

Warrior Weekly

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM WARRIOR NATION



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, January 13th - Thursday, January 16th: Final Exams (see below for more information)

Thursday, January 16th: End of Semester 1

Friday, January 17th: Teacher Workday, no school for students

Monday, January 20th: No school in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 21st: Semester 2 Begins

FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Due to the school closure today, Friday, September 10th, the exam schedule has been adjusted. All UCPS high schools will be following the updated exam schedule below:

Updated Exam Schedule

- Monday, January 13th - 2nd Block Exams
- Tuesday, January 14th - 3rd Block Exams
- Wednesday, January 15th - 4th Block Exams
- **Thursday, January 16th - 1st Block Exams**
- **Friday, January 17th - Make-up Exams**

Required EOC Courses:

- NC Math 1
- NC Math 3
- English 2
- Biology

Fall 2024 CTE Courses with State Exams

- Accounting I Honors
- Accounting II Honors
- Business Essentials
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality I Honors
- Fashion Merchandising I Honors
- Food and Nutrition I Honors
- Health Science I Honors
- Interior Design & Fundamentals I Honors

Important Exam Week Reminders

- Be on time! **The building is open to students at 7:15am each morning.**
 - **Students must be in their testing locations by 8:15 am.** Students arriving late will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun.
 - All testing should be completed daily around 12:30 pm. **Students will not be permitted to leave campus until all exams have been completed.**
 - Buses will pick up at normal morning times on exam days but will be taking students home immediately following exams during those days.
 - Only students who have to take a make-up exam are required to come to school on Friday, January 17th.
 - Final exams count as 25% of the overall semester grade. Attendance is very important.
 - **Students will need their laptops and their chargers each day and a calculator if taking an exam where it is permitted.**
 - All students are encouraged to get a good night's sleep each night and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

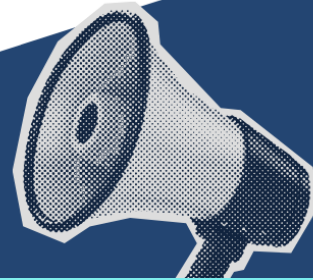
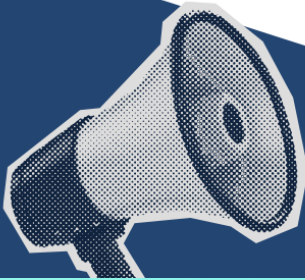
Completing state exams are a requirement for all students enrolled in those courses. If you have any concerns or questions please contact Mrs. Smith, Assistant Principal and WHS Testing Coordinator, via email (alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us) or by calling the school.

ATTENDANCE



IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

We will no longer be accepting paper notes or emails to excuse absences. All doctor and parent notes need to be uploaded into the Student Absence Portal. ALL PARENTS must create an account. Scan the QR code below, or click "Quick Links" on the WHS home page.



early dismissals

- **students are required to bring in a parent written note in order to leave early**
- **bring your early dismissal note to the front office before the start of school to collect your early dismissal slip**

STUDENT ABSENCE PORTAL

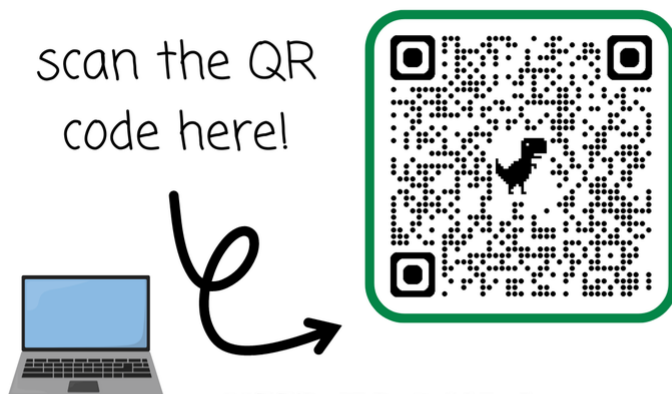
In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please upload your documentation to the [Student Absence Portal](#). The proper documentation MUST be provided in order to excuse the absence. A phone call to the school, stating your student is absent, is not

necessary. Remember, parent notes will only be accepted during the current 6-week grading period, of the absent day.

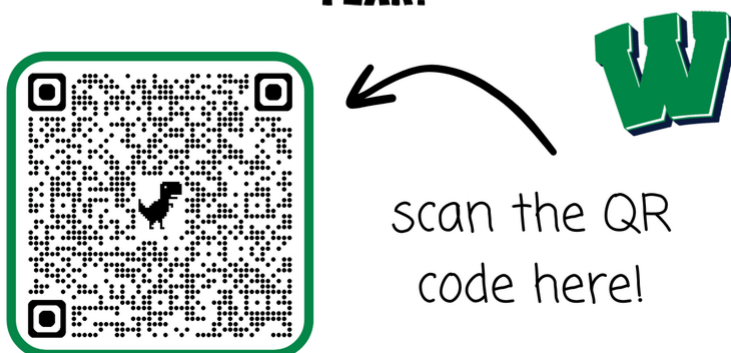
2024-2025 TECHNOLOGY FEE

Haven't paid your 2024-2025 technology fee yet? No problem! Scan the QR code below. If you wish to send in a check, please note that there is an additional \$1.55 processing fee, totaling \$31.55. All checks submitted without the additional fee will be returned.

NEED TO PAY YOUR 2024-2025 TECHNOLOGY FEE?



NEED TO PAY A TECHNOLOGY FEE? FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR?



WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way! Click [HERE](#) to go to WHS PTSO website and join 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!!

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

Email us at w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com.



WHS PTSO

@WHSPTSO



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Scan QR code for payment

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

Get ready for a night to remember! We apologize for the inconvenience, but due to a scheduling issue at The Pine, Prom will now be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 8:00 pm. The prom theme will be released during the Prom Fashion Show on February 5th. Don't miss out on an unforgettable evening of dancing, fun, and memories. We can't wait to see you there!



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:

- items can be placed on the drop-off cart located outside the front doors
- items will be brought inside before the end of each block and placed on the table in the foyer
- please notify your student that their item has been dropped off - WE WILL NOT CALL STUDENTS OUT OF CLASS TO RETRIEVE ITEMS
- students can retrieve items in between class periods ONLY - they will not be permitted to go outside
- lunches can be placed inside the bin, and will be brought in before the end of each block and before the start of each lunch period
- PLEASE NOTE: items such as Chromebooks, phones, headphones, ear buds, etc., should NOT be left on the cart outside, and should be brought inside to the drop-off table

WHS STUDENT HANDBOOK

Parents, we need your help in reminding students of the importance of being aware of, and complying with, the dress code which can be found on page 13 and 14 of the [student handbook](#). Although we understand that style trends are ever changing and this is often reflected in the clothes that stores are selling, it is important that students understand that there is a different standard for what should be worn during school and what they wear outside of school. Thank you for your assistance in reinforcing this with your child.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Counseling Department Information

Please visit the [WHS Counseling Department webpage](#) for information and resources.

Second Semester Begins Tuesday, January 21st

Students will follow their 2nd semester schedule beginning Tuesday, January 21st. Students are asked to review their schedule prior to semester 1 exams. Student schedules are available via PowerSchool. Paper copies of second semester schedules will not be distributed.

Semester 2 - Schedule Change Request

Spring semester schedule change requests can be submitted beginning at **3:00pm on Tuesday, January 21st through 8:00am Friday, January 24th** by completing the schedule change request form which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). Please note, requests through this form cannot be made until the form opens on **Tuesday, January 21st at 3:00**.

1. Changes are based on COURSE REQUESTS and on what the master schedule allows
2. MONITOR POWERSCHOOL FOR CHANGES
3. ONLY ONE SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST SUBMISSION PER STUDENT
4. REQUESTS CANNOT BE EDITED ONCE SUBMITTED
5. List courses you wish to drop
6. List courses you wish to add

Click the following to review [ELECTIVE COURSES COMMONLY OFFERED AT WHS](#).

Students are welcome to schedule an individual academic info session with counselors. Please reach out to your counselor to select a date and time that works best. Parents are welcome to join the conversation virtually.

Class of 2025 - Midyear Transcript / Midyear Report/ Midyear Grades - Request

Not all colleges/universities require a midyear transcript/midyear report. Check your email, review admissions pages, and login to your college portals to identify if this documentation is required. Click on this [link](#) and complete the form for schools requesting or requiring a midyear transcript/midyear report.

Once Semester 1 exams have concluded and grades are finalized, the District will load final Semester 1 transcripts. This process could take up to 3 days. Please allow 2 weeks for transcripts to be submitted.

Only midyear transcripts requested via this document will be sent to colleges/universities. Email/voicemail requests will not be processed.

Check your SCOIR account for updates.



SCHOOL COUNSELING UPCOMING EVENTS

for the 2025-2026 school year

DEC 11

PowerSchool opens for
Juniors

JAN 22

WMS 8th Grade Parent Night
6:00 pm - WHS Auditorium

FEB 10 & 11

WHS Counselors to WMS to
review course selections

DEC 18

PowerSchool opens for
Sophomores

JAN 22

PowerSchool opens for
8th grade students

FEB 17

last day to input course
selections - grades 11, 10, 9, 8

JAN 8

PowerSchool opens for
Freshmen

JAN 27

WHS Counselors present
to WMS 8th grade @ WMS

FEB 18

PowerSchool CLOSES for
grades 11, 10, 9 & 8

2025-2026 Course Selections

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ifGE7m-_iEpb7wnIrvOcMMYyYeuJfr7POqIkQDwZQTW/edit#slide=id.p1

UCPS COLLEGE READINESS SERIES



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Monroe High School
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
Getting Ready for College	January 25, 2025	Wingate University
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	CATA
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 15, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Porter Ridge High School
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Cuthbertson High School
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Sun Valley High School
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

UNION POWER COOPERATIVE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

High School Seniors!

Apply today for a chance to receive a \$1,000 College Scholarship!



Two ways to apply :

- Visit union-power.com/collegescholarships
- Scan the QR code

APPLY BY MARCH 1

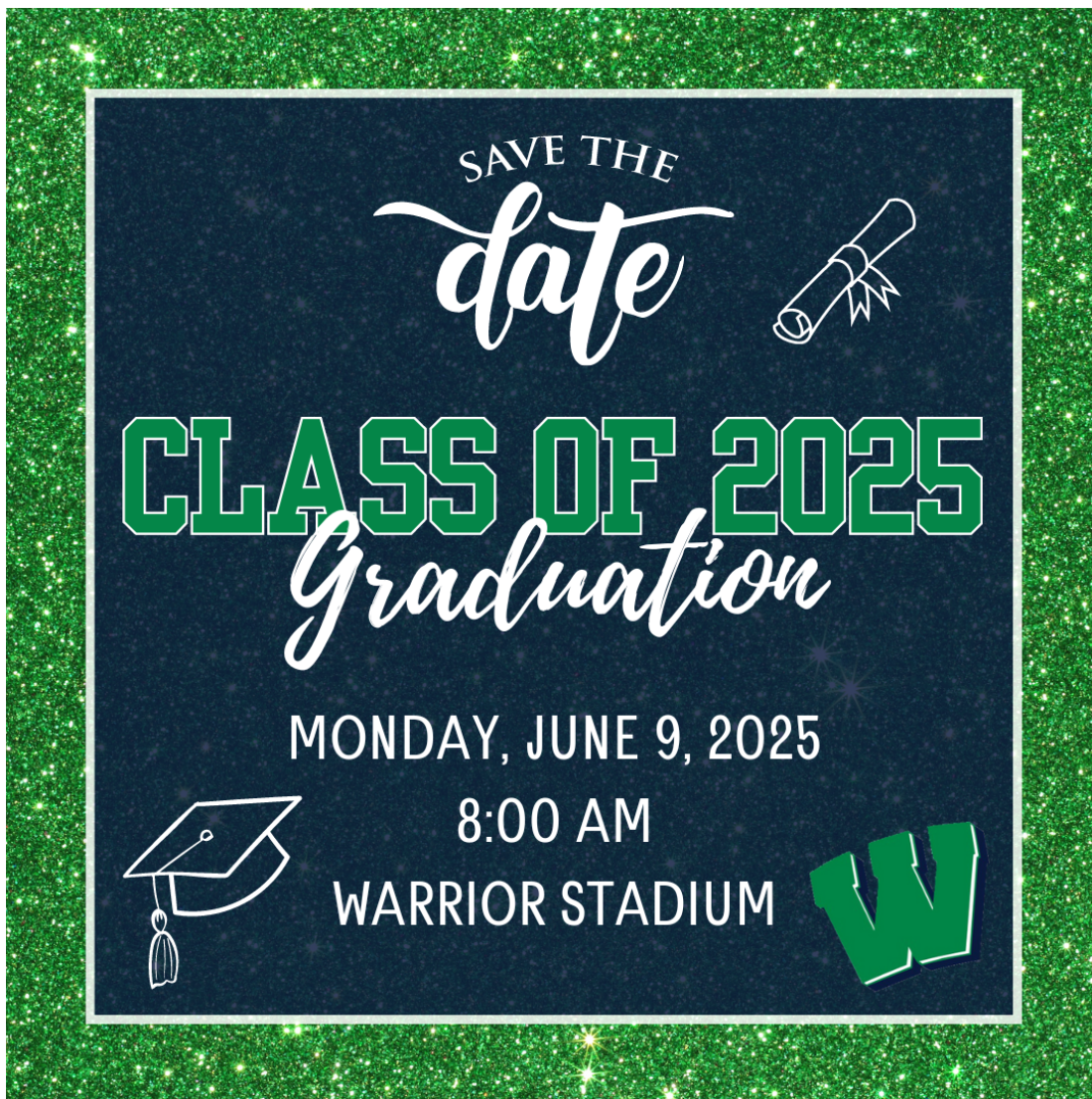
2024-2025 YEARBOOK

Time is running out. The last day to personalize your yearbook is January 31st. Go to [Jostens](https://www.jostens.com) today to purchase!



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personalize your
YEARBOOK
is January 31st!

CLASS OF 2025



Weddington High School's Class of 2025 Commencement will be held on Monday, June 9th at 8:00am at Warrior Stadium. Additional details regarding graduation, including the process for claiming tickets, will be shared with seniors and their parents in late April.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION



**WEDDINGTON
WARRIORS**

CONGRATULATIONS, COACH LYERLY!

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2024-2025 COACH OF THE YEAR



**CLAIRE
LYERLY**
WEDDINGTON HIGH



Congratulations to Coach Lyerly on being named UCPS's 2024-2025 Coach of the Year! Her dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the team have truly set her apart. This well-deserved recognition reflects the hard work and passion she has put into our softball program. We are so honored to have Coach Lyerly as part of Warrior Nation!

UCPS EVENT PROTOCOL



NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

For fall sports, 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.
- After consulting with law enforcement and district leaders, UCPS will utilize body scanners at events. The use of body scanners will begin in the fall of 2024 at football games.



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!

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Jeff Kraftson

Jeff is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

