

Warrior Weekly

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Student Centered; Future Focused!



Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Saturday, September 28th: Homecoming Dance see below for more information)

Tuesday, October 1st: Underclassmen Picture Day (more information to come)

Thursday, October 3rd: Teacher Workday - No School For Students, Senior Roadshow (more information to come)

2023-2024 ACCOUNTABILITY RESULTS

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction released the certified accountability results for the 2023-2024 school year. We are proud to announce that Weddington High School was again awarded a School Performance Grade of A and MET composite growth expectations! I encourage you to spend time studying this expansive report.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the results for our school and district on the NCDPI accountability website. UCPS continues to outperform the state and the 12 largest districts in multiple testing and accountability areas. For the 2023-2024 school year, UCPS took the lead for overall proficiency at 69.5 percent among the largest districts, ranking UCPS number two in the state in this same testing area. For more details on the districts performance, please click [HERE](#).

We are extremely proud of our students, staff, and community for their hard work and of the culture of excellence that we have established here at the home of the Warriors. It is through teamwork, commitment, and hard work that Weddington High School has continued to achieve this high level of excellence! We will continue working hard to hold students to high expectations, supporting them along the way, and celebrating their successes when they achieve their goals. In addition to celebrating these results, we will continue to focus on identifying areas for growth as we pursue continuous improvement.

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.

2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

Each year the WHS PTSO board creates a proposed budget for the current school year. Parents are asked to vote for the proposed budget to indicate whether you approve or do not approve of the budget. Please take a moment to view the proposed budget and vote to approve/not approve by clicking [HERE](#).

If you have questions regarding the budget or other PTSO related questions, please visit the WHS PTSO website by clicking [HERE](#) and click on CONTACT US.

SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS:

Senior Shirts/Signs Pickup- Thursday 9/19, outside gym in the hallway 3:00-3:30 p.m.

September Senior Breakfast-

Friday 9/20 @ 7:20 a.m. (this is only for seniors who signed up for Senior Events through the PTSO)

If you signed up to donate an item for the Senior Breakfast, please drop off to the office by Wednesday 9/18 and label it "Senior Breakfast." Thanks for your donations!

Make sure you and your senior follow us on social media too , it will help to make sure you're not missing anything!



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ATTENDANCE



IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

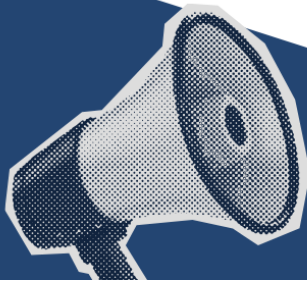
We will no longer be accepting paper notes or emails to excuse absences. All doctor and parent notes need to be uploaded into the Student Absence Portal. ALL PARENTS must create an account. Scan the QR code below, or click "Quick Links" on the WHS home page.





EARLY DISMISSALS

- 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 and time of dismissal
 - parent signature
- In the event a student does not have a dismissal note, and needs to leave school early, a parent will need to come into the school to sign them out. We are no longer accepting emails for dismissals.



PARENT PORTAL, CANVAS AND OTHER PARENT RESOURCES

UCPS provides a number of student and parent resources including access to attendance and grades, Canvas, a variety of mobile apps, and tutorials for using these resources. To access information about what resources are available to students and parents, please click [HERE](#).

The PowerSchool Parent Portal has now been activated.

The PowerSchool Mobile APP for Parents is a particularly valuable tool for helping parents keep up with their students academic progress. Information on how to access this app can be found on the link above.

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.

REQUIRED BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

As a reminder, we are continuing to utilize the convenience of online form completion that can be located on our school's website by clicking "About Us" followed by "Back to School Forms" or by clicking [HERE](#). We have extended the due date to turn in all required forms to Friday, September 20th.

HOMECOMING DANCE 2024



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Meet Our Counselors!



Ms. Jumana Scoggins

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Mrs. Melody Harris

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WELCOME, MRS. HARRIS!

Melody Harris is excited to join the Weddington Warrior family. She brings with her a wealth of experience, having worked in Union County Public Schools since 2005. Originally from Massachusetts, she has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a Masters in Education and Counseling from Cambridge College. Mrs. Harris is a licensed professional school counselor, a National Certified Counselor and a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor. As a counselor, Mrs. Harris is able to provide guidance and support to ensure our students are prepared for success, both inside and outside the school setting. She is thrilled to get to know each of her students and help them to navigate through these years. In her spare time, Mrs. Harris loves reading, playing with her black lab, and most of all, making memories with her family.



Mrs. Jackie Washington

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Ms. Emma Wissman

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WELCOME, MS. WISSMAN!

Emma Wissman received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Public Relations from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and she is currently finishing her Master's degree in Counseling at UNC Charlotte. She will graduate in Spring of 2025 with a concentration in both School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling, as well as licensure in both of these areas. She is passionate about providing students with the opportunities and resources that they need to thrive in their academics, career development, and social and emotional health. In her free time, Ms. Wissman enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends. A fun fact about her is that she also enjoys working as a competitive dance teacher and choreographer. Ms. Wissman is so excited and grateful to serve the students and families of Weddington High School and to champion each student as they strive to achieve their goals.



Dr. Mary Jordan

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Counseling Department Information

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

UCPS COLLEGE READINESS SERIES



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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College Entrance Exams 101

September 17, 2024

6:00 PM

Webinar

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

Have you ever wondered what the major differences are between the ACT and the SAT? Are these tests even relevant anymore? What is considered a "good" score? These questions and more will be answered in this webinar!

Presented in partnership with Huntington Learning Center, Weddington.



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
Getting Ready for College	November 16, 2024	Wingate University
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Location TBD
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	Location TBD
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 8, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Location TBD
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Location TBD
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Location TBD
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

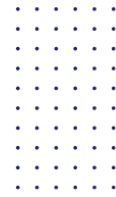
For more information and to register, visit
<https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Click [HERE](#) for the application to join!

CALLING ALL FRESHMAN!

JOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT!



APPLICATIONS DUE:
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH!

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

IF YOU BLEED GREEN AND
LOVE WHS, JOIN US AS WE
REVIVE SCHOOL SPIRIT AND
MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES!



2024 Powder Puff Game

CALLING ALL FEMALE WARRIORS! Get ready to show off your skills and spirit at the Powder Puff game! Join us for an action-packed event where the ladies take the field and bring their A-game. The first 15 to sign up are on the team!



2024-2025 YEARBOOK

With a start of a new school year, the 2024-2025 yearbook staff is already hard at work capturing the first few days of school. Our staff invites you to follow the yearbook Instagram page [@whsyearbook24_25](https://www.instagram.com/whsyearbook24_25) to help make this year's book the best yet in school history.

Purchase your yearbook today to get it at the lowest price of the year. Click [here](#) to purchase this year's book.



CLASS OF 2025

SENIOR PICTURES

We still have over 200 seniors who have not scheduled their senior photo session. Please go to [cady.com](https://www.cady.com) and schedule your appointment today before dates and times fill up. The simple session is the basic package where seniors will get several tux/drape photos, several casual photos, and several cap and gown photos. Seniors will be able to select which photo they want in the yearbook through their Cady portal. All sessions will be at Cady Studios except for the Roadshow which will be in the media center at WHS on October 3rd. This is an optional workday for students. The

deadline to be included in the yearbook is Monday, December 2nd. Any photos taken after this date **will not** be included in the book.

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

Make your senior's yearbook extra special by creating a senior recognition ad. You can design the ad with a special message and pictures to create a keepsake for years to come. Purchase your ad by September 30th to get it at the lowest price offered. The final deadline to purchase a senior recognition ad is December 9, 2024.

Deadline 1 9/30/2024	Deadline 3 12/9/2024
Full Page _____\$350	Full Page _____\$450
1/2 Page _____\$200	1/2 Page _____\$250
1/4 Page _____\$150	1/4 Page _____\$200
Deadline 2 10/28/2024	
Full Page _____\$400	
1/2 Page _____\$225	
1/4 Page _____\$175	

2024 BOND VOTE

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2024 BOND VOTE

NOV. 5

COMMUNITY MEETINGS









DATES AND LOCATIONS

SEPTEMBER 12
FOREST HILLS HIGH - 6 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 19
PARKWOOD HIGH - 6 P.M.

OCTOBER 3
PARKWOOD HIGH - 6 P.M.

OCTOBER 17
EAST UNION MIDDLE - 6 P.M.



ATHLETIC INFORMATION



SPIRIT WEAR SALE!

Our online school store is now OPEN through 9/17. Orders will be delivered to the school the first week of October. Check out the new designs for fall sports as well as everything GREEN! And thank you for supporting WHSABC.

[CLICK HERE!](#)



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

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