

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



**Weddington High School**

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Thursday, March 20th:** College Fair (see below for more information)

**Friday, March 21st:** Teacher Workday, no school for students

**Friday, March 28th:** Blood Drive (see below for more information)

**Thursday, April 3rd:** Senior Cap and Gown Delivery (see below for more information)

**Saturday, April 12th:** UCPS Career Fair (see below for more information)

## 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)



## 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!

## **CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION**

# SENIORS!



## THURSDAY APRIL 3RD

# CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION!

IF YOU HAVE A BALANCE DUE, IT MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO PICKING UP YOUR ORDER. JOSTENS HAS MAILED INFORMATION TO ALL SENIORS, BUT IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOU OWE A BALANCE, PLEASE CALL JOSTENS AT 800-582-6376



## 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).

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Hey Seniors!

Going to a NC Community College or Trade School next year? Did you know the PTSO has a scholarship for that?! See the criteria below and fill out your application today! You can get one at the front office, or click on the link below.

1. Must be a 2025 graduating Weddington High School Senior
2. Must be planning to attend a NC community college or technical/trade school
3. Student (or parents) **MUST** be a member of PTSO or a contributor to Invest in Excellence
4. Student must have a GPA of at least 2.5







WHS PTSO

@WHSPTSO



**venmo**

Scan QR code for payment

## **JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM**

Prom tickets are now available for purchase! Each junior and senior can purchase up to two tickets for \$85 each through April 4th. Beginning April 5th, tickets will be \$100 each. Purchase by scanning the QR code below, or through the school website by going to Quick Links and then [School Event Tickets](#).

If you are bringing an outside guest, the prom guest form **MUST** be completed and turned in to the front office by **Thursday, April 17th**. Click the link below or pick one up in the front office.

# WHS PROM 2025

City of Stars

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SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

THE PINE

4100 RALEIGH ST, CHARLOTTE

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM



2025 Prom Guest Permission Slip.pdf

Download

297.3 KB

## BLOOD DRIVE



### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



**WHEN:** Friday, March 28th  
8:30 - 2:00

**WHERE:** Aux Gym

- students must be 16 or older to give blood
- students who are 16 must have a signed parent permission form
- see Mrs. Raynor in D101B (media center) with any questions

REMEMBER TO  
HYDRATE AND EAT A  
GOOD BREAKFAST!



## 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.

#### **Seniors - To Do:**

1. **UCPS - Graduation Survey** (*Students can find link in Canvas Announcements*)
  - <https://bit.ly/gradsurvey2025>

1. **Scoir** - (*Students can find steps in Canvas Announcements*)

- Log into Scoir
- Click on My Colleges (across top)
- Go to Applied column
- **Update Your Outcome** for EVERY college in the Applied column

## COLLEGE FAIR

The annual Weddington High School College Fair will be held Thursday, **March 20** in the WHS gym. Current 10th-grade students and current 11th-grade students will be participating in the event.

**College Fair Preregistration** is REQUIRED for all students and participating parents and can be completed by logging into [www.StriveFair.com](http://www.StriveFair.com). Once registration is complete, the registrant will receive a personalized barcode. During the fair, college admissions counselors will scan the barcode, allowing for demonstrated interest to be collected. The day after the fair, students and parents will receive a report with information on the colleges visited and scanned.

**College Fair Schedule** - Classes will NOT be interrupted by reminding students to attend the fair. Knowledge of the participation timeslot is the student's responsibility. Visitation groups and times are posted below and in the cafeteria.

8:45 - 9:00 Parent-only visitation. For security reasons, parents are not permitted to visit the college fair during student visitations.

9:00 - Group 1, 10th and 11th students

9:20 - Group 2, 10th and 11th students

9:40 - Group 3, 10th and 11th students

10:00 - Group 4, 10th and 11th students

10:20 - Group 5, 10th and 11th students

10:40 - Group 6, 10th and 11th students

11:00 - Group 7, 10th and 11th students, Seniors invited by counselor

We are VERY excited about this event as 2025 is our biggest fair to date! Please see below for the list of colleges attending.





## PERSONAL BRANDING AND LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOP

The workshop will be from 6:30-8:00 on Tuesday, April 15th. Ideally, we are hoping around 30 students register to participate. Here is the [Google Form sign-up link](#), and attached is a flyer for advertising. The deadline for student registration is Sunday, March 30th.

# SHUFORD LAUNCH



### PERSONAL BRANDING & LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOP

Presented by UNC-Chapel Hill's  
Shuford Program in Entrepreneurship

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

- 90-minute interactive virtual webinar
- UNC-CH Shuford Program Overview
- Comprehensive Entrepreneurship Insights
- Practical Networking Skills
- Steps to College Transition
- Personal Branding Development



TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH. 6:30-8 PM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!  
APPLICATION DUE MARCH 30  
MORE DETAILS TO COME FOLLOWING REGISTRATION

# UCPS COLLEGE READINESS SERIES



## 2024-2025 College Readiness Series

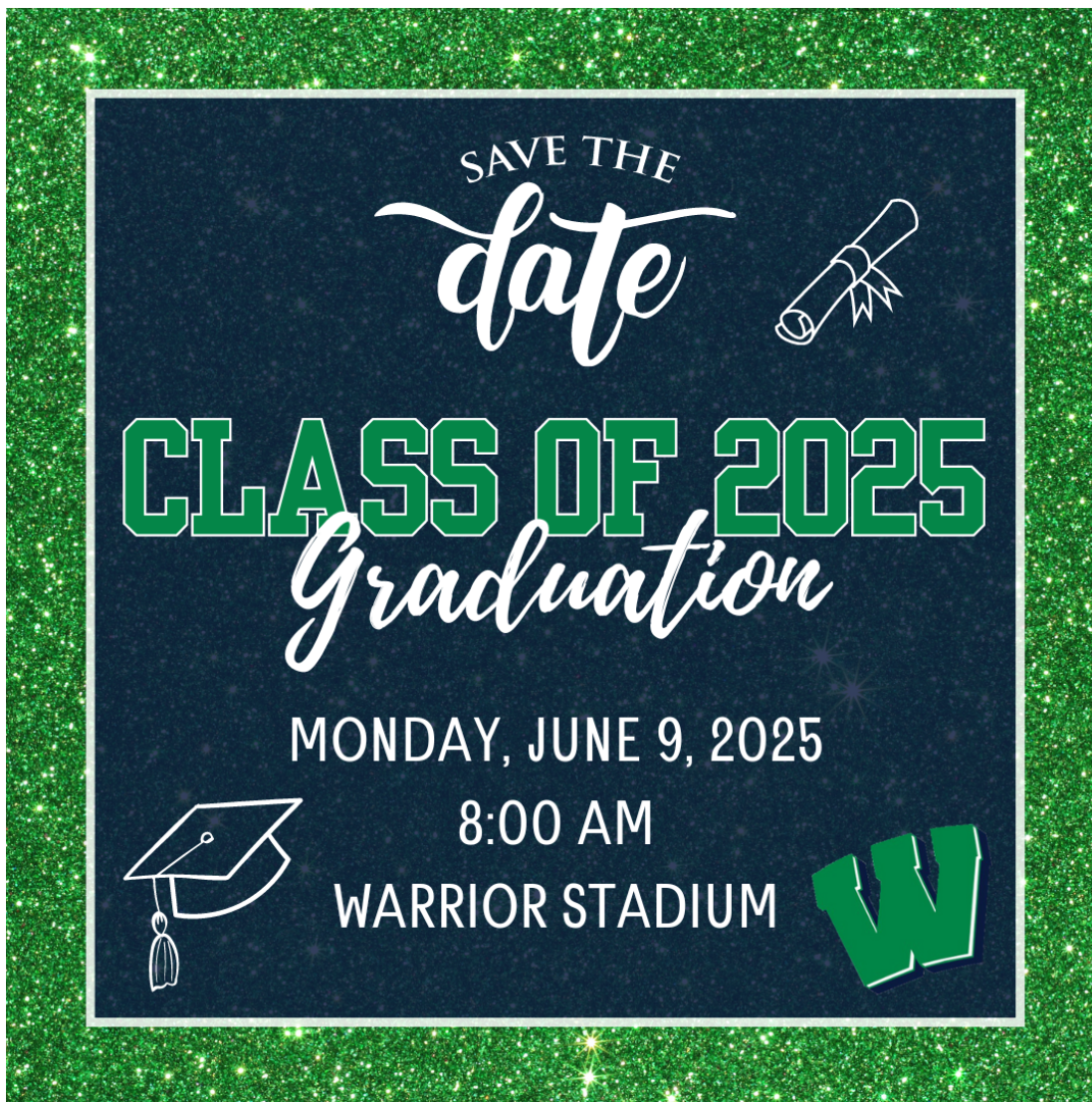
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Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 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

## 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.

## UCPS CAREER FAIR

Union County Public Schools (UCPS) is looking to hire elementary and secondary teachers, various licensed support staff (counselors, instructional coaches, nurses), teacher assistants, tutors, Exceptional Children teachers and support staff, mechanics, plumbers and many more.

The district will hold a career fair Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Weddington High School, 4901 Monroe Weddington Rd. Matthews, NC 28104. The fair is a great opportunity to ask questions, meet current employees and apply for positions. Principals, district administrators, managers and human resources staff will be at the fair and there will be opportunities for onsite interviews and application support.

UCPS offers excellent employee benefits. Some of the benefits offered to full-time employees are health insurance, life insurance, dental insurance and an employee assistance program. UCPS provides teacher assistants with the [Next Stop: TeachUCPS](#) program, designed to help aspiring educators launch their teaching careers without worrying about financial barriers. We serve approximately 41,500 students at 53 schools and have approximately 5,000 staff members.



UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# CAREER FAIR

EXPLORE **TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING** POSITIONS


## APRIL 12







WEDDINGTON HIGH • 9 - 11 a.m.  
4901 Monroe Weddington Road • Matthews, NC 28104

**UCPS IS LOOKING TO HIRE:**

- SECONDARY MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS
- VARIOUS LICENSED SUPPORT STAFF  
(COUNSELORS, INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES, NURSES)
- TEACHER ASSISTANTS
- CTE - TECH - AUTO TEACHERS
- ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
- CUSTODIANS, AFTER SCHOOL STAFF, BUS DRIVERS, SCHOOL NUTRITION STAFF,  
MECHANICS, PLUMBERS, ETC.

SCAN QR CODE TO  
**PRE-REGISTER**



**STAY CONNECTED**       [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us)

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



### SPIRIT WEAR SALE!

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

[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



## 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!

## 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**

Jeff is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters





3A Men's Tennis Champions  
2017  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1A/2A/3A Men's Lacrosse Champions  
2017  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3AA State Football Champions  
2016  
NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Women's Soccer Champions  
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NCHSAA  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Men's Indoor Track Champions  
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1A/2A/3A Men's Lacrosse Champions  
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