

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



**Weddington High School**

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Friday, March 29th:** Good Friday Holiday, School Closed

**Monday, April 1st - Friday, April 5th:** Spring Break, School Closed

**Friday, April 12th:** Cap and Gown Distribution (see below for more information)

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

**UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS  
CLOSED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 AND  
SPRING BREAK WEEK, APRIL 1-5, 2024**



SPRING  
BREAK!!  
is here!

*Have  
fun!*



## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

The Counseling Department will be closed during the week of Spring Break. Counselors will not have access to email or voicemail. Please utilize the resources below if you have an emergency.

- **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 reviews 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) 1-866-275-0552



- **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

## FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Hello Warrior Families!

Due to the increase in items being dropped off each day, we will be implementing a new drop off system after Spring Break. My goal is always to be able to serve our community as best and efficiently as possible, and I thank you for your cooperation and assistance in doing so!

**Starting Monday, April 8th, drop-off items can be placed on a drop-off cart, located outside the front doors.**

- drop-off cart will be brought into the foyer before the end of each block, and items will be placed on the table inside
- please notify your student once item has been dropped off - we will not call students down
- students can retrieve their items in between class periods - they will not be permitted to go outside
- lunches can be placed in the bin outside, and will be brought in before the end of each block and before the start of each lunch
- items such as Chromebooks, headphones and phones should not be left on the cart outside, and can be brought inside to the table

This new process in hopes to reduce the amount of traffic in and out of the building each day. Again, I thank you all for your help with implementing this new procedure!

Sincerely,  
Michele Loughlin

## CONGRATS, MATILDA CAST AND CREW!

Congratulations to the cast, crew, and members of the band who made Matilda such an AMAZING success! Thank you also to all the parents, family members, students and staff who attended a show!

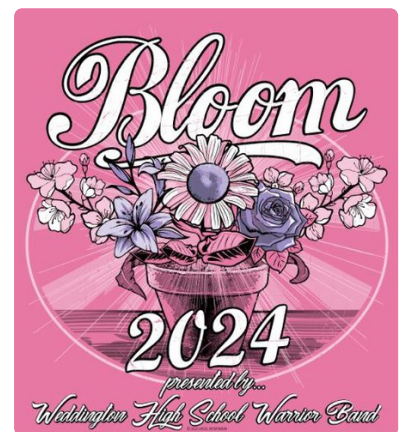


## JOIN THE WHS PTSSO!

Please join the WHS PTSSO at [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com) or scan the QR code in the PTSSO section of this newsletter. Please also take a moment to review additional important information regarding our amazing PTSSO below.

## WHS MARCHING BAND

Is your student interested in joining the WHS Marching Band? Recruitment ends on April 25th! Please have your student reach out to Ms. Norton at [mallory.norton@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mallory.norton@ucps.k12.nc.us) if you are interested - no experience necessary!



## IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE REMINDERS



# ATTENDANCE NOTES

## SPRING 2024

### 1st Grading Period T4

January 26th  
thru March 8th



### 2nd Grading Period T5

March 9th thru  
April 26th

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

### 3rd Grading Period T6

April 27th thru  
June 6th

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!

In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please provide written documentation to our Attendance Counselor, Mrs. TC Yost ([tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us)). Either a doctor's note or written parent note is required to excuse the absence. Remember, parent notes will only be accepted during the current 6-week grading period, of the absent day. For more information regarding attendance, please reference the UCPS policy found on the website

### 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.

### Tardies

Parents, we need your help. **We have seen a significant increase in the number of students being tardy to 1st period in particular.** Please speak with your child about the importance of getting to school on-time.

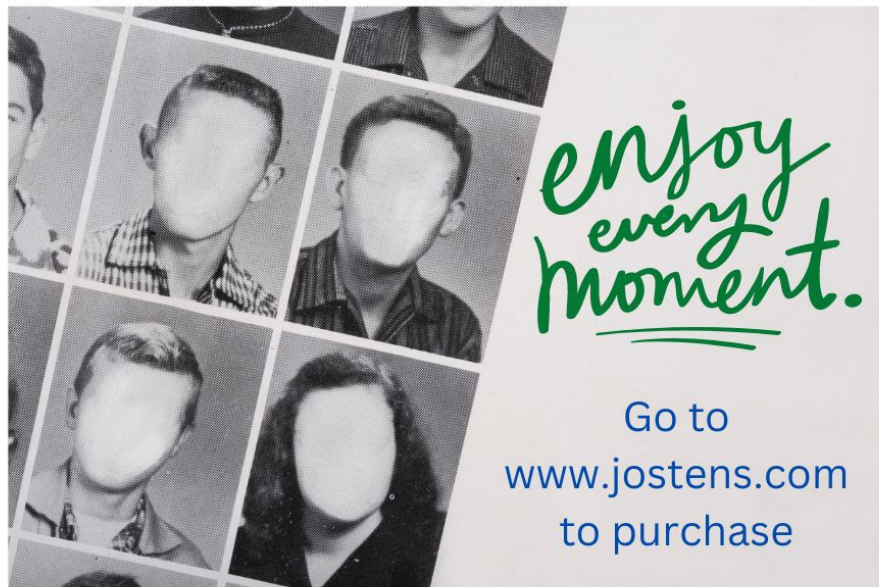
At Weddington High School, we believe that teachers have a right to teach and students have a right to learn. Instructional time must be protected and without interruption in order to assure that quality teaching and learning are taking place in every classroom, every day. Instruction should and will be conducted from the time students enter the classroom through the time the bell rings and they are released by their teacher. At the beginning of class when the bell rings, teachers are to mark students arriving late to class tardy in PowerSchool. This applies to ALL blocks and lunches. Students missing more than 15 minutes of class, will be marked absent for the block. Keep in mind, students who leave a class should have a pass to avoid being marked incorrectly. \* The WHS tardy policy can be found in the WHS student handbook which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

*At the beginning of each semester, student tardies will reset\**

UCPS has enabled an automated message that will go out each day to the parents of students who were tardy for one or more classes that day.

## YEARBOOKS ARE STILL ON SALE!

*only* **50** **YEARBOOKS  
LEFT TO  
PURCHASE**



## PROM 2024

Prom tickets are now available for purchase! Each junior and senior can purchase up to two tickets for \$85 each through March 29th. Beginning April 1st, tickets will be \$100 each. Purchase through the school website by going to Quick Links and then [School Event Tickets](#). If you purchase



a guest ticket an outside guest form will be emailed to the address provided. Tickets prices will increase after March 29th.



#### Prom Guest Form 2024 (1).pdf

[Download](#)

152.9 KB

## CLASS OF 2024

Cap & Gown portraits and products are now available for purchase! Log in using the link below to order today. #CADYSenior [www.cady.com/capgown24](http://www.cady.com/capgown24)

CADY

Cap & Gown  
**Portraits  
and Products  
Available Now!**



Deadline to order is Thursday, April 4th

## CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION

# CALLING ALL SENIORS!

JOSTENS WILL BE ON CAMPUS

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

**DURING ALL 4 LUNCHES TO DISTRIBUTE YOUR CAPS AND GOWNS!  
IT WILL BE A SPECIAL DAY FOR OUR CLASS OF 2024! IF YOU HAVE A  
BALANCE DUE, IT MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO PICKING UP YOUR  
ORDER. JOSTENS HAS MAILED INFORMATION TO ALL SENIORS, BUT IF  
YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOU OWE A BALANCE, PLEASE CALL JOSTENS AT  
800-582-6376 AS THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.**



## 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

Thank you to all who attended our FAFSA night earlier this month! If you were unable to attend, please find below a link to the presentation, as well as some helpful resources.

[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)*

**4. Senior Trip** - Tickets for the **senior trip** to Carowinds are on sale now. The trip will be all day Friday, May 24th. If your senior already has a season pass, there are discounted tickets to just ride the bus. Students must purchase a ticket and ride the bus with us if they wish to have an excused absence on that day.

To get tickets, follow these steps:

1. Go to the WHS homepage
2. Click "quick links" on the left side
3. Click "payments"
4. Click "school cash online"
5. Log in (or register if you haven't logged in previously)
6. Carowinds tickets will be assigned to your senior as an option

(Please reach out to Brittney Slaughter with any questions about this task)

### **Program of Studies**

The 2024-2025 Program of Studies has been published. The electronic book here:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/a8e27ca64e.html> , and the PDF listed on the academics/high school website here: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/2922>.

## **GIRLS ON THE RUN ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP**

**2024 GIRLS ON THE RUN OF UNION CO.**

**ALUMNI COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Now Accepting Applications**



### **ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Graduating seniors who participated in any GOTR or Heart & Sole Program in Union Co. is eligible to apply for our \$1,000 scholarship!







## Alumni Scholarship

**NOW ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS!**

**application deadline - April 8th  
apply @ [www.girlsontherununion.org](http://www.girlsontherununion.org)**

**2024- GOTR Union County College Scholarship.pdf**

[Download](#)

75.1 KB

## **SOUTH PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SPCC)**

The South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) Career and College Promise (CCP) Program offers students an opportunity to earn college credit, tuition-free, while still in high school. These courses can be taken in a variety of formats (in-person and online), and they offer subjects ranging from transferable general education courses (English, Math, Science, etc.) to career and technical education courses (business, IT, medical assisting, welding and much more!). These courses can also help students achieve credits toward high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credit.

If you would like to learn more information about the opportunities that the CCP program offers, we encourage you to attend a virtual information session on the following dates at 6PM using the Microsoft Teams link provided:

**April 9, 2024**

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

**[Click here to join the meeting](#)**

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Secondary Education Partnerships team at [SEP@spcc.edu](mailto:SEP@spcc.edu)



## Career and College Promise @SPCC

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

**2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

September 12  
October 10  
November 14  
December 12  
January 9  
February 13  
March 12  
April 9

**JOIN US @ 6PM VIA MS TEAMS!**



### JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Pathways
- Eligibility
- Steps to Enrollment
- Career Coach vs. High School Counselor
- SPCC Technology
- Course Load
- Course Instructional Formats
- Accommodations
- Benefits of CCP
- **AND MORE!**

### CONTACT US

[sep@spcc.edu](mailto:sep@spcc.edu)  
704.290.5090

#### How to Register for a Class- Career and College Promise (CCP) Student.pdf

[Download](#)

848.9 KB

#### How to View SPCC Class Schedule.pdf

[Download](#)

878.2 KB

## UCPS PARENT EDUCATION SERIES



# WE ARE GOING



# LIVE



## UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

UCPS is offering three virtual sessions this spring to help parents with resources and tools to navigate tough situations. Join us on **Facebook @UCPSNC** on February 8, March 20 and April 10 at 6 p.m.

### SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS

**Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.**

This presentation is for parents and guardians of children ages 5-17. Parents will learn facts about online risks, statistics, videos, and other resources. Mr. Traceski will also share tips for keeping children safer online.

**PRESENTER:** Eric Traceski, Senior Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service

### SUICIDE AWARENESS

**March 20 at 6 p.m.**

Parents will learn about terminology related to suicidal activity, prevalence, risk factors, characteristics and warning signs. They will also receive information about community resources.

**PRESENTERS:** Belle Walker and Susan Slattery-Rogers, UCPS Student Support Staff

### VAPING

**April 10 at 6 p.m.**

Parents will learn about e-cigarettes (e-cigs, vapes) and how to identify the different shapes and sizes. The presenters will also discuss the epidemic use of e-cigs in teens and the harmful effects. In addition, parents will receive resources to prevent the use of e-cigs and where to get help for teens who are using e-cigs.

**PRESENTERS:** Carolyn Ford and Erica High, Community Engagement Specialist, Community Support and Outreach, Union County Government

## WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

Can you believe we are halfway through the Spring Semester? Summer will be here before we know it! We hope everyone has a fabulous Easter break and comes back energetic and ready to finish 2023/2024. Even though it's late in the school year, 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!



@WHS.NC.PTSO

The PTSO and your donations helped contribute this week to WHS's College Fair. We collaborated with our school counselors to ensure the 34 colleges represented had a successful outing and will want to come back next year.

**Senior Events:** The next senior event will be in mid/late April. More exciting info to come. Please be on the lookout for emails from [weddingtonseniors2024@gmail.com](mailto:weddingtonseniors2024@gmail.com) and make sure to follow us on Instagram @weddingtonseniors2024 for updates on senior events.

If you'd like to purchase a Weddington Warriors scarf (\$20 for members/\$30 for nonmembers) or a Weddington Magnet (\$5) please email us.

Please join the WHS PTSO at [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com) or scan the QR code.

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @[WHS.NC.PTSO](https://www.instagram.com/WHS.NC.PTSO)



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Scan QR code for payment

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.







# WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION

### Athletic Department Update

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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**Jeff Kraftson**

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