

Warrior Weekly

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, May 20th - Friday, May 24th: Senior Week (see below for more information)

Monday, May 27th: Memorial Day, no school

Monday, June 3rd - Friday, June 7th: Final Exams (see below for more information)

Friday, June 7th: Last Day of School

Monday, June 10th: Class of 2024 Graduation (see below for more information)

JOIN THE WHS PTSO!

Please join the WHS PTSO at www.whsptso.com or scan the QR code in the PTSO section of this newsletter. Please also take a moment to review additional important information regarding our amazing PTSO below.

ATTENDANCE

ABSENCES AND TEACHER MADE FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS

Absences have an impact on whether or not a student can be exempt from a teacher made final exam. The follow excerpt outlines the requirements for teacher made final exam exemptions as is found on page 4 of the 2023-24 UCPS High School Student Handbook which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

- The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam **and has no more than 2 unexcused absences in the class;** or
- The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam **and has no more than 1 unexcused absence in the class.**

****Please note that all attendance notes with regards to exam exemptions are due by 5/24/23 in order to be applied to exam exemptions.**

2nd Semester Attendance Recovery:

Students who have 8 or more Unexcused Absences (this includes Out of School suspension days) are required to complete Attendance Recovery. **All notes with regards to attendance recovery are due by 05/17/24.** Students responsible for Attendance Recovery hours will be notified by Wednesday, May 22nd.

EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Due to the increased number of students leaving school early, it is important that you follow the early dismissal procedures to avoid classroom interruption. **On the occasions that you need your student to be dismissed early, a prior written note will be REQUIRED.** The note must be brought to the front office prior to the beginning of school and should include the following information: student's first and last name, date, time of dismissal and parent signature. Following this procedure will allow the student to leave class at the assigned time without interrupting instruction.

Please contact Mrs. Yost with any attendance questions or concerns.

SECOND SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

EOC and Teacher Made Final Exams Begin Monday, June 3rd.

Students are required to take ALL EXAMS, including End of Course (EOC) and Teacher Made exams, at school during exam week.

Monday, June 3rd - 1st Block Exams

Tuesday, June 4th - 2nd Block Exams

Wednesday, June 5th - 3rd Block Exams

Thursday, June 6th - 4th Block Exams

Friday, June 7th - Make-Up Exams

Required EOC Courses:

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

Spring 2024 CTE Courses with State Exams:

- Accounting I Honors
- Accounting II Honors
- Business Law Honors
- Fashion Merchandising Honors
- Foods and Nutrition I
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality I Honors
- Health Science I Honors

The following are some important reminders for all students taking an EOC, CTE, or teacher made final exam:

Students are asked to charge their Chromebook the night before AND bring their charger with them for test day. If your students computer is broken or not working properly, please have them contact Ms. Tammy Douglas, our Desktop Support Engineer.

Students should bring a pencil and calculator if they have a math exam.

Testing will begin at 8:15 on Monday, June 3rd through Thursday, June 6th, as well as on Friday, June 7th for the make-up exams. **All testing should be completed daily around 12:30pm. 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.** Buses will run on normal times during the make-up exam day on Friday, June 7th. Only students who have to take a make-up exam are required to come to school on the make-up exam day on Friday, June 7th.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Parents, as we work to finish up the year strong we want to share a couple of reminders and ask for your help.

Please continue to speak with your child about the importance of getting to school on-time. Students are expected to be in their first period class by 8:10am, otherwise, they will be considered tardy. We recognize that traffic can cause delays in the mornings. We continue to encourage students and parents to allow extra time to get to school in the morning. Weddington High School students may enter the building each day at 7:15 a.m. We also ask that all cars pull all the way down in the car rider line as directed by staff. This allows more students to access their rides at one time, thereby speeding up the drop-off process. The WHS Tardy Policy can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

Please also continue to talk with your child about the importance of following the dress code. It is an expectation that students are aware of, and comply with, the dress code. The dress code can be found on page 3 and 14 of the student handbook which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS



CLASS OF 2024

Graduation

TICKETING AND EVENT INFO

JUNE 10, 2024

8:00 AM

WARRIOR STADIUM

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE:
MONDAY, MAY 6 @ 8:00 AM
UNTIL
FRIDAY, MAY 31 @ 11:59 PM



Senior Cap and Gown Picture: Monday, May 20th (8:15 AM @ stadium)

Seniors will be taking a class Cap and Gown picture on Monday, May 20th. All seniors will need to bring their cap and gown. Following the picture, the senior class will walk through Weddington Elementary school and Weddington Middle school in their cap and gown.

Graduation Rehearsal: Friday, June 7th 12:00pm

All seniors participating in commencement are required to attend rehearsal on Friday, June 7th at 12:00pm. Students should report to the auditorium starting at 11:15am for check-in. All cords will be distributed on this day and important graduation day information will be shared with students.

Senior Collections:

Seniors will not be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony if their school account has not been cleared. Our bookkeeper, Mrs. Tina Starnes, will be available following graduation practice to assist students with clearing any outstanding fees. It is extremely important that all seniors ensure that they have turned in all textbooks, library materials, Chromebook and charger, and any outstanding fees by the end of the day Friday, June 7th.

Graduation: Monday, June 10th at 8:00am

Weddington High School's Class of 2024 Commencement will be held on Monday, June 10th at 8:00am at the high school stadium. Seniors are expected to arrive and line up by 7:15am. Students may park in the student parking lot as early as 7:00am, check in at the table in the gym, and then proceed to their assigned pod for line up. We will begin the processional at 7:45am. It is extremely important that students arrive by 7:15am in order to ensure they are able to check in and be in line

Dress code for students is business casual. Males should wear dress pants and a collared shirt and females a dress, skirt, or dress pants. Flip Flops should not be worn. Ladies should not wear heels as they will be walking on soft grass. Ladies should affix the white collar that comes with the graduation gown. All cords will be distributed at graduation rehearsal. Only school distributed cords may be worn. Graduation caps are not to be decorated.

Inclement Weather Contingency Plan:

Graduation will take place Monday, June 10th at 8:00am as planned, however, it is possible that there could be a minor delay or modification to the program depending on the weather. We will continue monitoring the weather throughout the week and over the weekend prior to graduation. Any delays to the 8:00am start time would be communicated Monday morning by no later than 6:00am via a connected text message and through our school social media platforms. Students, parents, and guests are encouraged to follow Weddington High School social media the morning of graduation for any updates.

Instagram, Facebook, & Twitter: WeddingtonHSNC

Graduation Live Stream:

Graduation will be Live Streamed as in years past. The link for the Live Stream will be shared with families the week prior to graduation.

Graduation Tickets:

Each graduating senior will receive 8 tickets to the ceremony. Each student must claim their tickets from the school website and distribute a QR code to their attendees. Tickets will be available to claim beginning Monday, May 6th at 8:00am and will remain available to claim through Friday, May 31st 11:59pm. **The link to claim graduation tickets can be found at the bottom of the the Class of 2024 Graduation Webpage which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). You will not, however, be able to claim the tickets until Monday, May 6th at 8:00am.** Again, each student will receive eight tickets. Students are more than welcome to ask other students for any unused tickets. However, WHS will not facilitate this process or provide additional tickets. There will be three entry points for all guests: Weddington Middle School, Weddington Elementary School, and the Weddington High School student lot.

You may also click [HERE](#) for additional graduation event and ticketing directions including parking information.

Questions regarding claiming tickets can be directed to Mike Hart @ michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us.

All guests will need a ticket in order to attend. Children who are 5 years and younger do not need a ticket, however, they must sit on a parents lap. We ask that you please have your mobile/paper ticket ready to be scanned upon arriving at the ticket booth. The gates will open at 7:00am. All guests are encouraged to arrive early to ensure you get a parking spot and find a seat prior to the ceremony beginning promptly at 8:00am.

Safety Protocols for UCPS Events:

Earlier this school year, UCPS implemented new safety protocols for UCPS athletic and other large gathering events. Per these safety protocols, only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed into graduation. All guests are asked to plan accordingly as this will be enforced.

Graduation Parking:

Parking is available at Weddington Elementary, Weddington Middle and Weddington High School. We highly encourage guests to park at the elementary and middle school lots due to their close proximity.

Although there are handicap parking spots at each of the parking locations, all individuals requiring additional assistance are asked to park at Weddington Middle School. There will be a golf cart shuttle for those who need assistance. Handicap loading/unloading will occur in the handicap spots in the front middle school lot.

Due to the number of guests attending graduation, parking will be limited. Families are encouraged to carpool and maximize the number of guests per vehicle.

SENIOR WEEK: MAY 20TH - MAY 24TH

SENIOR WEEK!

MAY 20 -
MAY 24

MONDAY

- ★ CAP & GOWN CLASS PICTURE - REPORT TO STADIUM @ 8:30
- ★ WALK THROUGH ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CAP AND GOWN DIRECTLY AFTER PICTURE



TUESDAY

- ★ MOVIE ON THE LAWN @ 6:30 AT THE PRACTICE FIELDS!
- ★ POPCORN AND CANDY PROVIDED



WEDNESDAY

- ★ SENIOR BREAKFAST & GRADUATION INFO @ 8:10 IN CAFETERIA
- ★ SENIOR AWARDS DIRECTLY FOLLOWING WITH DORM GEAR RAFFLES! ALL SENIORS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!



THURSDAY

- ★ ACADEMIC SIGNING AND YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION @ 9:30 IN STADIUM
- ★ LUNCH OUTSIDE DIRECTLY FOLLOWING SIGNING (HOT DOGS & BURGERS)
- ★ PAINT WAR @ 1:30. TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE (\$8)



FRIDAY

- ★ CAROWINDS (LEAVE @ 8:30). TICKETS MUST HAVE ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED. PERMISSION SLIPS AVAILABLE ON CANVAS - MUST BE TURNED IN BY MAY 21ST!



THINGS TO KNOW

- ★ YOU NEED A TICKET AND SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP TO ATTEND PAINT WARS AND CAROWINDS
- ★ BRING YOUR OWN TOWEL & WATER BOTTLE FOR PAINT WAR ON THURSDAY



CLASS OF 2025



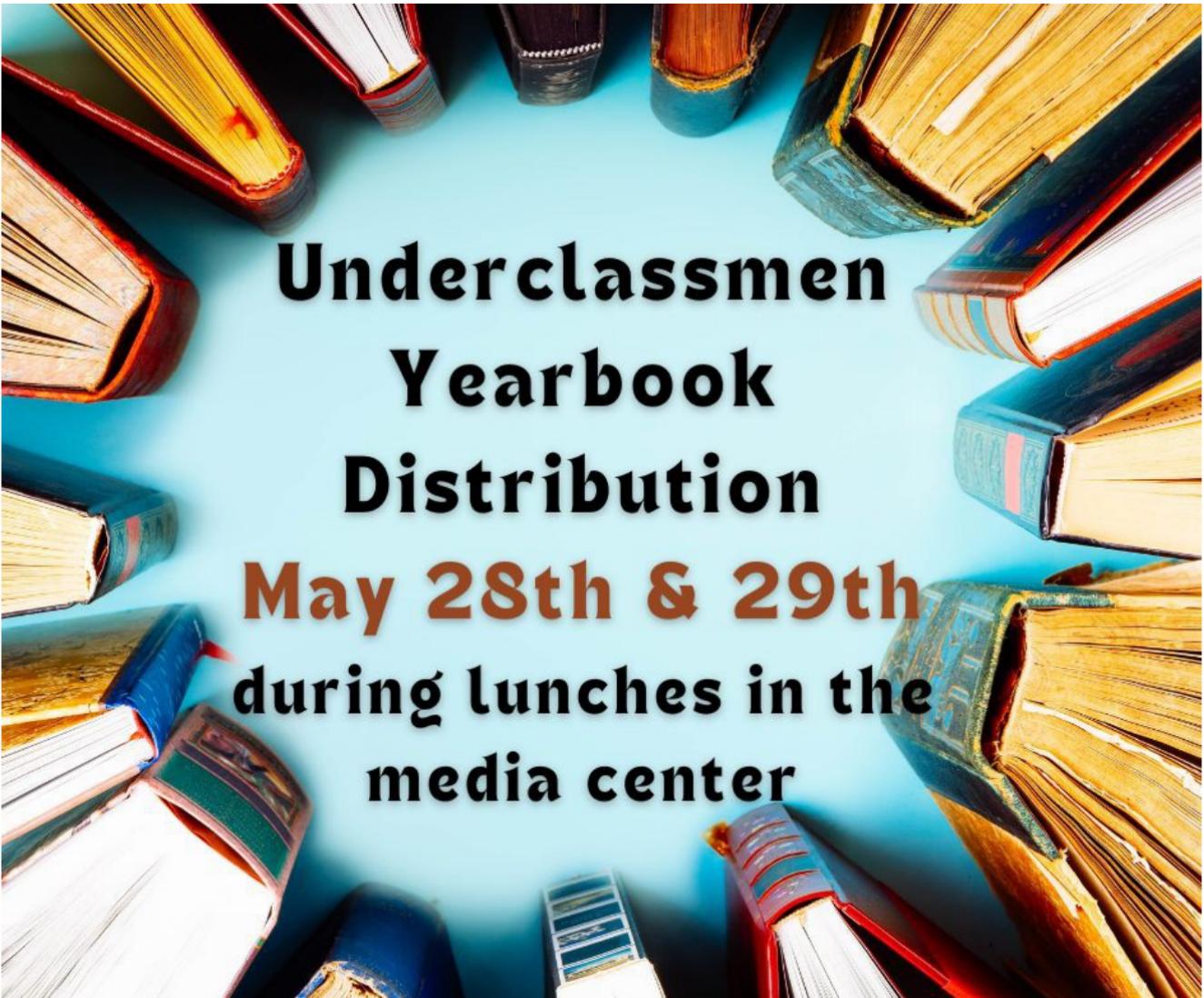
CADDY

**Schedule
Your Senior
Photos Today**

[CADDY.COM/SCHEDULE](https://cady.com/schedule)

Bookings are now OPEN for senior photo sessions for the class of 2025. You must be photographed by CADDY to be in the yearbook. Get photos for grad announcements, senior yearbook ads, and flawless Insta posts. Book now at cady.com/schedule.

YEARBOOK



**Underclassmen
Yearbook
Distribution**
May 28th & 29th
**during lunches in the
media center**

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



Counselor Caseload Assignments

Student's last name beginning with: A-C

Ms. Jumana Scoggins - jumana.scoggins@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: D-H

Mrs. Jenni Allen - jenni.allen@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: I-M

Mrs. Jackie Washington - jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: N-R

Mrs. Laura Lewin - laura.lewin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: S-Z

Dr. Mary Jordan - mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us

SCHOLARSHIPS

Senior Parents- We need your help! Please help your senior complete the form below to include all scholarship and merit aid awards. We are asking students to report all dollars, regardless if they are attending that school. If they earned, they claim it! We are hoping to celebrate all students who receive scholarship, merit aid or athletic. One submission form per award. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Washington at Jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us

<https://forms.gle/RJ2UaUhVtYNgApeW9>

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Please complete the following tasks NOW to ensure your transcript is sent to the final destination.

Senior tasks...

1. UCPS - Graduation Survey

· Click on the following link to complete the graduation survey - <https://bit.ly/gradsurvey2024>

2. Tasks

- Stay in Scoir
- Click on My Colleges
- Go to Applied column
- Update Your Outcome for **each** college in the Applied column
- Mark the college you plan to attend as **ENROLLING**

3. Scholarship Award Letters

CLASS OF 2025

JUMPSTART THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS, June 5, 6, 7 - 1:00 - 3:00, WHS Cafeteria

Don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in individual sessions (hosted by leading college admissions counselors) sharing the ins and outs of the college application process for the 2024 application cycle. **Topics include but not limited to: College Tours, Holistic Application Review, Anatomy of the College Application, Writing the Personal Statement, Scoir, Resume Writing, Creating an Application List, Recommendation Letters, Early Action – Early Decision – Regular – Rolling, Common Application, I've been deferred, now what? Writing the Winning Essay, Community College. Four, 30-min college application sessions will be held each day, for three days. Bring your lunch! Bring your student computer! Let's get started! - THE WHS COLLEGE APPLICATION GUIDEBOOK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING JUMPSTART.**

June 4, 1:00 - 3:00

June 5, 1:00 - 3:00

June 6, 1:00 - 3:00

PARENT UNIVERSITY - WHS auditorium

- Navigating FAFSA, Applying for Financial Aid, 5:00-6:00, June 6
- College Admissions Panel, 6:00-6:45, June 6
- Understanding the College Application Guidebook, 6:45-7:00, June 6 - **Dr. Jordan**

GREEN MACHINE DESIGN CONTEST

GREEN MACHINE SHIRT DESIGN!

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO DESIGN THE
LEGENDARY GREEN MACHINE SHIRT?!

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY IS NEXT YEAR AND WE
NEED TO CREATE THE BEST DESIGN YET!

SWIPE THROUGH TO SEE SOME EXAMPLES OF
PREVIOUS DESIGNS!

SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN IDEAS BY MAY 24TH!

SUBMIT DESIGNS OR QUESTIONS TO:
MICHAEL.HART@UCPS.K12.NC.US





WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

The PTSO is very thankful to all those who joined this school year and made donations to Invest in Excellence. Every bit helps support our students and staff in ways the budget can't.

Thanks to those who have donated the PTSO was able to offer our teachers a delicious luncheon on Tuesday, May 6. We also were able to review the senior scholarship applications and chose a deserving candidate.



If you're still interested in donating to the PTSO or to a specific area like our teachers we invite you to thank our teachers and staff for their efforts during this 2023-24 school year by donating a gift card or making a donation for gift cards via Venmo (<https://venmo.com/u/WHSPSTSO> - please note in memo that donation is for gift cards). For more information, please click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-48959916-endofyear#/>

Senior Events: Senior Week is sneaking up on us. It is May 20th through the 24th. Please follow us on Instagram @weddingtonseniors2024 for updates on senior events.

Please join the WHS PTSO at www.whsptso.com or use the QR code above.

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @[WH5.NC.PTSO](https://www.instagram.com/WH5.NC.PTSO)



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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.



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ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Athletic Boosters

Click the link below for an important Athletic Booster Club Update, including important upcoming events

[WHSPTSO.COM](#)

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Athletic Department Update

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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