

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



## Weddington High School

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**There will be no Warrior Weekly during the winter break.** The next Warrior Weekly will be sent out on Friday, January 10th.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Friday, December 20th - Friday, January 3rd:** Winter Break, no school for students

**Friday, January 10th - Thursday, January 16th:** Final Exams (see below for more information)

**Thursday, January 16th:** End of Semester 1

**Friday, January 17th:** Teacher Workday, no school for students

**Monday, January 20th:** No school in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

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

**Friday, January 10th - 1st Block Exams**

**Monday, January 13th - 2nd Block Exams**

**Tuesday, January 14th - 3rd Block Exams**

**Wednesday, January 15th - 4th Block Exams**



**Required EOC Courses:**

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

**Fall 2024 CTE Courses with State Exams**

- Accounting I Honors
- Accounting II Honors
- Business Essentials
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality I Honors
- Fashion Merchandising I Honors
- Food and Nutrition I Honors
- Health Science I Honors
- Interior Design & Fundamentals I Honors

**MORE INFORMATION REGARDING EXAM DAYS WILL BE SHARED CLOSER TO EXAM WEEK**

## **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT - WINTER BREAK**

### **Winter Break Schedule for School Counseling**

In observance of winter break, there will be no school for UCPS students and staff. The School Counseling staff will be off campus and without access to email. If you or your student need support during this time, please feel free to use the following resources...

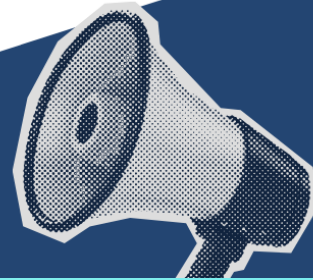
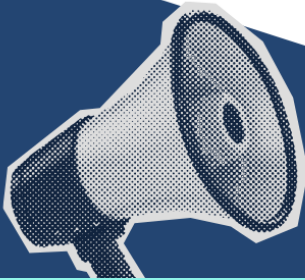
- **Say Something App Reporting System (SS-ARS)** students and adults can easily and completely confidentially report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies. Tips can be submitted 24/7 through the website, app or by phone, and a crisis center review and sends all submissions to law enforcement and/or school administration for intervention.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** 1-800-273-8255
- **Optum** has a toll-free 24-hour Emotional Support Help Line at 866-342-6892 for people who may be experiencing anxiety or stress around COVID-19.
- **Partners Crisis Line** (mental health referrals-multiple languages) 1-888-235-HOPE (4673).
- **DayMark Mobile Engagement** (Mental Health Crisis 24/7) 1-866-275-9552
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746. (TTY 1-800-846-8517)
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-7233 or text LOVEIS to 2252

## **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

- **students are required to bring in a parent written note in order to leave early**
- **bring your early dismissal note to the front office before the start of school to collect your early dismissal slip**

### 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.**

## 2024-2025 TECHNOLOGY FEE

Haven't paid your 2024-2025 technology fee yet? No problem! Scan the QR code below. If you wish to send in a check, please note that there is an additional \$1.55 processing fee, totaling \$31.55. All checks submitted without the additional fee will be returned.

### NEED TO PAY YOUR 2024-2025 TECHNOLOGY FEE?

scan the QR  
code here!



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



scan the QR  
code here!

# 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).



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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

## 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.

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### Counseling Department Information

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



### SCHOOL COUNSELING UPCOMING EVENTS

for the 2025-2026 school year

**DEC 11**

PowerSchool opens for Juniors

**JAN 22**

WMS 8th Grade Parent Night  
6:00 pm - WHS Auditorium

**FEB 10 & 11**

WHS Counselors to WMS to review course selections

**DEC 18**

PowerSchool opens for Sophomores

**JAN 22**

PowerSchool opens for 8th grade students

**FEB 17**

last day to input course selections - grades 11, 10, 9, 8

**JAN 8**

PowerSchool opens for Freshmen

**JAN 27**

WHS Counselors present to WMS 8th grade @ WMS

**FEB 18**

PowerSchool CLOSES for grades 11, 10, 9 & 8

### 2025-2026 Course Selections

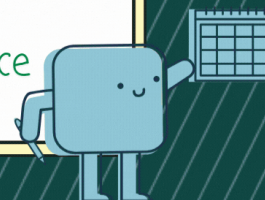
## SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE CHANGES

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**SPCC**  
WEEK OF  
NOV 18

**SCHEDULE CHANGE  
REQUEST FORM**  
opens at 3:00  
on 1/21/25

1. changes are based on COURSE REQUESTS and what the master schedule allows
2. MONITOR POWERSCHOOL FOR CHANGES
3. Only ONE schedule change request submission per student
4. Requests CANNOT be edited once submitted



### SCHEDULE CHANGES - SEMESTER 2

#### ELECTIVE COURSES COMMONLY OFFERED AT WHS

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bRZygN-JR1feXPrfpZFx5qTc3gcWxyEvytsXaMvD2vI/edit?usp=sharing>

#### SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST FORM - LIVE ON 1/21 @ 3:00 PM

<https://forms.gle/5Mb1BzTBo18ugBsu6>

**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



**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
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Monroe High School
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
Getting Ready for College	January 25, 2025	Wingate University
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	CATA
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 15, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Porter Ridge High School
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Cuthbertson High School
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Sun Valley High School
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

## MAJOR CLARITY PARENT MEETING

Below is a link to the recording of the Career Planning with Major Clarity Parent Night event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dodmhaviCEI>

## UNION POWER COOPERATIVE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

## High School Seniors!

Apply today for a chance to receive a  
\$1,000 College Scholarship!



Two ways to apply :

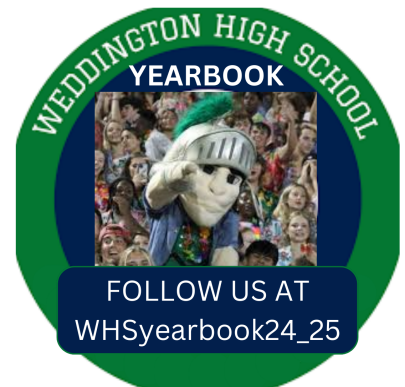
- Visit [union-power.com/collegescholarships](https://union-power.com/collegescholarships)
- Scan the QR code

## APPLY BY MARCH 1

## 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.

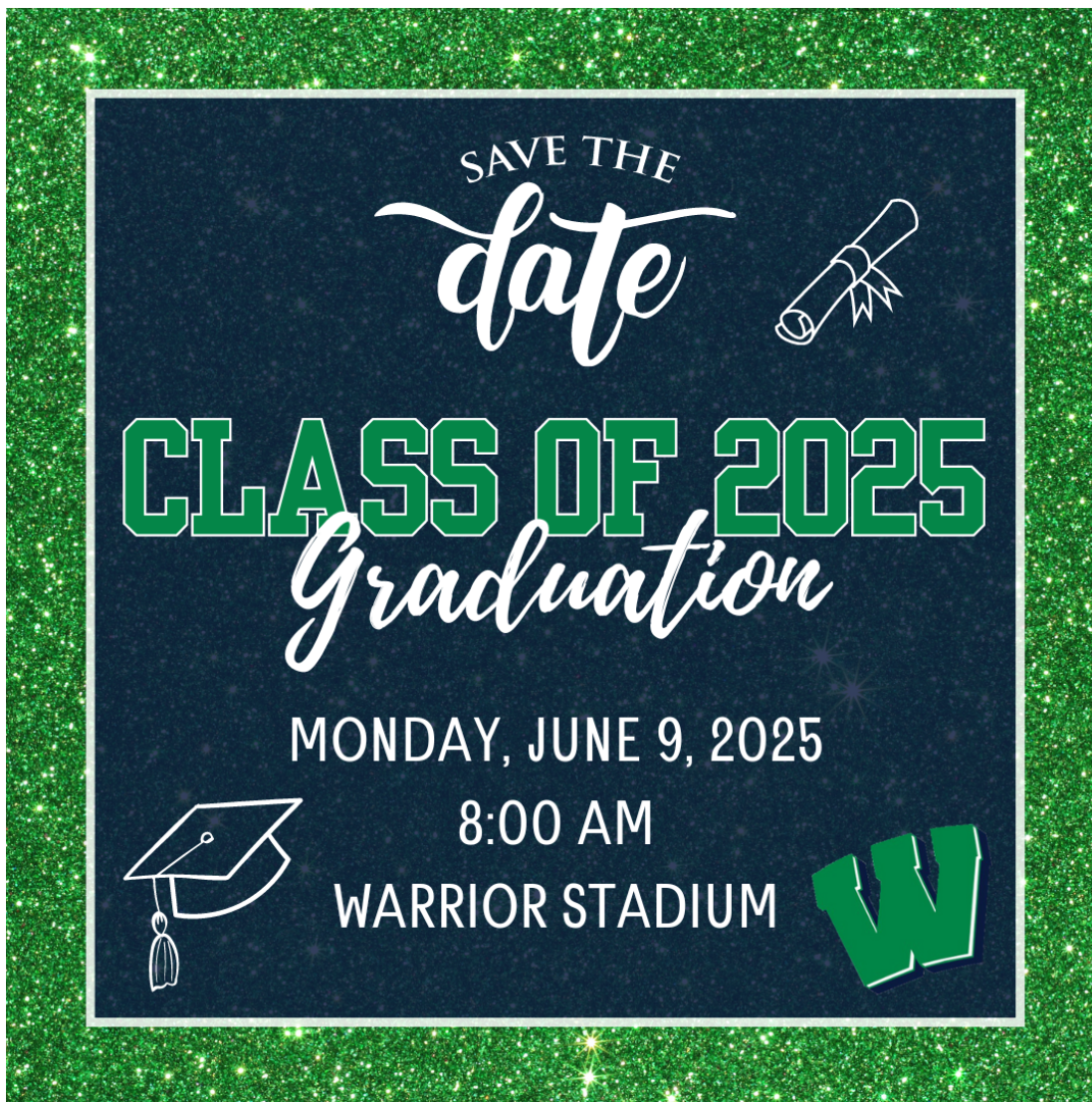
**Purchase your yearbook today to get it at the lowest price of the year. Click [here](#) to purchase this year's book.**



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[WHSyearbook24\\_25](https://www.instagram.com/whsyearbook24_25)

## CLASS OF 2025





Weddington High School's Class of 2025 Commencement will be held on Monday, June 9th at 8:00am at Warrior Stadium. Additional details regarding graduation, including the process for claiming tickets, will be shared with seniors and their parents in late April.

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



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!

**LOOKING FOR A PREVIOUS WARRIOR WEEKLY? CLICK HERE!**



**Jeff Kraftson**

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