

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



## Weddington High School

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Monday, September 22nd - Friday, September 26th:** Fall Spirit Week (more information to come)

**Tuesday, September 23rd:** Teacher Workday, no school for students

**Saturday, September 27th:** Homecoming Dance (see below for more information)

**Tuesday, September 30th:** Underclassmen Picture Day (see below for more information)

**Wednesday, October 1st:** Senior Roadshow (see below for more information)

## UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

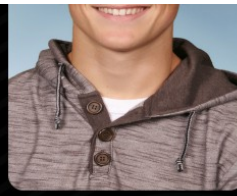
Underclassmen picture day will be on Tuesday, September 30th during 1st period. All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors need to have their picture taken for the yearbook. CADY is cashless, so no checks or cash will be accepted on picture day. Students can pre-order online at [CADY.com/SchoolPictures](https://CADY.com/SchoolPictures) prior to picture day and those that do not pre-order will receive digital proofs via email and SMS with a link to view and order after picture day. All orders will be shipped to the home address listed in Infinite Campus, not to the school.



# CADY

## Look Sharp, Picture Day is Coming Soon!

Save \$10 when you  
order before picture day



## ATTENDANCE

# ATTENDANCE FAQ

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**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?**

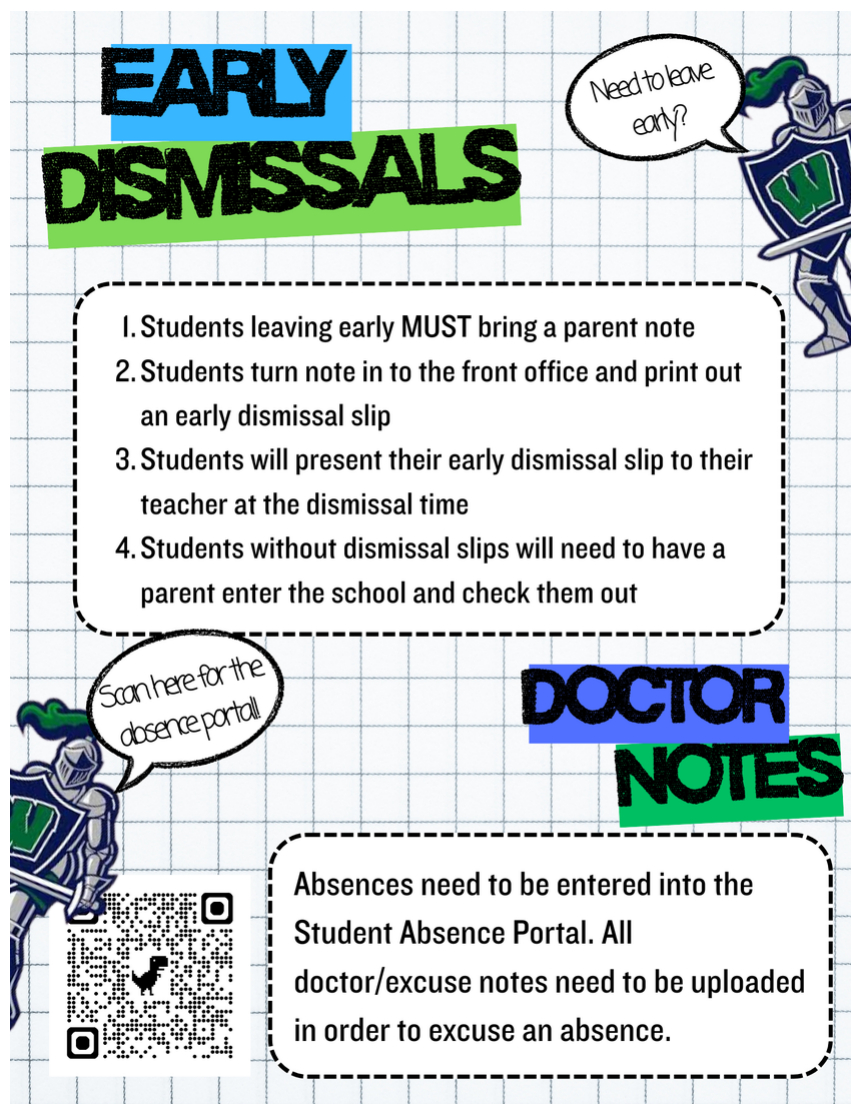
With appropriate documentation: medical appointments, illness (5 parent-excused per semester), DMV (1 per year), approved college visits (juniors & seniors)



## 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.



The infographic is set against a light blue grid background. At the top left, the words "EARLY" and "DISMISSALS" are written in large, bold, black letters. "EARLY" is on a blue rectangular background, and "DISMISSALS" is on a green rectangular background. To the right of this, a cartoon knight in blue armor with a green plume on his helmet holds a shield with a green 'W' and a sword. A speech bubble from the knight says "Need to leave early?". Below this, a dashed-line box contains a numbered list of four steps. To the left of the list, another cartoon knight is shown from the waist up, holding a shield with a green 'W'. A speech bubble from him says "Scan here for the absence portal". Below the knight is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, the words "DOCTOR" and "NOTES" are written in large, bold, black letters. "DOCTOR" is on a blue rectangular background, and "NOTES" is on a green rectangular background. Below this, another dashed-line box contains text about doctor notes.

**EARLY DISMISSALS**

Need to leave early?

1. Students leaving early **MUST** bring a parent note
2. Students turn note in to the front office and print out an early dismissal slip
3. Students will present their early dismissal slip to their teacher at the dismissal time
4. Students without dismissal slips will need to have a parent enter the school and check them out

Scan here for the absence portal

**DOCTOR NOTES**

Absences need to be entered into the Student Absence Portal. All doctor/excuse notes need to be uploaded in order to excuse an absence.

## WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way! Go to [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com) and join your PTSO.

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)

### STAFF APPRECIATION



Next Friday, September 26th is our next Staff Appreciation Breakfast! We have lots of open slots, please consider signing up to send in something.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527153-whsstaff?useFullSite=true#/>



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@WHSPTSO



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Scan QR code for payment

## 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

## TECHNOLOGY FEE

All UCPS families will be responsible for paying a \$30 annual technology user fee per student. The technology fee will be waived for students who qualify for free lunch. If you haven't paid your student's 2025-2026 technology fee, please scan the QR code below.

### **NEED TO PAY YOUR 2025-2026 TECHNOLOGY FEE?**

scan the QR  
code here!



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



scan the QR  
code here!

## FALL SPIRIT WEEK



FALL

# SPIRIT WEEK

september 22 - september 26

MONDAY

PJ DAY



TUESDAY

NO  
SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY

ADAM  
SANDLER  
DAY



THURSDAY

GROUTFIT



FRIDAY

CLASS COLORS

9 - WHITE

10 - BLUE

11 - GREEN

12 - BLACK

STAFF - PINK

## HOMECOMING DANCE

Get ready for a vibrant night to remember!

Join us for this year's Homecoming Dance: *A Night in Rio!*

Experience the energy, color, and rhythm of Brazil with dazzling lights, lively music, and unforgettable memories. Dress to impress and dance the night away—Rio style!

Outside guests are now welcome at our 2025 Homecoming Dance! Outside Guest forms must be completed and turned in by Friday September 26th. Click on the attachment below or stop by the front office for a form.

Tickets are \$30 each and will not be sold at the door.

**\*\*YOUR STUDENT ID IS THE ACCESS CODE\*\***



Homecoming Permission Form 2025.pdf

Download

268.6 KB

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### COUNSELOR CASE LOADS

We're excited to have our two new school counselors on our team! To help them get settled and familiar with our school community, only our veteran counselors will be meeting with seniors for the time being. We appreciate your understanding as we work to provide the best support for all students.

Please reach out to Mrs. Washington with any questions.



# COUNSELOR 2025-2026 CASE LOADS

<b>MS. SCOGGINS</b>	UNDERCLASSMEN: A-C SENIORS: A-C, N-R <small>jumana.scoggins@ucps.k12.nc.us EXT 1911</small>
<b>MRS. HARRIS</b>	UNDERCLASSMEN: D-H SENIORS: D-H, U-Z <small>melody.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us EXT 1920</small>
<b>MRS. WASHINGTON</b>	UNDERCLASSMEN: I-M SENIORS: I-M, S & T <small>melody.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us EXT 1920</small>
<b>MS. MCGUIRE</b>	UNDERCLASSMEN: N-R <small>kimberley.mcguire@ucps.k12.nc.us EXT 1972</small>
<b>MRS. SEELEY</b>	UNDERCLASSMEN: S-Z <small>megan.seeley@ucps.k12.nc.us EXT 1909</small>



## SENIOR NIGHT INFO

WHS Counselors hope you enjoyed Senior night and found it to be a helpful resource. Presentation link can be found here

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tIUtfUoxigOXpSQ1ev6kaNE26F9YOd-21AmfB0ISl0U/edit?usp=sharing>

## US SENATOR TED BUDD SERVICE ACADEMY DAY

Anyone interested in attending a service academy? Senator Tedd Budd is hosting a Service Day on September 20th to learn about the application process and nomination process. Representative from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the other federal service academies will be there to answer your questions.

All students at these prestigious higher institutions receive full tuition, room and board, and books at no cost. Four of the five academies require applicants to apply and receive a congressional nomination from either a U.S. Representative or a U.S. Senator.

- U.S. Naval Academy
- U.S. Military Academy
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

High School and Middle School students interested should plan to attend. Congressional staff will be present to explain the nomination process. Family members are also welcome to attend.

September 20, 2025

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Davidson Davie Community College

**UNITED STATES SENATOR TED BUDD SERVICE ACADEMY DAY**

**About The Event**  
United States Senator Ted Budd will hold a U.S. Service Academy day on Saturday, September 20, 2025. The event will offer North Carolina high school students the chance to learn about the opportunities for prospective nominees and eligibility requirements for the United States 5 military service academies.

**More Info**  
Representatives from the U.S. Service Academies will be on hand to answer questions and distribute information. High School Students of all ages and parents are encouraged to attend.

**What:** U.S. Service Academy Day  
**When:** 09.20.2025  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
**Where:** Davidson Davie Community college Rittling Conference center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 297 DCC road Thomasville, NC 27360

**QUESTIONS?**  
336-941-4470  
SERVICEACADEMYNOMINATIONS@BUDD.SENATE.GOV

**TED BUDD**  
U.S. SENATOR FOR NORTH CAROLINA

## COLLEGE READINESS SERIES

## NC YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**N.C. YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (YLA)**

THE YLA IS A THREE-DAY PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DRAFT, DEBATE AND VOTE ON MOCK LEGISLATIVE BILLS WHILE DEVELOPING SKILLS IN RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING, GROUP FACILITATION AND POLICY WRITING. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MARCH 12-15, 2024.

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

**APPLY AT NCLEG.GOV/YLA**

The Youth Legislative Assembly is a mock legislative session where high school students voice their opinions and vote on issues concerning local, state, and national government. This conference provides students with a deeper understanding of the legislative process while also developing their confidence, public speaking, and debate skills.

Any high school student in good standing at a public, private, charter, or home school in North Carolina is eligible to participate. Students simply need to complete the application—no sponsorship from a member of the General Assembly is required.



Students can apply here: 📄📄

[https://ncgeneralassembly.formstack.com/forms/youth\\_legislative\\_assembly\\_copy](https://ncgeneralassembly.formstack.com/forms/youth_legislative_assembly_copy)

Unlike the Page Program, YLA does not require a Senate sponsorship. However, some Senators have generously chosen to sponsor students financially in the past. Please note that this has been reviewed and approved, and campaign funds may be used for this purpose.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This is a friendly reminder that 12th grade required vaccines are due by **September 25, 2025** to avoid exclusion from school unless your student is **Medically** or **Religiously Exempt**. If you haven't already done so, please send me a hard copy of your immunization status or the required letter for being medically or religiously exempt by 9/25/2025 per NC laws. You may access the link here for more information that is required by the state of North Carolina.

<https://immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncruleslaws.htm>

Feel free to call if you have any questions.

## 2025-2026 YEARBOOK

### SENIOR PORTRAITS

All seniors need to go to cady.com to schedule your senior portrait session. Just click on For Seniors at the top and then Book Now.

#### Three options for senior session:

1. Seniors can schedule their portrait sessions at Cady Studios (2201 Crownpoint Executive Drive, Suite E, Charlotte, NC 28227) now through December 5th around your schedule. The studio is open Monday through Sunday. Below are the options available at the studio for your session.
2. Cady will be hosting two roadshows here at Weddington High on **October 1st** and **November 4th**. At the WHS roadshows, students will get their tux/drape yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and one scene of your choices. These dates will fill up fast so schedule as soon as possible.
3. **Yearbook photo only** day will be **before December 5th** but has not been scheduled at this time. This session will only include the yearbook tux drape picture, and it will be held at WHS.

\*Please note: the simple session includes the tux/drape photo for the yearbook, cap and gown photo, and one other scene of your choice. **The last day to be photographed for the yearbook is December 5, 2025. Any senior who does not have their picture taken before this date will not be included in the yearbook.**

### SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

Make your senior's last yearbook extra special by including a special memories ad. It is a great way to way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. Go to Jostens.com ad select Yearbook Ad to purchase and create your special message for your senior. **Purchase by September 22nd to receive the lowest price of the year.**

# ATHLETIC INFORMATION

## SPIRIT WEAR

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

### 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!**



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