

# Warrior Weekly

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## Weddington High School



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## IN REMEMBRANCE: WE WILL NEVER FORGET



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

**Friday, September 15th:** Teacher Workday, no school for students

**Monday, September 25th:** Teacher Workday, no school for students

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

## 2022-2023 ACCOUNTABILITY RESULTS

On behalf of the Weddington High School staff, we want to share some exciting news! The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction released the certified accountability results for the 2022-2023 school year. We are proud to announce that Weddington High School was again awarded a **School Performance Grade of A** and **EXCEEDED** composite growth expectations! I encourage you to spend time studying this expansive report.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the results for our school and district on the NCDPI accountability website. As a whole, UCPS continues to outperform the state and the 12 largest districts in multiple testing and accountability areas. Overall UCPS proficiency on state assessments was 69.3 percent, ranking UCPS the highest among the 12 largest districts and number two across the state. For more details on the districts performance, please click [HERE](#).

We are extremely proud of our students, staff, and community for their hard work and of the culture of excellence that we have established here at the home of the Warriors. It is through teamwork, commitment, and hard work that Weddington High School has continued to achieve this high level of excellence! We will continue working hard to hold students to high expectations, supporting them along the way, and celebrating their successes when they achieve their goals. In addition to celebrating these results, we will continue to focus on identifying areas for growth as we pursue continuous improvement.

## 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.**

## VIRTUAL CLUB FAIR

Due to the overwhelming amount of clubs this year, Wedding High School will be hosting a virtual Club Fair via a Google Slide. The WHS Virtual Club Fair will go live on Monday, September 11th at 8:00 am on the student Canvas page. It will also be available on the WHS website under "School Updates."



## WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTO





## 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](http://www.whsptso.com) or use the QR code.



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

**September 22nd** Staff Breakfast & Senior Breakfast

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @WHS.NC.PTSO





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## 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.

## 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:**

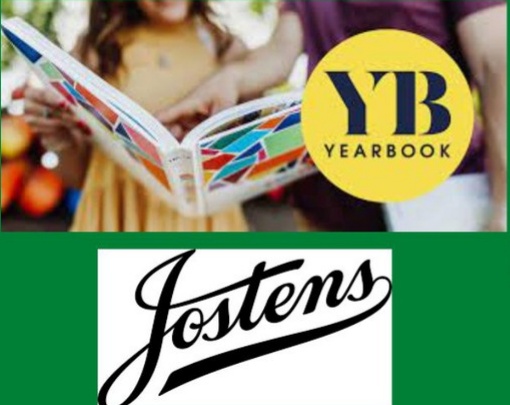
Make sure that you are only parking in your assigned parking spot and have your parking sticker visible as directed. Please be sure you allow plenty of time to and from where you are going to ensure a safe arrival to campus each day. Remember to drive slowly in the student parking lot and lookout for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

## HOMECOMING DANCE 2023





YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!

A composite image on the left side of the banner. It includes a photo of a person holding an open yearbook, a yellow circular logo with "YB YEARBOOK" in black, and the "Jostens" logo in a black script font on a white background.

**Yearbooks are now  
on sale for \$80  
through  
Sept 22nd**

**This is the lowest price of the year.  
Personalize your book and you get to  
choose up to 4 icons for FREE (\$24  
value)**

**Order online at Jostens.com**

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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

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Wedd 2024 Mascot Pkg Order Form

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Weddington 2024 Cap and Gown Order

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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](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.

LOOKING FOR A PREVIOUS WARRIOR WEEKLY? CLICK  
HERE!



