

# Warrior Weekly

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## Weddington High School



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@WHSWarriors

Office Hours: 7:30am - 4:00pm



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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Monday, February 13th** - Spring sports tryouts begin (Click [here](#) for more information)

**Wednesday, February 15th** - Second Semester Open House (see below for more information)

**Friday, February 17th** - Early Release Day, Senior Breakfast and 2023 Class Photo (see below for more information)

**Saturday, February 25th** - Sadie Hawkins Dance

**Monday, February 27th** - Optional Teacher Workday, no school for students

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Weddington High School is excited to be celebrating Black History Month during the month of February. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the ways in which African Americans have made a tremendous impact on history and in our society. Students are encouraged to stay tuned to morning announcements and social media announcements to stay up to date on activities during the month and ways they can get involved!

## EARLY RELEASE DAY

Friday, February 17, will be the second of four early release days during the 2022-2023 school year. The dates for the other early release days can be found on the 2022-2023 UCPS Calendar which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

Similar to a normal school day, the building will be open to students beginning at 7:15am with 1st period beginning at 8:10am. During an early release day, the WHS school day will end at 11:35am. Lunch will be available to students on early release days from 11:35am - 12:05pm. Bus riders will report to the cafeteria where they can eat lunch and wait for their bus. Bus riders will be dismissed from the cafeteria at 12:03pm to go to the bus lot to get on their bus.

## WHS EARLY RELEASE BELL SCHEDULE

DOORS OPEN:	7:15
FIRST BLOCK:	8:10-8:57
SECOND BLOCK:	9:02-9:50
THIRD BLOCK:	9:55-10:42
FOURTH BLOCK:	10:47-11:35

- CAR RIDERS AND STUDENT DRIVERS ARE DISMISSED AT 11:35
- STUDENTS WISHING TO EAT LUNCH MAY DO SO BETWEEN 11:35-12:05
- BUS RIDERS ARE TO REPORT TO THE CAFETERIA TO EAT OR WAIT FOR BUSES
- BUS RIDERS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 12:03



## ATTENDANCE

Parents and students, please stay up to date on your attendance by utilizing your PowerSchool account on a weekly basis. Students are always welcome to stop by the Attendance Office to speak with Mrs. Yost regarding any questions or concerns. You may also contact her via email:

[tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### School Counselor Caseload Assignments

**Student last name beginning with: A-D**

Mrs. Mallika Rajan: [mallika.rajan@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mallika.rajan@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Student last name beginning with: I-M and E**

Mrs. Jackie Washington: [jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Student last name beginning with: N-R and G-H**

Student last name beginning with: S-Z and F (Department Chair)

Dr. Mary Jordan: [mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mary.jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## Class of 2023 To Do's:

- **Scoir**
  - update application outcomes for all colleges applied
- **MidYear Transcript**
  - <https://forms.gle/kBdKxR1JBByhk4Wz5>
- **Scholarships**
  - any \$ from any school, not only the one you're attending
  - bring hard copy to Ms. Bowers
- **Graduation survey**
  - <https://bit.ly/gradsurvey2023>
- **Fees**
  - check your PowerSchool account
- **Senior Week**
  - May 22 - May 26
- **Graduation practice - REQUIRED**
  - Friday, June 9 @ 12:00
- **Graduation**
  - Monday, June 12 @ 8:00am
  - DO NOT decorate caps or order cords

## Class of 2023 - Midyear Transcript / Midyear Report/ Midyear Grades - Request

Not all colleges/universities require a midyear transcript/midyear report. Check your email, review admissions pages, and login to your college portals to identify if this documentation is required. This [form](https://forms.gle/gmFEo6ZJZyb9sEUK6) (<https://forms.gle/gmFEo6ZJZyb9sEUK6>) should only be completed for those schools requesting or requiring a midyear transcript/midyear report.

Only midyear transcripts requested via this document will be sent to colleges/universities. Email/voicemail requests will not be processed.

Check your SCOIR account for updates.

## Current 9th, 10th and 11th Grade Students:

WHS students will input 2023-2024 course selections into PowerSchool from **March 6 - 17th**. Course selections must be submitted before meeting with a counselor.

WHS counselors will review 2023-2024 course selections with WHS students during the week of **March 21 - 23**. More information to come.

Elective courses commonly offered at WHS:


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

UCPS High School Academics: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6405>

March 20 - College Fair - More info to come!




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English Program Overview.pdf

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## CLASS OF 2023



Our next Senior Breakfast will be Friday, February 17th, in media center from 7:15 am until 8:00 am. Immediately following breakfast, seniors will take the '23 group picture in the field. **All seniors must wear black for this picture.** Any senior who is not wearing black will not be included in the photo.

## SECOND SEMESTER OPEN HOUSE



The spring semester Open House/Curriculum Night will be held on Wednesday, **February 15th, at 5:30 pm**. All parents are asked to report directly to your child's first period class. The event will begin promptly at 5:30pm with first period teachers showing a virtual message from Dr. Kraftson and the WHS PTSO. After the message from Dr. Kraftson and the PTSO, parents will follow their student's schedule beginning with first period for a 10 minute presentation from the teacher. This will be an opportunity for teachers to provide an overview of their course content and class expectations.

**Please note that the teachers will not be available for parent/teacher conferences during this event. PARENTS...please be sure to take a picture of your child's schedule on your phone, and bring it to this event so that you are able to navigate his/her schedule.**

Following the completion of the Open House, the WHS School Counseling Department will be providing two information sessions for parents. A description of each information session can be found below. The first information session will begin at 6:45pm followed by the second information session at 7:20.

#### **Open House Schedule**

**5:15pm – 5:30pm:** Parents report to students 1st period class

**5:30pm – 5:40pm:** Virtual Message from Dr. Kraftson and WHS PTSO in First Period Class

**5:40pm – 5:50pm:** First period class

**5:55pm – 6:05pm:** Second period class

**6:10pm – 6:20pm:** Third period class

**6:25pm – 6:35pm:** Fourth period class

#### **Information Sessions**

**6:45pm-7:15pm** AP Information Sessions, open to all grade levels


Please join AP teachers as they share an overview of AP curriculum, coursework and expectations.

**7:20pm - 8:30pm** 2023-2024 Course Selections and Scoinr, all grade levels

Please join School Counselors as they share an overview of the 2023-2024 course selection protocols including student responsibilities, dates and deadlines.


## POWDERPUFF IS BACK!

Our annual powderpuff game will be held on Monday, February 27th at 6 pm in the stadium. Please sign up to be part of your grade level team as a player or coach. The cost is \$25 and includes a team shirt. [You can pay for your entry to participate in online school payments.](#) All players and coaches must complete the attached form and return to Mrs. Waldrup by Monday, February 13th to guarantee your shirt.



**POWDERPUFF  
IS BACK!**

**MON, FEBRUARY 27TH  
6:30 PM**



**WARRIOR STADIUM**

**FORMS TO PLAY ARE IN THE "ANNOUNCEMENTS"  
SECTION OF THE WHS WEBSITE  
MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 13TH**

**THE BATTLE BEGINS...**





Powderpuff\_form - Copy.pdf

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## WHS DANCES



2023 Sadies Guest Form.pdf

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You can purchase your prom tickets [here!](#)

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Arrival and Dismissal

As we begin the second semester, we want to share a few reminders with arrival and dismissal. We continue to encourage students and parents to allow extra time to get to school in the morning to ensure they are on time. We kindly ask that students are not dropped off or picked up in the student parking lot or in the bus lot. Only students with a valid parking pass will be permitted to park in the student parking lot.



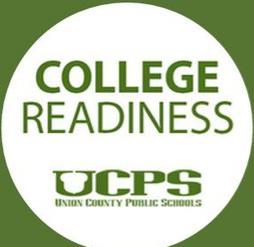
Students are not to park in the church parking lot across from the school or on the streets in surrounding neighborhoods. All student drop-offs in the morning and pick-ups at dismissal are to be done in the car rider line. **We also ask that all cars pull all the way down in the car rider line as directed by staff. This allows more students to access their rides at one time, thereby speeding up the pick-up process.**



## Drop Off Table


Should a student need an item brought from home, parents are permitted to do so. There is a drop-off table inside the main foyer. The school will not be responsible for any items left in this drop-off area. Classes **will not** be interrupted for pick-ups. Make sure to label them with your child's first and last name. **Food drop-offs by parents or outside delivery services (such as Door Dash, Uber Eats, etc.) will not be permitted.** Please plan ahead for events such as a forgotten lunch by arranging to have a balance in the student's cafeteria account. **No other deliveries will be accepted for students...this includes flowers and other gifts.**


## UCPS COLLEGE READINESS DEPARTMENT EVENTS



### 2022-2023 College Readiness Series

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# ACT Blitz

Saturday, March 4, 2023  
10 AM - 12 PM  
Porter Ridge High School

Learn tips and Strategies for success on the ACT. UCPS will be joined by our partners from Huntington Learning Center Weddington.

To register: <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

*THIS EVENT IS FOR STUDENTS ONLY*



## SUICIDE AWARENESS

**Feb. 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. - Sun Valley High**

Participants 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

## ANXIETY AND STRATEGIES

**March 9, 2023 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Sun Valley High**

Trent Morrow, from L&B Counseling, will present "The Anxiety Trap." It's human to experience fear, self-doubt and confusion. In the right dose these feelings can be helpful—they keep us vigilant, engaged, and productive. However, sometimes anxiety can act as a trap when it begins to overburden our brains and undermine the way we and our kids perform. Trent will discuss how to break free from this kind of anxiety and discuss the strategies that can put us all in charge instead of the anxiety.

ACT Winter Practice Series



2 In-Person Practice Tests  
Online practice in between

Jan. 28 - Practice Test 1

Feb. 25 - Practice Test 2

Sun Valley HS, 8:00 AM

***SIGN UP BY VISITING:***

<https://bit.ly/winter23actpractice>



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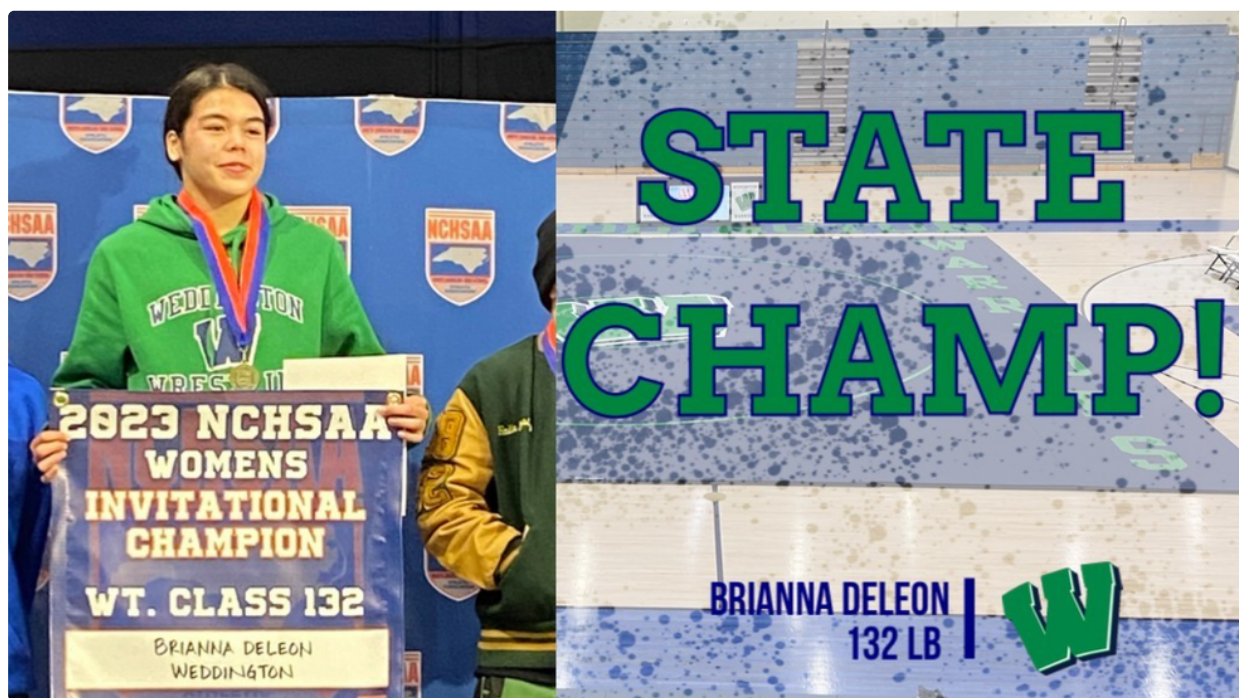
Students must register through their UCPS Google Account

ATHLETIC INFORMATION





Congratulations Brianna!



Spring Sport Tryouts begin Monday 2/13!  
Click [here](#) for more information.

## WHS Athletic Booster Club

Hey Warriors - the WHSABC [online spiritwear store](#) is now open through February 13. Items will be delivered to the school by February 28. You can also visit us this Friday night, February 3, at the basketball game for a big sale featuring clearance items at \$5 each!



## 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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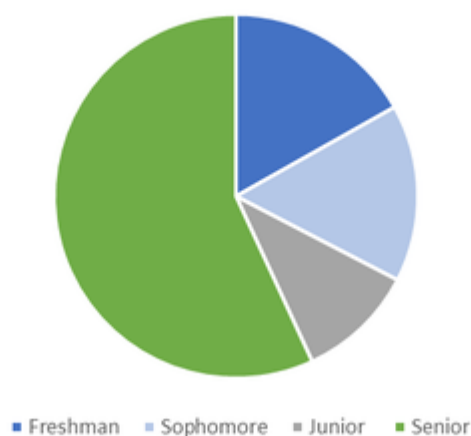


Thank you to everyone that has joined the WHS PTSO!

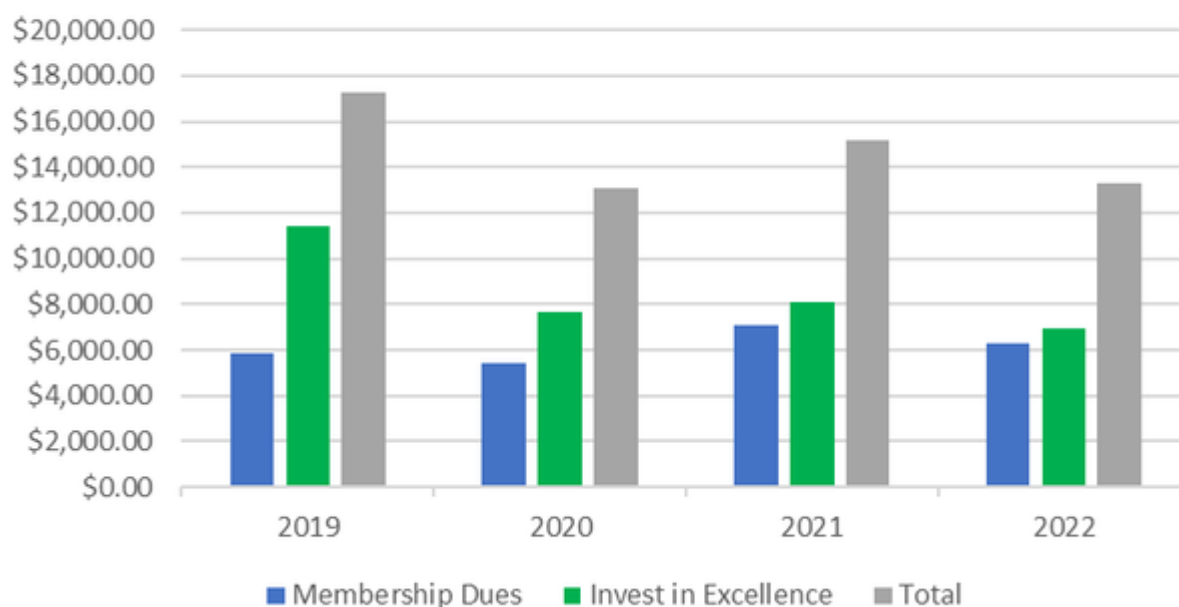
PTSO Memberships and donations in Invest in Excellence are down this year. Without funding, we will not be able to provide students and staff with many programs, scholarships, grants, as well as support of the College Fair, Life Skills and so much more.

Please consider joining the WHS PTSO today: [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com).

2022-23 WHS PTSO Membership Dues Paid by Grade



2022-23 WHS PTSO Income



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

*Spring Semester Open House:* February 15th.

*Senior Breakfast:* February 17th. Senior Class picture to follow.

*Powder Puff Game:* February 27th at 6:00pm

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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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