

Warrior Weekly

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Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Friday, April 26th: End of Grading Period, Early Release Day

Saturday, April 27th: Junior/Senior Prom

Friday, May 3rd: Report Cards Distributed

Monday, May 6th - Friday, May 10th: Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 6th - Friday, May 17th: AP Exams (see below for more information)

Friday, May 24th: Senior Trip to Carowinds

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

EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Due to the increased number of students leaving school early, it is important that you follow the early dismissal procedures to avoid classroom interruption. **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, time of dismissal and parent signature. Following this procedure will allow the student to leave class at the assigned time without interrupting instruction.**

Please contact Mrs. Yost with any attendance questions or concerns.

ATTENDANCE NOTES

SPRING 2024

1st Grading Period T4

January 26th
thru March 8th



2nd Grading Period T5

March 9th thru
April 26th

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We cannot accept
parent notes for
dates prior to
March 9th, 2024

3rd Grading Period T6

April 27th thru
June 6th

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We cannot accept
parent notes for
dates prior to
April 27th, 2024

UCPS ATTENDANCE POLICY

- 5 days/semester may be excused with a parent note
- Parent notes are ONLY accepted during the grading period the absence occurred.
- Medical notes are always accepted, but as a courtesy, please do not wait until the end of the semester!

Attendance notes must
be received by May 24th
to process for exam
exemption!

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

AP Testing will begin on Monday May, 6th. Please encourage students to follow social media for any AP testing updates. The following are a few helpful testing day tips:

- Dress in layers- Gym/Media could be cold or warm
- Eat a healthy breakfast or lunch- nothing loaded in sugar to avoid a sugar crash
- Bring healthy filling snacks as all students will receive a 15 minute break between each section
- Get a good night's sleep: being well rested on your testing day will help you perform your best on the exam. Lack of sleep will make for a very long exam
- Bring a calculator
- Pencils and pens will be provided
- Cell phones will be collected: please make sure your phone can be identified quickly as some test groups are large and I-phones can all look identical. Avoid placing your credit cards and/or drivers license outside of your phone case
- Leave smart watches at home as we will be required to collect all smart watches
- Do not bring any type of Bluetooth/wireless accessory
- Be on time- students will not be permitted to enter the test room late. If you have a morning test, please plan accordingly for traffic

Please remember AP testing is **REQUIRED**. If a student does not participate in testing their overall grade will be lowered a letter grade according to UCPS policy. If a student misses the regular exam

time, there will likely be a fee that the student will be responsible for.

SENIORS: Please remember that AP exam administration times are strict and we are bound to follow all College Board and AP Policies. Weddington High has never scheduled senior week during the regular administration of AP exams, however we have no control of late testing schedule conflicting with senior week activities. Please do your best to be present for all regular scheduled exams.

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

Thursday, June 6th - 4th 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 REMINDERS

Parents, as we work to finish up the year strong we want to share a couple of reminders and ask for your help.

Please continue to speak with your child about the importance of getting to school on-time. Students are expected to be in their first period class by 8:10am, otherwise, they will be considered tardy. We recognize that traffic can cause delays in the mornings. We continue to encourage students and parents to allow extra time to get to school in the morning. Weddington High School students may enter the building each day at 7:15 a.m. We also ask that all cars pull all the way down in the car rider line as directed by staff. This allows more students to access their rides at one time, thereby speeding up the drop-off process. The WHS Tardy Policy can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

Please also continue to talk with your child about the importance of following the dress code. It is an expectation that students are aware of, and comply with, the dress code. The dress code can be found on page 3 and 14 of the student handbook which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS



JUNE 10, 2024

8:00 AM

WARRIOR STADIUM

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE:
MONDAY, MAY 6 @ 8:00 AM
UNTIL
FRIDAY, MAY 31 @ 11:59 PM



Senior Cap and Gown Picture: Monday, May 20th (time TBD)

Seniors will be taking a class Cap and Gown picture on Monday, May 20th. All seniors will need to bring their cap and gown. Following the picture, the senior class will walk through Weddington Elementary school and Weddington Middle school in their cap and gown. Additional directions regarding the cap and gown picture, including the time, will be shared with seniors in the coming weeks.

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 processional 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:

Graduation will be Live Streamed as in years past. The link for the Live Stream will be shared with families the week prior to graduation.

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 will be available on the Class of 2024 Graduation Webpage prior to May 6th and can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). You will not, however, be able to claim the tickets until Monday, May 6th at 8:00am.** 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.

CONGRATS, CAST AND CREW OF MATILDA!



Congrats!

The nominees are...

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Elle Blamy

BEST FEATURED PERFORMER: Callum Bridgers

BEST CHOREOGRAPHY AND BEST

ENSEMBLE: Entire Cast

BEST DIRECTOR: Dr. Blamy and team

BEST SHOW: Cast and Crew

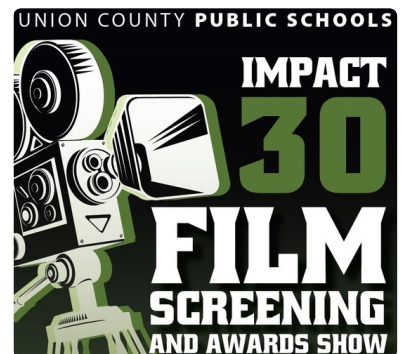
BEST ACTOR: Jackson Jedelsky

BEST ACTRESS: Jordan Cobb

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Matilda! They received six Blumey nominations on Tuesday, including Best in Show, where they will get to perform on the Blumenthal stage next month. Finalists for Best Actor and Best Actress, Jackson Jedelsky and Jordan Cobb will compete over the next month for a spot in the top 6. Congrats to all involved!!

UCPS IMPACT 30 FILM SCREENING AND AWARDS SHOW

We are excited to promote the UCPS Impact 30 Film Screening and Awards Show Event. UCPS high school students were provided with the opportunity to create and submit a commercial/social media promo or short film that celebrates 30 years of educator IMPACT in UCPS, promotes our school system, and showcases the Portrait of a Graduate attributes. Please join us on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Weddington High School for the UCPS Impact 30 Film Screening and Awards Show. Admission is FREE and the event is open to the public. There will even be a "People's Choice" voting opportunity at the event! Click [HERE](#) for the flyer with the event details. We look forward to seeing you there!



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



Counselor Caseload Assignments

Student's last name beginning with: A-C

Ms. Jumana Scoggins - jumana.scoggins@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: D-H

Mrs. Jenni Allen - jenni.allen@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: I-M

Mrs. Jackie Washington - jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: N-R

Mrs. Laura Lewin - laura.lewin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student's last name beginning with: S-Z

Dr. Mary Jordan - mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us

FAFSA

[FAFSA Information Night Presentation](#) (3/13/24)

[FAFSA Resources](#)

Class of 2024 To Do's

Senior Tasks

1. [Graduation Survey](#)

2. SCOIR

- log in to scoir
- click on "my colleges" (across top)
- go to "applied" column
- update your outcome for EVERY college in 'applied' column

3. **Canvas** - Seniors will have an announcement on **Canvas** directing them to a Google form. This form must be filled out by all seniors, it will be used to make their name pronunciation card for the graduation ceremony. They will be asked to record a video of themselves saying their name. Please direct them to speak loudly, clearly, and slowly so we can hear them well. This can be done on their own time if it is too loud in class. *(Please reach out to Brittany Slaughter with any questions about this task).*

Additional information regarding senior week and graduation will be shared in the April 26th edition of the Warrior Weekly. Included will be information regarding claiming graduation tickets. As a

reminder, all seniors will be given 8 tickets for graduation.

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

We are thankful for the Spring weather, despite the pollen covered cars, porches and well... everything! Spring means the school year is rapidly coming to an end, and the PTSO will happily continue to accept new members and donations to Invest in Excellence. Every bit helps support our students and staff in ways the budget can't. Again, to those who have already given or recently joined - THANK YOU!



Speaking of ways to donate, we invite you to thank our teachers and staff for their efforts during this 2023-24 school year by donating a gift card or making a donation for gift cards via Venmo (<https://venmo.com/u/WHSPTSO> - 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: Please be on the lookout for emails from weddingtonseniors2024@gmail.com and make sure to follow us on Instagram @weddingtonseniors2024 for updates on senior events.

Attention: Seniors going to a NC community college or trade school - don't forget we offer scholarships! Please stop by the counselors' office to pick up the application. All applications are due by Friday, April 26th.

Please join the WHS PTSO at www.whsptso.com or use the QR code above.

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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.



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ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Athletic Boosters

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

Download

128.7 KB

SPIRIT WEAR

Online school store is OPEN through 4/29! This will be the LAST time for this school year. And if you missed out, FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP gear is available for the last time. Place your orders now! Delivery by May 15.

SPIRIT WEAR SALE!



This is your last opportunity for the rest of the year, so get your orders in today!

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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