

# Mark Your Calendar (UCPS District Calendar)

- August 25-First Day of School
- August 29-College Colors Day-Wear college colors!
- **September 1**-No School-Holiday
- **September 3**-3rd Grade BOG Test
- **September 15**-10-Start with Hello Week
- **September 22**-Curriculum Night 3-5pm
- September 23-Teacher Workday
- September 25-Fall Pictures

## Welcome Back Message from Mrs. Hunt

View Video Here: https://shorturl.at/mNWgw

# **Change of Transportation**

**From our Student Handbook:** Transportation changes are required to be in writing and turned into the front office by 8 am that morning. Please do not call the school office to relay this information. *Phone call transportation changes will not be granted.* 

# **Bringing Items to School**

If your child forgets something in the morning and it's brought to school later, we'll place it in the teacher's box so they can pick it up when they have a break. To avoid interrupting classroom learning, we won't be calling into classrooms for deliveries.

If a lunchbox is forgotten, please make sure it arrives **no later than 10:00 AM** so we can ensure it gets to your child in time for lunch.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support!

# New Lunch Charge Policy. Board Policy 8-04



### SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES - MEAL CHARGES

- At the August 5 meeting, the Board of Education voted to update its Operations of School Nutrition Services Policy, which included changes to meal charges.
- Due to unpaid meal balances during the 2024-2025 school year, there is approximately \$300,000 in debt that must be paid by Union County Public Schools.
- With the new policy, changes have been made to address negative balances and alternate meals. Review the School Nutrition Services Policy.
- This updated policy does not apply to the 17 Community Eligibility Schools (CEP) that are eligible for free breakfast and lunch meals.

-Link to Updated Policy: School Board Policy 8-04

-Any money that is sent with a student for supplemental food (snacks or treats) will not be allowed to be used to purchase supplemental food if the student has lunch charges. The money, if given to the cafeteria, will have to go to the child's lunch balance.

## **House System Information**

### Hello Wolfpack Families!

Our first House Meeting of the year will be on Friday, September 5th. House meetings are when grade levels meet as a House and often combine with another grade level. During these meetings, we learn about the 4 Houses, Waxhaw Elementary's Essential 11, school/house chants, and work on community service projects together. On House meeting days, as well as on Fridays, wear your House color to celebrate your House pride! We are very excited to show our students how we've expanded the house culture this year!

Infinite Campus

VIDEO guide to claiming your account: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yu87k7de">https://tinyurl.com/yu87k7de</a>
Step by Step Guide: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ye233vuc">https://tinyurl.com/ye233vuc</a>

The State Board of Education has moved to a new Student Information System. Beginning this school year, Union County Public Schools will no longer use PowerSchool. Infinite Campus will be used to access grades, schedules, attendance, assignments and other important school information.

### Parents can now claim their account in Infinite Campus.

- To get started, visit <a href="https://portalaccess.ncsis.gov/">https://portalaccess.ncsis.gov/</a> to claim your account.
- Once an account is created, parents will be prompted to complete an Annual Update when accessing the parent portal for the first time.

To get started, please review the support materials. We have provided a <u>Step-by-step guide</u>, Step-by-step video for the <u>annual update</u>, and a <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> document. All of these resources are also located on our <u>Infinite Campus webpage</u>, which can be accessed from the Students and Families section at <u>ucps.k12.nc.us</u> or your school's homepage.

## School Lunch Payment

Union County Public Schools is now using PaySchools Central for school meal payments (replaces K-12 Payment Center). Balances from K-12 Payment Center will transfer to the new system.

Parents will need their child's Infinite Campus student ID number to register for PaySchools Central and complete a free and reduced meal application.

PaySchools Central will allow families to:

- Securely and quickly pay for meals
- Apply for free and reduced meals
- Set up reminders and access detailed reports
- Review and manage purchases

We highly encourage everyone to register for School Lunch Payment before the first day of school and set notifications to alert of low account balances.

Website: <a href="https://www.payschoolscentral.com/">https://www.payschoolscentral.com/</a>

FAQ and Information: https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/11441

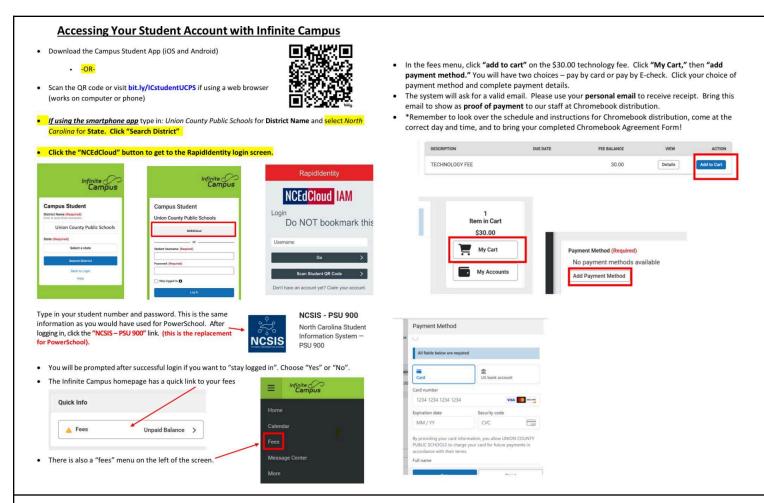
# Edulog Parent Portal App (bus tracking)

Please follow this link to learn about and download the Edulog Parent Portal App. This will help to track your student's bus. Updates on the bus schedule are also sent out through the application.

https://www.edulog.com/parent-help/#parentportal

# **Grades 3-5 Technology Fees**

Are you looking to get a jump start and pay the tech fees (and any outstanding balances your student may have)? Here is a step by step guide to do so. Please note you must claim your NEW infinite campus account prior to paying fees.



#### Car Line Information

Please view this short video about our car line procedures for morning and afternoon.

View Video Here: <a href="https://shorturl.at/Fbedi">https://shorturl.at/Fbedi</a>

#### Student Handbook

The student handbook can be found at the bottom of the page of the Academics Link on our website Also, a copy has been attached to this week's email message. Please save this handbook and refer to it throughout the year.

#### **PTO Corner**

We encourage you to join our Waxhaw Elementary School PTO and become involved in PTO activities this school year. To learn more about the Waxhaw Wolves PTO, please visit their website at <a href="https://wxespto.ptboard.com/home">https://wxespto.ptboard.com/home</a>

#### Student Absence Form

https://ucpsapps.ucps.k12.nc.us/absence/index.php?val=elementary

#### Follow Us On:

Website: <a href="https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/wxes">https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/wxes</a>
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