advisor at anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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



Weddington HS Senior Ads 2324.pdf

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879.8 KB

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. Effective, Oct. 6, 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 or at the mid-point of an event.



CONGRATS WARRIORS!



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

SCC ALL-CONFERENCE



**Madi
Haines**

SENIOR / SETTER



**Aidyn
Bowles**

SENIOR / OUTSIDE HITTER



**Aiden
Colonna**

SENIOR / OUTSIDE HITTER



**IAN
MAS**



**MASON
KENARY**



**ANDERSON
TAYLOR**



**GRACE
HANSON**



**AVA
LANZY**



**CECE
TAFT**



SCC ALL-CONFERENCE RUNNERS



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 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

Please join the **WHS PTSO** and Make a Difference in Our School Community before October 31st! By becoming a member, you can play an essential role in enhancing our school community in several ways such as providing student scholarships to Seniors, mini- grants to teachers, and many other activities for both students and teachers. Your membership dues go a long way in making these initiatives possible. Let's make this year one filled with memories, collaboration and achievement.



We are still **under 25%** for membership for the student body and **barely at 50%** for staff membership. Let's bring that percentage up!

Please join the WHS PTSO at www.whsptso.com or use the QR code.

Seniors, want to have a good time and raise money for your class? Come out for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th 4-6pm in the WHS Student Parking Lot. Anyone can participate in sponsoring/decorating a trunk. This will be a fun event for our community and will raise money for all of our seniors. Email brittany.slaughter@ucps.k12.nc.us for any questions.

Next Senior Breakfast November is 17th!

Scarves For Sale!

The weather will be getting cooler! Stay warm in a WEDDINGTON Scarf AND cheer on the Warriors! Be on the lookout for the PTSO selling WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR Scarves on Friday, October 20th at our home football game! (\$20 for PTSO members and \$30 for nonmembers)

President: Sherri McGirt

VP: Amanda Fink

Treasurer: Jenny Bergman

Treasurer Elect: Available

Membership: Heidi Hamilton

Secretary: Trista Jorge

Social Media: Danielle Klee

Senior Events: Terry Key & Shawn Keller

Staff Appreciation Co-Chair: Olga Bernhardt & Kristin Marion

Website Manager: Available

Site Base Reps: Eric Wang & Ben Fink

*** We are need of a Website Manager to oversee the WHS PTSO website and we are also looking for a treasurer elect. Both positions are available now. If you're interested, please email us at w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com.*

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WHS PTSO

@WHSPTSO



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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.



LOOKING FOR A PREVIOUS WARRIOR WEEKLY? CLICK
HERE!