

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



**Weddington High School**

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Tuesday, September 24th:** Powder Puff Game (see below for more information)

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

**Tuesday, October 1st:** Underclassmen Picture Day (see below for more information)

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

## UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Underclassmen picture day will be on Tuesday, October 1st 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 PowerSchool, not to the school.





**CADDY**

**School  
Picture Day  
Coming Soon!**

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## **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](mailto: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.



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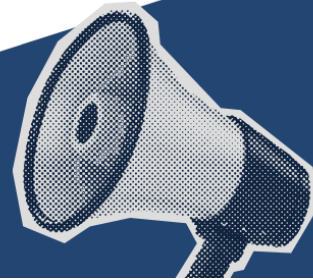
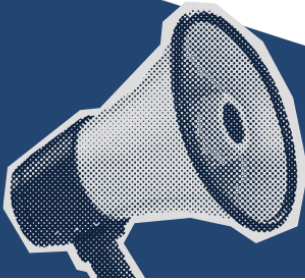
**ATTENDANCE**





# IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

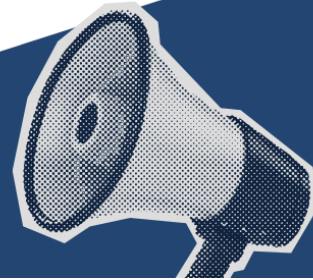
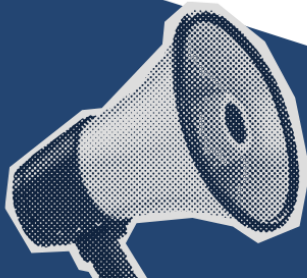
We will no longer be accepting paper notes or emails to excuse absences. All doctor and parent notes need to be uploaded into the Student Absence Portal. ALL PARENTS must create an account. Scan the QR code below, or click "Quick Links" on the WHS home page.





## 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.



## 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 RECOVERY

- Attendance Recovery will be held at the end of each 6 weeks.
- Attendance Recovery is for any student with 8 or more absences during the 6-wk grading period (excused, unexcused or OSS). Students and parents will be notified by Mrs. Yost if attendance recovery is required.
- Students will be required to come in for Attendance Recovery on the teacher workday following that 6-week grading period.
- The WHS Attendance Counselor will oversee this process and will supervise the students during recovery.
- They will be required to work on any outstanding assignments/make-up work from the 6-week grading period.

**\*\* If the student does not complete the required recovery, they will be in danger of failing the course.**



# 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.

## 2024 POWDER PUFF



## HOMECOMING DANCE 2024

Outside guests are now welcome at our 2024 Homecoming Dance! Outside Guest forms must be completed and turned in by Thursday, September 26th. Click on the attachment below or stop by the front office for a form!



**Guest Permission Form (1).pdf**

[Download](#)  
259.7 KB





## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### Counseling Department Information

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

**Scoir** <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7558>

Please reference the Scoir folder in the School Counseling Canvas page for a menu of detailed information and videos around setting up an account, downloading the app., viewing the calendar, etc.

### Senior Conferences

Senior Conferences have begun. Email your counselor to set up an apt. to discuss college essays, applications, Scoir, Common App., and much more!

### FAFSA

FAFSA, <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. To best prepare, review resources found at [financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov](https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov).

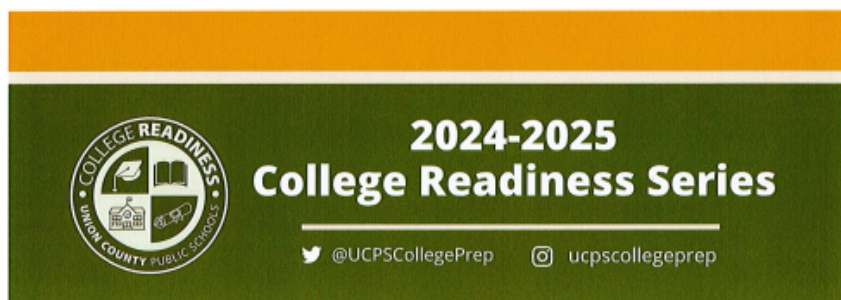
### College Visits

On campus college visits are back! Wondering who will be on campus this week? Check the board in the cafeteria. Semester one visits are open to Seniors and Juniors.

Register in Scoir today!

1. Log into Scoir
2. Click on 3 lines in top right corner
3. Click on "Events and Deadlines"
4. Search for college of interest & sign up
5. Visits are in the Counseling Commons

## UCPS COLLEGE READINESS SERIES



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

### 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

There are 3 ways to get your senior pictures taken this year.

1. Between now and December 2nd you can book a session at Cady studios by visiting their website at <https://store.cady.com/>. There are several different packages available ranging in a variety of prices. The basic session package is \$30 and includes several poses of the senior tux/drape yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and 1 scene of your choice. With this basic

package, seniors will also be able to select the tux/drape photo they want to be included in the yearbook.

2. Cady Studios will be coming to Weddington High School in the media center on October 3rd to host a Roadshow. Please note this date is a teacher workday and not a school day for students. These sessions can also be booked online at <https://store.cady.com/>. Just make sure to select Oct 3rd as the date and Weddington High School as the location. At the Roadshow, the traditional packages which range from \$30 to \$80 will be offered. The basic session package is \$30 and includes several poses of the senior tux/drape yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and 1 scene of your choice. With this basic package, seniors will also be able to select the tux/drape photo they want to be included in the yearbook.
3. Last, we will offer a make-up session in late November. The date of this make-up session has not been determined. At this make-up session, students will only get a single shot of the tux/drape photo taken. Seniors will not be able to select the photo to be put in the yearbook.

**\*\*Seniors who do not get their senior picture taken by December 2nd, 2023 will not be included in the yearbook.**

## 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**

Full Page \_\_\_\_\_\$350

1/2 Page \_\_\_\_\_\$200

1/4 Page \_\_\_\_\_\$150

### Deadline 2

**10/28/2024**

Full Page \_\_\_\_\_\$400

1/2 Page \_\_\_\_\_\$225

1/4 Page \_\_\_\_\_\$175

### Deadline 3

**12/9/2024**

Full Page \_\_\_\_\_\$450

1/2 Page \_\_\_\_\_\$250

1/4 Page \_\_\_\_\_\$200

## 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



**WEDDINGTON**  
**WARRIORS**

**SPIRIT WEAR SALE!**

**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!

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