

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



## Weddington High School

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Wednesday, February 5th:** Prom Fashion Show (see below for more information)

**Monday, February 17th:** Teacher Workday, no school for students

**Wednesday, March 12th:** ACT Test for Juniors (more information to follow)

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Weddington High School is excited to be celebrating Black History Month during the month of February. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the ways in which African Americans have made a tremendous impact on history and in our society.

## ATTENDANCE

### 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.



# ATTENDANCE FAQ



**What do I need to do if my student needs to leave early?**

Send them to school with a parent note stating their name and what time they need to be dismissed. They will bring their note to the front office and receive an early dismissal slip.

**Do I need to come into the school to sign out my student?**

If they brought in a note - NO.  
If they did not bring in a note - YES.

**What if my student drives and needs to unexpectedly leave early?**

We will need **WRITTEN** permission for your student to check themselves out. Please email the front office.

**When do I need to use the Student Absence Portal?**

Anytime your student is absent. Doctor's notes should **only** be uploaded to the portal - we do not need the paper copy.

**When does my excuse note need to be uploaded?**

Requested within 24 hours of the absence. Deadline for ALL excuse notes is before the end of each 6 week grading period.

**Can I use the Student Absence Portal for an early dismissal?**

**NO.** Students need to bring in a physical note in order to receive an early dismissal slip.

**What is the latest time I can pick up my student?**

We do not have a cutoff time, however, we suggest arriving before 2:30, as the car rider line tends to become congested.

**What absences can be considered excused?**

With appropriate **documentation**: medical appointments, illness (5 parent-excused per semester), DMV (1 per year), approved college visits (juniors & seniors)



## MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

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**WEDDINGTON  
HS AND MS BANDS  
MATTRESS  
FUNDRAISER**

EVERY PURCHASE  
BENEFITS THE HS AND  
MS BAND STUDENTS!



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Twin Matts From \$109 | Full Matts From \$209 | Queen Matts From \$279 | King Matts From \$349

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Luxury Pillows



- ✓ All sizes available
- ✓ 25+ styles on display
- ✓ Brand new with full factory warranties
- ✓ Delivery available
- ✓ All forms of payment accepted
- ✓ **Financing Available**



**SAT. FEB 8**

**10AM - 5PM**

**@ THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM**

**BENEFITS THE HS AND MS BAND STUDENTS!**

[ofcharlita@chsb.edu](mailto:ofcharlita@chsb.edu)

Please text: WEDDINGTON To: 980-399-6700 for more info

**USE THIS COUPON FOR 10% OFF ANY PURCHASE**

(Band Students Name For Credit Here)

Coupon Expires 12/31/2025

**THANK YOU, BUS DRIVERS!**

February 10th-14th is Bus Driver Appreciation Week! Our School Bus Drivers and Transportation personnel are critical to the success of student education. Without these valuable staff members, many students in our area would have no other way to get to school each day. These employees have been uniquely challenged the past several years and have responded in ways that have exceeded expectations. They continue to show how much they support our schools, parents and students.

Thank you bus drivers, today and everyday!

Thank You  
**BUS DRIVERS!**



**TODAY AND EVERYDAY** 

## **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?**

scan the QR  
code here!



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



scan the QR  
code here!

**ACT TEST FOR JUNIORS**

**JUNIORS!**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

**FOR THE**

**ACT**

**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 12**



**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](mailto:w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com).



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Scan QR code for payment

## 2024-2025 YEARBOOK

WHS Families,

Time is running out to purchase the 2025 yearbook. The yearbook staff is working hard to finish the book and If you are interested in one, please purchase at <http://jostensyearbooks.com?ref=A01049353>

A payment plan is available at checkout. We cannot guarantee a yearbook unless you preorder before **2/26/25**. If you are unsure if you ordered, please check here <https://www.jostens.com/customer-service/yearbook-order-tracking>



Reserve your yearbook today before we submit our final order on 2/26/25!



## JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM



## 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.

### 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.

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-\\_iEpb7wnIrvOcMMYyYeujfr7POqlkQDwZQTW/edit#slide=id.p1](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ifGE7m-_iEpb7wnIrvOcMMYyYeujfr7POqlkQDwZQTW/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

## ACT PREP

# Free ACT Practice Tests and Prep

*Open to all UCPS high school students*

**Pretest and Posttest in person**  
**Online content in-between**

## PRETEST:

February, 15 8 AM- 12 PM

## POSTTEST:

March 1, 8 AM - 12 PM

In person tests held at:  
Porter Ridge High School  
2839 Ridge Rd,  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

The registration form is set for only UCPS students to be able to complete it! Parents must ask their student to register themselves.



**Register by February 12:**

<https://bit.ly/ACTtestPREP>



## UNION POWER COOPERATIVE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

### High School Seniors!

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



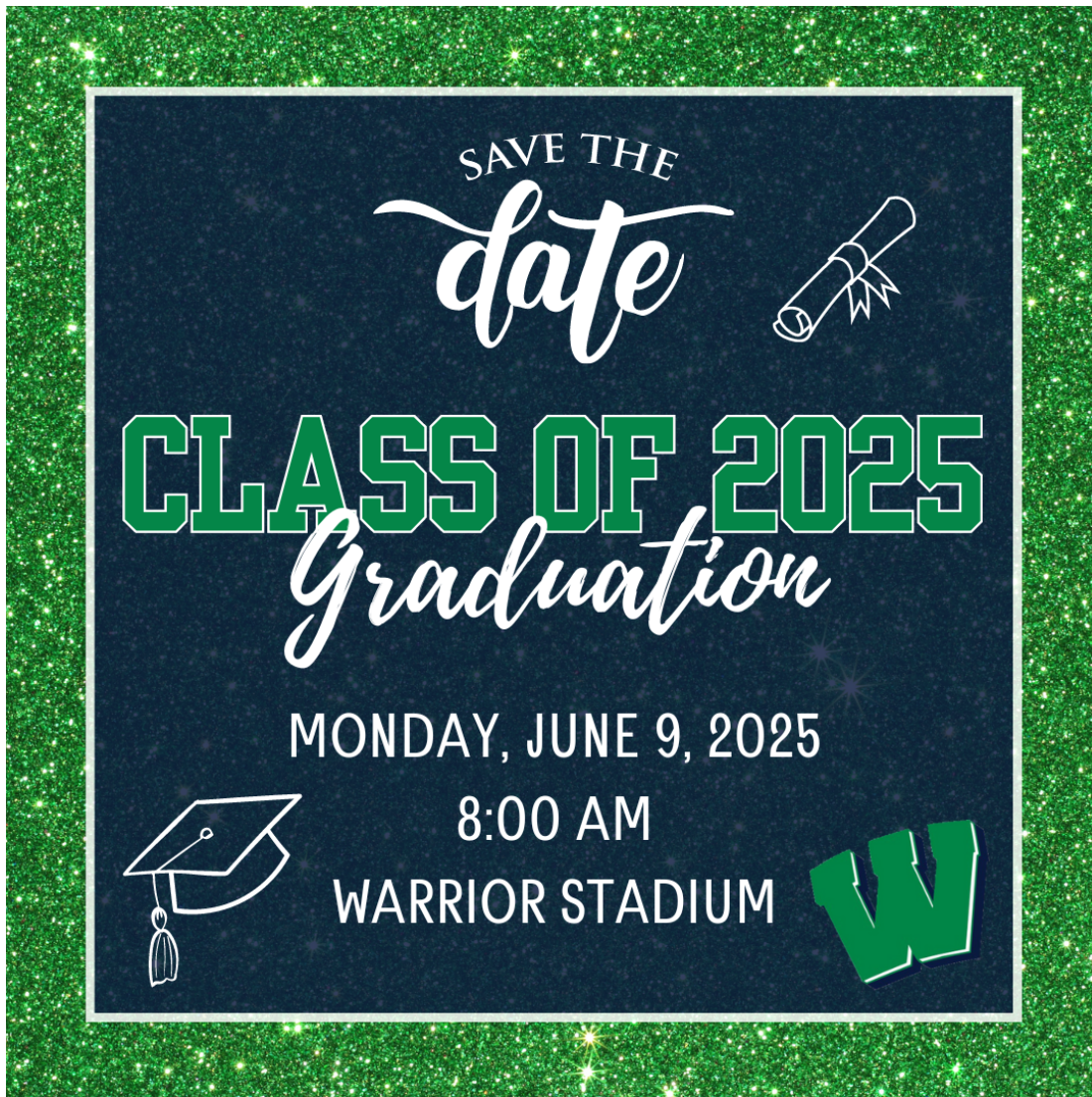
Two ways to apply :

- Visit [union-power.com/collegescholarships](http://union-power.com/collegescholarships)
- Scan the QR code

**APPLY BY MARCH 1**



## 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



## SPIRIT WEAR SALE!

Hey Warriors - the online spiritwear store is OPEN now through February 18. Check out all the sport-specific items as WINTER SPORTS are wrapping up and SPRING SPORTS are getting started. All orders will be delivered by the first week in March.

[https://shop.sportstoyou.com/weddington\\_high\\_school\\_athletic/shop/products/all?page=1](https://shop.sportstoyou.com/weddington_high_school_athletic/shop/products/all?page=1)



## SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND!

Hey warriors - did you know that we offer SPIRITWEAR year-round? Many of our items are available for purchase ANY TIME! Tshirts, hoodies, pj pants, sweats, hats, etc. are available NOW for immediate pickup. Email [whsabcspiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:whsabcspiritwear@gmail.com) or text 704-806-6433 to get yours today!

# SPIRIT WEAR SALE!

ONLINE STORE IS  
OPEN THROUGH  
FEBRUARY 18!

## 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](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!

**LOOKING FOR A PREVIOUS WARRIOR WEEKLY? CLICK HERE!**



**Jeff Kraftson**

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