

Warrior Weekly

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REMINDER

**NO SCHOOL
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5th**

ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND!

2022-2023 Bell Schedule

[2022-2023 Bell Schedule with Lunches](#)

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

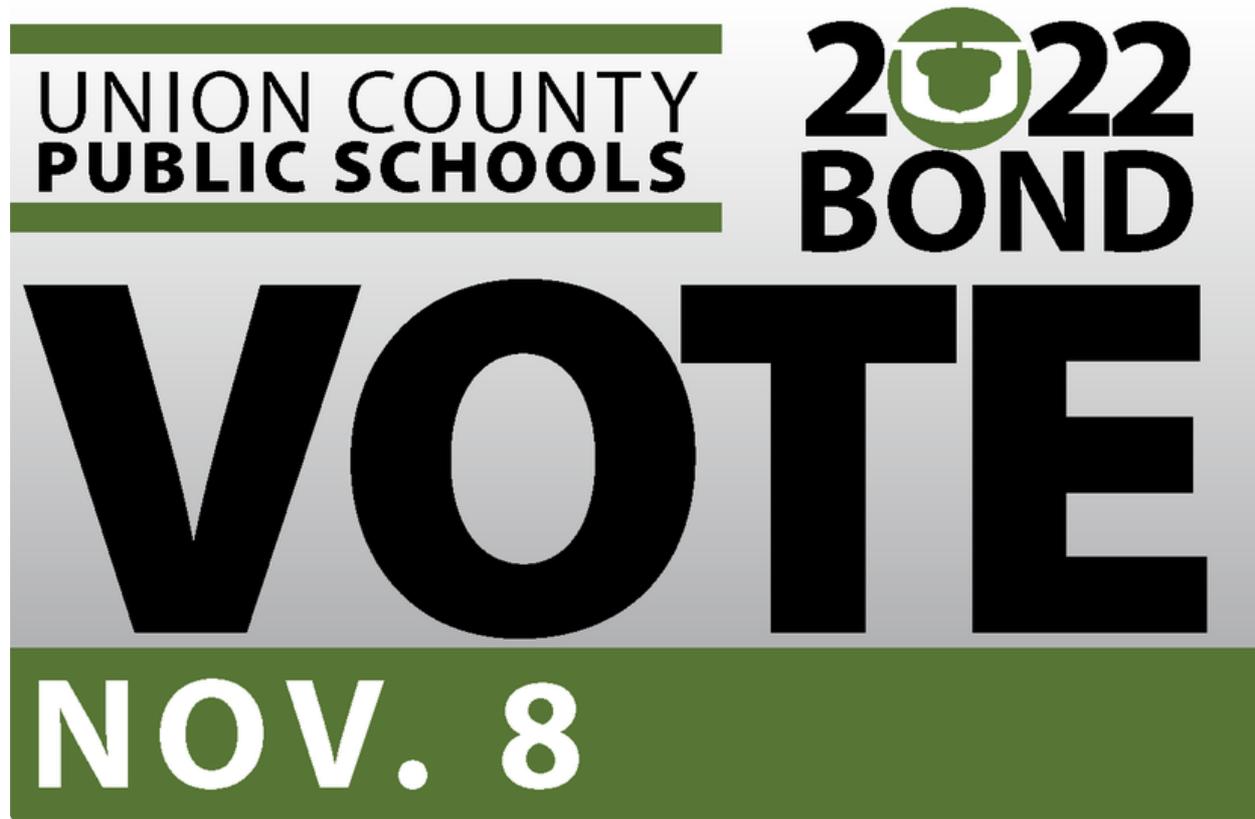
Monday, September 5th: School closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 13th: Curriculum Night (See below for more information)

Tuesday, September 20th: Underclassmen Picture Day (More information to come)

Friday, September 23rd : School Forms should be completed in FamilyID. (please see below for more info)

UCPS BOND INFORMATION

A graphic for the 2022 bond referendum. It features the text "UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS" in black on a white background, with a green horizontal bar above and below. To the right, "2022 BOND" is written in black, with a green graduation cap icon inside the zero of "2022". Below this, "VOTE" is written in large, bold, black letters. At the bottom, "NOV. 8" is written in white on a green background.

UNION COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2022
BOND

VOTE

NOV. 8

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.

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.

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

CURRICULUM NIGHT

This year's curriculum night will be held on **Tuesday, September 13th, at 6:00 pm**. All parents are asked to report directly to your child's first period class. The event will begin promptly at 6:00pm 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 12 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.

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 12th**.

FREE SAT PRACTICE TESTS AND PREP

Register by September 7:
<https://bit.ly/SATpracticereg22>



UCPS is offering Free SAT Practice Tests and Prep. This opportunity is open to all UCPS high school students. See below for more information. Students must register by September 7th at <https://bit.ly/SATpracticereg22>

Pretest and Posttest in person Online content in between

PRETEST:

September 10, 8 AM- 12 PM

POSTTEST:

September 24, 8 AM - 12 PM

In person tests held at:
Weddington High School
4901 Monroe Weddington Rd.
Matthews, NC 28104

REQUIRED BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

We are continuing to utilize the convenience of online form completion through [FamilyID](#) for your required back to school forms. FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to complete forms, and helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs.

[Weddington High School FamilyID](#)

Forms are currently available to complete via FamilyID. The due date to complete all required school forms is **Friday, September 23rd by 11:59pm.**

JOIN THE WHS PTSO

Parents, we need your help. You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way by joining the PTSO! To join, please go to www.whsptso.com. Please visit the weekly PTSO section of the Warrior Weekly which can be found below. The weekly PTSO section of the Warrior Weekly contains important information for students and parents.

VISITORS/DROP OFFS

All visitors 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. **Due to the high level of traffic in the mornings, parents and students are encouraged to allow plenty of extra time to get to school on-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

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 3:15 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 Family ID along with the other required school forms. Clicking the link below will take you directly to the FamilyID page for Weddington High, where all forms can be easily accessed.

[Weddington High School FamilyID](#)



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Medical Content 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

SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES

Information concerning menus and how to use the online prepay system can be found on the Child Nutrition page of the UCPS website <https://ucpsschoolnutritionservices.com/>.

If you have any questions about the cafeteria or your child's account, please contact our cafeteria manager, Ms. Ann Watson at 704-708-6266 or via email at ann.watson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Meet Our Counselors



Mrs. Mallika Rajan

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Mrs. Rebecca Davidyock

Student last name beginning with D-H

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Mrs. Jackie Washington

Student last name beginning with I-M

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Ms. Shelby Allen

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Dr. Mary Jordan

Student last name beginning with: S-Z

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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>

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 will begin once schedule changes conclude. Email your counselor to set up an apt. to discuss college essays, applications, Scoir, Common App, Coalition, and much more!

SENIOR PORTRAIT SESSION INFORMATION

Information regarding scheduling a senior portrait session was sent to the parents of all seniors over the summer. To book your studio experience, please go to www.cady.com/schedule or call the studio at the phone number below. If you do not schedule a studio session, then 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.

CADY Studios address and phone number.

2201 Crownpoint Executive Dr., Suite E Charlotte, NC 28227

704-859-0737

2022-2023 YEARBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

Yearbooks are now on sale for the 2022-2023. Purchase your yearbook now at Jostens.com to get the lowest price of the year along with free personalization.

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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 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



THANK YOU to everyone who has joined the PTSO membership and those that went above and beyond to Invest in Excellence! Remember to ask your employer if they would like to participate in matching your donation!

We realized after school started that the volunteer button was not working properly. This issue has been fixed and we are asking anyone who joined the PTSO prior to this Warrior Weekly to please go back into the website and check which volunteer positions you may be interested in. There are several! One example is Staff Appreciation donations for staff breakfasts and meetings. Both of these events are coming up next week. Please add your name to the volunteer list at whsptsso.com to be included in future emails. Here is the current Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-whsstaff>

If you haven't joined yet, please don't delay. Go to www.whsptsso.com and join your PTSO today. All you need to do is create an account, verify your email address and then explore ALL of the opportunities for your involvement. In addition to your Membership, we have Invest in Excellence (giving above and beyond without any fundraising), volunteer opportunities, and the option to link up to our donation partners such as Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon Smiles, a calendar, and more!!

Why should you join and give to Invest in Excellence? Well, since you asked, in the 2021/2022 school year WHS received a check for \$12,000 which is being used for programs in the English and History departments and towards the WHS College Fair. In addition, 3 teacher scholarships totaling up to \$750 were granted, 2 \$1000 scholarships to graduates attending community colleges, along with supporting Life Skills throughout the year. Whoop! Now, let's see if we can top that giving for the 2022/2023 school year!

Thanks to previous donations and our volunteers the faculty has already received a Welcome Back Luncheon, over 55% of seniors have purchased their Senior Event package, PTSO representatives were available at each of the grade level orientations last week, met as a new board, are actively keeping our constituents updated through social media, and gave some of our new families tours at Orientation. It's been a great start to the 2022/2023 school year.

Senior Families:

Did you sign up for Senior Events by completing the form online and submitting your payment?

- IF you did, but haven't already picked up your Senior Sign and Senior T-Shirt be on the lookout for an email with more opportunities to collect them. Orders placed by August 25th will hopefully be available for pick up at WHS's Open House. You'll receive an email closer to September 13th with more information.

- Mark your calendar for Senior Breakfast events on September 16th, October 21st, and November 18th plus many more gatherings to come!
- IF you haven't ordered yet, there's still time but hurry so your senior doesn't miss out on any Senior Event activities. Go to <https://weddingtonhsptso.membershiptoolkit.com/> ;

(1) Click on Login/View Forms

(2) Under New Forms you will find everything you can be a part of: PTSO Membership, Invest in Excellence, and Senior Package. (You will know each are complete when a green check mark is on the left hand side.)

(3) When you click on Senior Events please first put Quantity (typically 1), then fill in other box including Senior's name and shirt size....if this step is skipped it will NOT process through.

(4) When it takes you back to all options and you are complete, click proceed to checkout

(5) Click pay with Paypal/Credit Card or Venmo

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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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