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Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

Tuesday, June 4th - Thursday, June 6th: Jump Start the College Application Process (see below for more information), Parent University (see below for more information)

Friday, June 7th: Last Day of School, Graduation Rehearsal (see below for more information)

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.**

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

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 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



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 procession 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 for the procession.

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:

[CLASS OF 2024 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](#).** 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.

CLASS OF 2025



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.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

JUMP START THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

JUNE 4

1:00-3:00

- COLLEGE APPLICATION GUIDEBOOK - DISTRIBUTION AND EXPLANATION
- GETTING INVOLVED AND FINDING YOUR COLLEGE COMMUNITY
- CURATING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION LIST
- KNOWING YOUR WORTH AND HOW TO COMMUNICATE TO COLLEGES

JUNE 5

1:00-3:00

- COMPLETING THE BRAG SHEET
- WRITING YOUR RESUME
- THE PERFECT COLLEGE ESSAY
- COMPLETING THE COMMON APPLICATION
- A STUDENT GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL PLANNING

JUNE 6

1:00-3:00

- EARLY DECISION/EARLY ACTION/REGULAR DECISION/ROLLING - WHICH ONE DO I CHOOSE?
- RECOMMENDATION LETTERS
- MERIT VS. HOLISTIC APPROACHES TO READING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
- MORE THAN JUST A TOUR: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR CAMPUS VISIT

PARENT UNIVERSITY - JUNE 6

5:00 PM

NAVIGATING FAFSA & APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID



7:00 PM

UNDERSTANDING THE APPLICATION GUIDEBOOK



6:00 PM

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PANEL



Class of 2024

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

1. **Brag Sheet** - please refer to your Scoir account to complete the Brag Sheet. The Brag Sheet will serve as the foundation of college applications, admission essays, personal statements, and when preparing for interviews. Once logged into Scoir, click on the three lines in the top right-hand corner, scroll down, and select "surveys" to begin. Scoir will automatically save your work while in progress. Do NOT hit "submit" until the entire survey is finished. Once submitted, the information shared will be accessible via the respective Scoir account. A completed Brag Sheet is required of

any student requesting a letter of recommendation from a WHS teacher and/or counselor. No brag sheet = no letter.

2. **Scoir** - Parents! Ask your child to invite you to Scoir! To learn more about Scoir, https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=scoir

3. **TA (Teacher Assistant)** - Students who would like to TA either first or second semester need to speak with the teacher they would like to TA for. If the teacher approves, the teacher will complete the TA application. Once complete and submitted, the administration will approve/deny the request. If approved, the data manager creates a TA section for the teacher and the counselor withdraws the student from a course to meet the request. This takes place over the summer and into the first 10 days of the school year.

4. **FLEX** - The FLEX day option will be available during semester two. To be eligible for FLEX, students must complete the FLEX application at the following link, <https://forms.gle/68Wn9UfrHoPxqLZE8>. In the spring, during course selections 140 students completed the application. If completed once, do not complete it a second time. After submitting the form, counselors will review the application, student transcript, and completed graduation requirements. If approved, the data manager creates a FLEX section, and the counselor withdraws the student from a course(s) specified by the student. This process takes place over the summer and into the first 10 days of the school year.

5. **JUMPSTART THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS**, June 4, 5, 6 - 1:00 - 3:00, WHS Cafeteria (sessions will not be videoed)

Don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in individual sessions hosted by leading college admissions counselors and Weddington High School counselors sharing the ins and outs of the college application process for the 2025 application cycle. JumpStart is open to students only. Use this link to register, <https://forms.gle/vLKoMdyVX7SVmCr26>

June 4, 1:00 - 3:00

- College Application Guidebook - distribution and explanation
- Getting Involved and Finding Your College Community
- Curating the College Application List
- Knowing Your Worth and How to Communicate to Colleges

June 5, 1:00 - 3:00

- Completing the Brag Sheet
- Writing Your Resume
- The Perfect College Essay
- Completing the Common Application
- A Student Guide to Understanding Financial Planning

June 6, 1:00 - 3:00

- Early Decision/Early Action/Regular Decision/Rolling - Which One Do I Choose?
- Recommendation Letters
- Merit vs Holistic Approaches to Reading College Applications
- More Than Just a Tour: Making the Most of Your Campus Visit

Location: Either the WHS cafeteria or media center - look for signs ☺

6. **PARENT UNIVERSITY** - WHS Auditorium - This event will not be videoed.

1. Navigating FAFSA, Applying for Financial Aid, 5:00 June 6 - Wittenberg College

2. College Admissions Panel, 6:00, June 6

Have a question? Submit it here, <https://forms.gle/HNjKRSCSP3WB7NSD6>

- High Point University
- University of North Carolina Greensboro
- Clemson University
- University of North Carolina Charlotte,
- Kent State University
- Hamden Sydney College

1. Understanding the College Application Guidebook, 7:00 June 6 - Dr. Jordan

7. Summer

August 6, 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:30 - Seniors and Juniors enrolled in SPCC, schedule changes and key fob distribution.

August 7, 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:30 - Seniors and Juniors enrolled in SPCC, schedule changes and key fob distribution.

August 19, 8:am - Schedules go live in PowerSchool

August 19, 8:30 - Seniors with holes enter the building

August 26 - Schedule change request link emailed to students and form opens at 3:00

September 3 - Senior meetings with counselors begin

Let the fun begin!

SUMMER COUNSELING SCHEDULE



SUMMER SCHEDULE

6
AUGUST

8:30-12 SPCC schedule changes for Senior and Junior students enrolled
1-3:00 FLEX application open for seniors, s2 only

7
AUGUST

8:30-12 SPCC schedule changes for Senior and Junior students enrolled
1-3:00 FLEX application open for seniors, s2 only

13
AUGUST

8:30-12 New to Weddington cluster families, by appointment only

14
AUGUST

8:30-12 New to Weddington cluster families, by appointment only

15
AUGUST

8:30-12 New to Weddington cluster families, by appointment only

19
AUGUST

8:00 AM Schedules go live in PowerSchool. Paper copies will not be distributed.

19
AUGUST

8:30-12 Seniors with schedule holes may enter the building to meet w/a counselor
1-3:00 Juniors with schedule holes may enter the building to meet w/a counselor

20
AUGUST

COUNSELORS OFF CAMPUS

21
AUGUST

1-3:00 Sophomores with schedule holes may enter the building to meet w/a counselor to select a course

22
AUGUST

1-3:00 Freshmen with schedule holes may enter the building to meet w/a counselor to select a course

26
AUGUST

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

26
AUGUST

3:00
PM

Schedule change request link goes live

30
AUGUST

8:00
AM

Schedule change request form closes

30
AUGUST

3:00
PM

Student requested schedule changes conclude



Wake Forest College Launch



INSPIRING STUDENTS TO PURSUE GREATNESS

College LAUNCH for Leadership is a FREE nine-month college prep program focusing on social justice and leadership development. Our program serves high performing, under-resourced high school juniors in the Charlotte, NC and Winston-Salem, NC areas.



DISCOVER

connections between your career aspirations and passion for social change through mentorship and networking opportunities.



PREPARE

for the college application process with campus tours, resume and essay writing workshops, financial aid sessions, and interview coaching.



IMPACT

social change in your schools and communities by completing a Youth Participatory Action Research project.

LEARN. ACHIEVE. UNDERSTAND. NETWORK. COMMIT. HELP.



What is Wake Forest College LAUNCH for Leadership?

College LAUNCH is a **FREE**, nine-month program for high school juniors that uplifts students by preparing them for college, empowering their social consciousness, and developing skills for courageous leadership. By cultivating academic curiosity, LAUNCH Scholars discover their potential and impact their community as catalysts for change.

Application Eligibility

- Be a rising college bound high school junior (Class of 2026)
- Have a clean high school disciplinary record
- Have a strong academic background and a passion for leadership and social justice
- Be located in Winston-Salem, Charlotte or the surrounding communities, as Scholars are required to attend monthly in-person events at their regional Wake Forest University Campus

Students who are from under-resourced communities or who are first generation are encouraged to apply

Application Requirements:

- Two well-crafted essays that respond to the application prompts
- A recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or administrator who knows the student well
- A self-reported GPA and unofficial copy of high school transcript

College LAUNCH Fast Facts

- 9 - month program (September - May)
- 1 Saturday a month in Winston-Salem or Charlotte (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)
- Scholars complete a Community Research and Action Project that looks great on college resumes
- Scholars prepare for the college application process through Saturday Summits and college essay practice
- Scholars receive mentorship opportunities and guided career exploration
- 100% of Scholars graduate college ready
- In 2023, Scholars collectively earned over \$13 million dollars in college scholarships
- Scholars benefit from a network of support and community

The LAUNCH Application is open from January 8th until August 1st, 2024.

College LAUNCH is open to all. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Application decisions are not made on the basis of gender or race.

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.

Thank you to all who have donated a gift card or monetarily so we as a school can say thank you to our 120 teachers for their efforts during this 2023-24 school year. **60 TEACHER GIFT**

CARDS/MONETARY DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED! If you would like to donate a gift card or make a donation for gift cards via

Venmo please do so by Wednesday, May 30th. (<https://venmo.com/u/WHSPPTSO> - 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 @[@WHSPPTSO](https://www.instagram.com/WHSPPTSO)



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Scan QR code for payment

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.



WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

2024-2025 Athletic Registration

2024-2025 Athletic Registration

OPENS JUNE 1!

Do's and Don'ts

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use the same log in address as you did last time you used FamilyID. If this is first time, please save password to use in future years. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create another account. Accounts stay with your athlete throughout MS and HS. Additional athletes can be put in the same account. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have a current physical if necessary. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> upload a physical if the current one is still valid. Physicals are valid for 395 days. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have an uploaded pdf copy of your physical. Delete the expired physical when uploading a new one. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> take pictures of your athletes physical one page at a time. Instead use your cell phone to scan each page into one document. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Take time to complete with your athlete. Making sure to sign appropriately for both parent and athlete. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sign all agreements with the same name, this will make your registration incomplete. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check back frequently to make sure you have completed registration correctly. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assume your student is approved. Check back on FamilyID for status or your email for an APPROVED email. |



A NEW REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED OF EVERYONE, REGARDLESS IF YOU PARTICIPATED DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

MAKE SURE YOU USE YOUR SAME ACCOUNT AS LAST YEAR TO NOT DELAY THE PROCESS AND MAKE SURE YOUR PHYSICAL IS UPDATED IN ARBITER!

**ANY QUESTIONS:
EMAIL MIKE HART @
MICHAEL.HART@UCPS.K12.NC.US**

VISIT WEDDINGTONATHLETICZONE.COM TO REGISTER!

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opens Saturday. Remember, everyone needs an updated registration in order to participate in any summer workouts, which can begin on June 10th. Registration questions can be directed to michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us Feel free to share [this](#) link for more registration information.

ANNUAL SPORTS RECOGNITION NIGHT

Click [here](#) for a recap of our 15th Annual Varsity Sports Recognition Night, including the photo gallery from Cady Studios.

UC EAST WEDDINGTON NIGHT



EXTREME
ICE CENTER

Atrium Health

QUEEN CITY
ROYALS

WEDDINGTON
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WARRIORS

WEDDINGTON NIGHT

**SUPPORT YOUR
UC EAST EAGLES HOCKEY**

WEDDINGTON HIGH!
JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING NIGHT
OF HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY!
COME OUT & SUPPORT YOUR
FELLOW CLASSMATES!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 13 AT 7:50PM
EXTREME ICE CENTER
4705 INDIAN TRAIL FAIRVIEW RD
@xicenter

Athletic Boosters

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

WHSABC Spring 2024 Letter.pdf

[Download](#)

128.7 KB

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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Jeff Kraftson

Jeff is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

