

Warrior Weekly

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, September 4th: No School in observance of Labor Day

Friday, September 8th: Required Back to School Forms Due (see below for more information)

Wednesday, September 13th: Fall Curriculum Night (see below for more information)

Wednesday, October 4th: Underclassmen Picture Day (more information to come)

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

[2023-2024 Bell Schedules](#)

SCHOOL HOURS FOR STUDENTS

The school day for WHS begins at 8:10am and ends at 3:05pm. Students are expected to be in their first period class ready for class by 8:10am, otherwise, they will be considered tardy. Students and

parents are asked to review the WHS Tardy Policy which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).
Weddington High School students may enter the building each day at 7:15 a.m. Entrances will remain locked until that time.

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO



Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

Welcome back to school! We are excited to start another year at Weddington. Let's make this year one filled with memories, collaboration and achievement. One of the ways to do this is to join the WHS PTSO. With your membership and Invest in Excellence, the PTSO is able to provide student scholarships to Seniors, mini- grants to teachers, and many other activities for both students and teachers.

Please join the WHS PTSO at www.whsptso.com.



September 8th Staff Breakfast

September 13th Curriculum Night **Special PTSO Merchandise available for purchase"

September 22nd Staff Breakfast & Senior Breakfast

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REQUIRED BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

We are continuing to utilize the convenience of online form completion that can be located on our school's website by clicking "About Us" followed by "Back to School Forms" or by clicking [here](#). The due date for all required forms is **Friday, September 8, 2023**.

PARENT PORTAL, CANVAS AND OTHER PARENT RESOURCES

UCPS provides a number of student and parent resources including access to attendance and grades, Canvas, a variety of mobile apps, and tutorials for using these resources. To access information about what resources are available to students and parents, please click [HERE](#).

The PowerSchool Mobile APP for Parents is a particularly valuable tool for helping parents keep up with their students academic progress. Information on how to access this app can be found on the link above. UCPS will be opening access to the Parent Portal/PowerSchool Mobile App on **Monday, September 11th**.

FALL CURRICULUM NIGHT

This year's curriculum night will be held on **Wednesday, September 13th, at 5:30 pm**. All parents are asked to report directly to your child's first period class. The event will begin promptly at 5:30 pm with first period teachers showing a virtual message from Dr. Kraftson and the WHS PTSO. After the message from Dr. Kraftson and the PTSO, parents will then follow their child's schedule beginning with first period 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.

SENIOR INFORMATION SESSION

6:45pm-7:15pm - Senior Information Session in Auditorium

The Weddington School Counseling Department is excited to invite seniors and parents to an in person Senior Information session immediately following curriculum night Wednesday, September 13th from 6:45pm – 7:30pm in the WHS Auditorium.

All seniors and parents/guardians are invited to attend. Presentation topics will include but not limited to: Scoir, common app, college application process, writing the college essay, requesting a transcript, letters of recommendation, etc.

Additional details regarding the event will be shared closer to the event

VISITORS/DROP OFFS

All visitors to the school must enter through the front doors of the school using the video doorbell system. All visitors must check in at the main office during the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, which are the main office hours on days that school is in session.

Forgotten Items/Drop Offs/Deliveries:

Students are encouraged to arrive at school prepared. Should a student need an item brought from home, parents are permitted to do so. There will be a drop off table inside the main foyer just outside the main office. The school **will not be responsible for any items left in this drop off area**. Classes will not be interrupted for pick ups. Make sure to label them with your child's first and last name. Please plan ahead for events such as a forgotten lunch by arranging to have a balance in the student's cafeteria account. **No deliveries will be accepted for students...this includes food, flowers, and other gifts. Outside delivery services such as DoorDash, Uber Eats, etc will not be allowed access to drop off items for students.**

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL / TRANSPORTATION

Weddington High School students may enter the building each day at 7:15 a.m. Entrances will remain locked until that time.

Car Riders:

At arrival time, students are to be dropped off in front of the school. Please help us to keep car traffic flowing efficiently by facilitating the quick but safe exit of your child from your car and by pulling your car up as far as possible in the line. Students will enter through the main entrance of the school. At dismissal time, students will exit the building from the main entrance. School personnel will be supervising the process, but as is the case with arrival, we encourage you to stress with your child/children the importance of safe habits. **Please take note that parking and student drop off/pick-up are not permitted in the student parking lot, staff lot, gravel lot, or the church across the street during arrival and dismissal times. Additionally, the surrounding neighborhoods have requested that we remind students and parents that neighborhood streets are not for parking and dropping off / picking up students. Vehicles may be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.**

Student Drivers:

Make sure that you are only parking in your assigned parking spot and have your parking sticker visible as directed. Please be sure you allow plenty of time to and from where you are going to ensure a safe arrival to campus each day. Remember to drive slowly in the student parking lot and lookout for others.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION/REMINDERS

The following are some important reminders for students from our attendance secretary, Mrs. Yost:

- Attendance is the responsibility of the student, not the parent. I am here to help with any questions or concerns. Come see me if needed.
- If you miss more than 15 minutes of a class, **you are ABSENT**, not tardy.
- DMV appointments are NOT EXCUSED.
- If you are absent, we need documentation from the provider. A note from your parent stating you have an appointment will NOT excuse your time missed from class.
- If you are absent due to illness/injury, but do not see a provider...a parent note is needed upon your return to school stating your reason for the absence. **This parent note should be clearly legible with a phone # to call for verification.**
- **Per the UCPS Student Handbook (4-1)...Your attendance will be finalized at the end of every grading period. If you forget to submit a parent note, it will NOT be accepted once the grading period is over.**
- An early dismissal request just gets you out of class, it does NOT EXCUSE your absence. You MUST stop by the attendance office, prior to the start of school, for a printed EARLY DISMISSAL pass. The teacher will NOT accept the written parent note to leave class.
- Educational Excuse: Juniors and Seniors are allowed **2 college visits per school year**. You MUST submit documentation from the college to excuse your visit.
- All school field trips and athletic events are excused. Outside school athletics are NOT excused.
- If you accumulate more than 7 unexcused absences for the semester in any class, you will be responsible for RECOVERY time at the end of the semester to get credit for the course.
- **TEACHER MADE EXAM EXEMPTIONS:** 90 or above and only 2 unexcused absences / 80 or above and only 1 unexcused absence.

A full description of the UCPS attendance policy can be found in the UCPS High School student handbook under Chapter 4 Section 1 (4-1 ATTENDANCE). The UCPS High School Handbook can be found on our website or by clicking [HERE](#)

Mrs. TC Yost
WHS Attendance Counselor
tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us (704-296-6319 ext. 1906)

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus Riders:

Our bus driver shortage continues and will impact operations as we open school. We will continue to practice strategies put in place in prior years, including double runs and bus stop consolidation. In addition to the normal beginning of the school year delays, we anticipate added challenges with the bus driver shortage. We will be communicating any delays using the Edulog Parent Portal app, and additional information is available on the UCPS Transportation website. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated as we work through these challenges.

Students will load and unload buses on the side of the school at the bus lot entrance. Students will be directed to appropriate areas. Buses will typically depart Weddington High School around 3:15pm each afternoon. However, as we settle into the routines of a new school year, it is very possible that buses will be delayed during the first couple of weeks of school. Please also note that due to unforeseen mechanical, driver, and/or other issues, bus runs may be delayed on any given day throughout the school year. We will do everything in our power to minimize such instances. For additional bus rider information, please click [HERE](#). This link will provide parents with directions for installing the Edulog Parent Portal smartphone app which allows parents to access designated bus stop times and locations, see real-time information about the location of your child's school bus, and receive notifications when the bus is getting close. Mr. John Grexa, assistant principal, will be overseeing bus transportation at Weddington High School this year. Questions regarding this area should be directed to him. Mr. Grexa can be reached via email at john.grexa@ucps.k12.nc.us or by calling the school.

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE

Request for Health Information Form

The Request for Health Information Form can be found on our school's website by clicking "About Us" followed by "Back to School Forms" or by clicking [here](#). This form is requested for ALL students every year. A paper copy was sent home with students earlier this week and should be returned the next day as soon as possible.



Medical Consent Forms

We will continue to need a Medication Consent form completed and signed by a physician for any meds needed at school (over the counter or prescription meds- other than hand sanitizer, Chapstick or cough drops). We require a new one every school year. They are found on the School Health Department webpage which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

I look forward to this year at Weddington High School! Please let me know if you ever have any questions or concerns. My phone number here is 704-296-6319 ext 1905.
Thanks so much, Susan Mastin, RN

WHS STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 2023-2024 WHS student handbook is available on our website and can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). It is an expectation that students review the handbook in its entirety as it contains important information regarding academics, logistics, dress code, and behavioral expectations.

UCPS HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK

We also ask that parents and students review the UCPS High School Handbook. The UCPS High School Handbook contains important information for both students and parents. The UCPS High School Handbook can be found on our website or by clicking [HERE](#).

HOMECOMING DANCE 2023



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Meet Our Counselors!



Ms. Jumana Scoggins

STUDENT'S LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH: **A-C**
jumana.scoggins@ucps.k12.nc.us, EXT. 1911



Mrs. Jenni Allen

STUDENT'S LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH: **D-H**
jenni.allen@ucps.k12.nc.us, EXT. 1920



Mrs. Jackie Washington

STUDENT'S LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH: **I-M**

jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us, EXT. 1909



Dr. Mary Jordan

STUDENT'S LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH: **N-R (pending new hire), S-Z**

mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us, EXT. 1909

The WHS School Counseling webpage is an incredible resource for everything pertaining to the WHS Counseling department. To access the webpage, please click on the following link:

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/889>

Additional information as well as the 2023-2024 School Counselor distribution can be found by visiting the WHS School Counseling webpage <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/889>.

Please check PowerSchool for updated schedules.

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. Cady Studios will be coming to Weddington High School in the media center on October 16th to host a Roadshow. Please note this date is a teacher workday and not a school day for students. These sessions can also be booked online at <https://store.cady.com/>. Just make sure to select Oct 16th as the date and Weddington High School as the location. At the Roadshow, the traditional packages which range from \$30 to \$80 will be offered. 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.
3. Last, we will offer a 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.**

Seniors! Please click the links below for important information from Josten's.




Josten's Catalog

 [Download](#)
19.9 MB




Wedd 2024 Mascot Pkg Order Form

 [Download](#)
197.3 KB



Weddington 2024 Cap and Gown Order

 [Download](#)
506.9 KB

ATHLETIC INFORMATION



IT'S ALMOST GAME TIME!



THEME:
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WEDDINGTON WARRIORS. VS. WEST FORSYTH TITANS

SEPT. 1 | 7PM KICKOFF

- PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLINE TO SKIP THE LINE
- NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGES PERMITTED
- NO BACKPACKS OR LARGE BAGS PERMITTED
- NO OUTSIDE SPORTS BALLS OR EQUIPMENT PERMITTED
- NO UNSUPERVISED STUDENTS BEHIND/UNDERNEATH THE BLEACHERS
- NO FACE OR BODY PAINT PER NCHSAA
- MOST IMPORTANT: HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE GAME! GO WARRIORS!

GAME DAY TIPS AND REMINDERS!



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UPCOMING INTEREST MEETINGS

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THURSDAY 8/31
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: 3:15PM- F209
WRESTLING: 3:15PM- G106
MEN'S BASKETBALL: 3:15PM- E106c
BASEBALL: 6:00PM- MEDIA CENTER

TUESDAY 9/5
SOFTBALL: 3:15PM- MEDIA CENTER

THURSDAY 9/7
TRACK AND FIELD- 3:15PM- CAFETERIA
MEN'S TENNIS: 6:00PM- MEDIA CENTER

FRIDAY 9/8
WOMEN'S LACROSSE: 3:15PM- F107



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!

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!

