

Warrior Weekly

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Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, February 26th: Last day to purchase a yearbook

Friday, March 1st: Blood Drive (see below for more information)

Tuesday, March 5th: Teacher Workday, no school for students

Tuesday, March 12th: ACT for juniors (more information to come)

Saturday, March 16th: UCPS Career Fair (see below for more information)

Tuesday, March 26th: College Fair (more information to come)

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!

JOIN THE WHS PTSO!

Please join the WHS PTSO at www.whsptso.com or use the QR code located at the bottom of this newsletter. Please also take a moment to review additional important information regarding our amazing PTSO below.

BLOOD DRIVE

The WHOS Club is sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, March 1st, that will be hosted by the American Red Cross. The blood drive will take place in the WHS Auxiliary Gym from 8:30am - 2:00pm.

Students must be 16 or older to give blood. If a student is 16, they MUST have a parent permission form signed before they arrive to the blood drive. If they do not have the form they will be turned away by the Red Cross. Students can pick-up a blank parent permission form from Mrs. Raynor in Room E200.



UCPS CAREER FAIR FOR TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING POSITIONS

Union County Public Schools (UCPS) is looking to hire elementary and secondary teachers, various licensed support staff (counselors, instructional coaches, nurses), teacher assistants, tutors, Exceptional Children teachers and support staff, mechanics, plumbers and many more.



The district will hold a career fair Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Weddington High School, 4901 Monroe Weddington Rd. Matthews, NC 28104. The fair is a great opportunity to ask questions, meet current employees and apply for positions. Principals, district administrators, managers and human resources staff will be at the fair and there will be opportunities for onsite interviews and application support.

UCPS offers excellent employee benefits. Some of the benefits offered to full-time employees are health insurance, life insurance, dental insurance and an employee assistance program. UCPS provides teacher assistants with the [Next Stop: TeachUCPS](#) program, designed to help aspiring educators launch their teaching careers without worrying about financial barriers. We serve approximately 41,500 students at 53 schools and have approximately 5,000 staff members.

Those interested in attending can pre-register at <http://tinyurl.com/39v46xvm>. To view positions, visit Human Resources at www.ucps.k12.nc.us/careers.

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 if you are interested - no experience necessary!



ATTENDANCE

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). 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

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.

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.

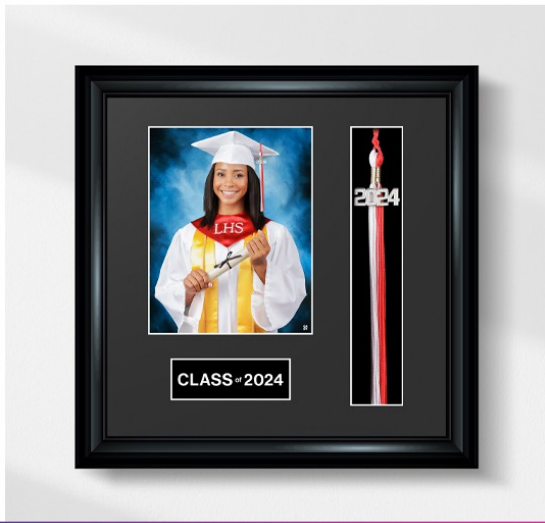


CLASS OF 2024

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

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and Products
Available Now!**



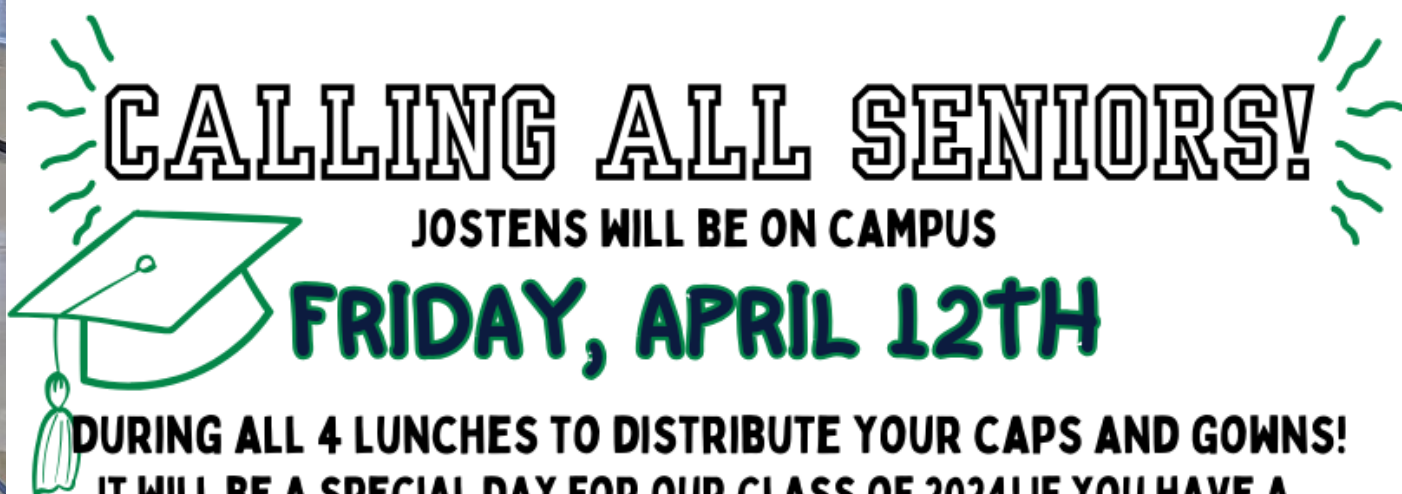
Deadline to order is Thursday, April 4th

Class of 2024 Photo

Seniors will take the '24 photo on the field on Friday, March 8 at 8:15 am. All seniors will need to wear black for the photo.



Cap and Gown Distribution



**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.**




YEARBOOKS ARE STILL ON SALE UNTIL MONDAY!

Last day to purchase your **YEARBOOK** is February 26th!

The last day to purchase a yearbook is Monday, February 26th. If you have not ordered your yearbook, now is the time. Don't miss out on all the events from the school year. Go to www.jostens.com to purchase today.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR CASELOAD ASSIGNMENTS



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

Senior Tasks

1. UCPS - Graduation Survey *(Students can find link in Canvas Announcements)*

- <https://bit.ly/gradsurvey2024>

1. Scoir - *(Students can find steps in Canvas Announcements)*

- Log into Scoir
- Click on My Colleges (across top)
- Go to Applied column
- **Update Your Outcome** for EVERY college in the Applied column

1. Scholarships *(Students can find link in Canvas Announcements)*

1. Click on this link and complete the scholarship GoogleForm

<https://forms.gle/DfqYRk4KGbCMzqoS6>

1. 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 Brittney Slaughter with any questions about this task)*
1. Please inform seniors that we are selling **senior trip** tickets starting next week. Senior trip will be all day Friday, May 24th. We are going to Carowinds. If they already have 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. *(Please reach out to Brittney Slaughter with any questions about this task)*

Course Selections

How to Select Courses in PowerSchool, PPT -

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xpl4bNwrcbVodNu4dTBbmJ-mD3_ZTaC287OeqVt3wic/edit?usp=sharing

[How to Select Courses in PowerSchool](#)

How to Select Courses in PowerSchool Weddington High School

docs.google.com

Review the video found at this link

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18v0pILrdQ3RLaxGSFJdrIcESredF35VN/view>

- For information on how to select courses in PowerSchool, start at minute **1:40** and end at **4:44**
- The video may need to be downloaded to view
- If watching the entire video, please know some of the course related content may be dated as the video was created during Covid. The most up to date course related information can be found in the UCPS 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>.

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

-WHS students will input 2024-2025 course selections into PowerSchool from **February 23rd-March 5th**.

-Course selections must be submitted before meeting with a counselor.

-WHS counselors will review 2024-2025 course selections with WHS students during the week of **March 6th - 21st**. More information to come.

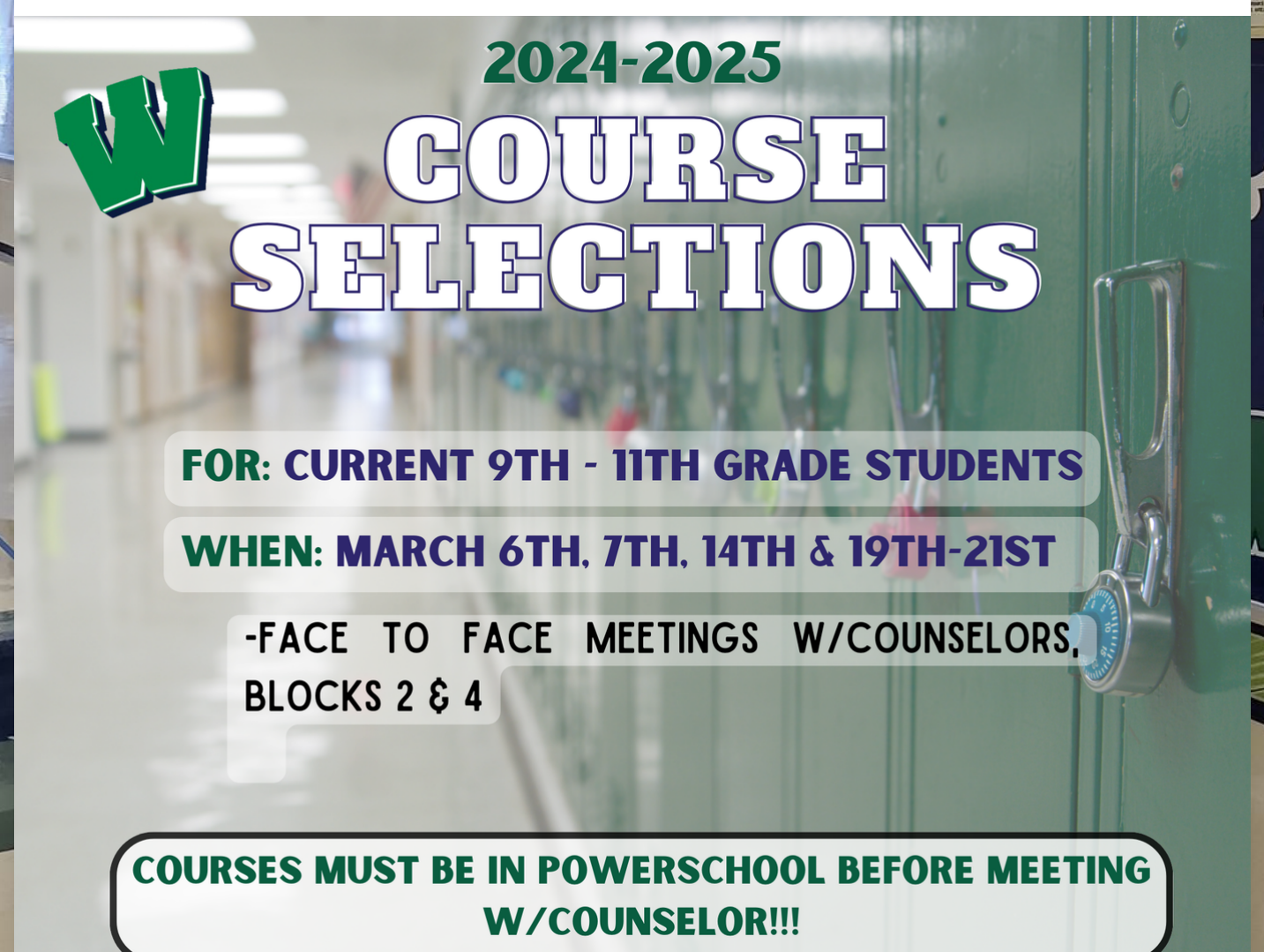
March 26 - College Fair - More info to come!

Elective courses commonly offered at WHS: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bRZygN-JR1feXPrfpZF5qTc3gcWxyEyvtsXaMvD2vI/edit?usp=sharing>

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

February - March: Course Registration Meetings with Counselors - **by student request**

Students are welcome to schedule an individual academic info session with counselors. Please reach out to your counselor to select a date and time that works best. Parents are welcome to join the conversation virtually.



2024-2025 **COURSE SELECTIONS**

FOR: CURRENT 9TH - 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

WHEN: MARCH 6TH, 7TH, 14TH & 19TH-21ST

**-FACE TO FACE MEETINGS W/COUNSELORS,
BLOCKS 2 & 4**

**COURSES MUST BE IN POWERSCHOOL BEFORE MEETING
W/COUNSELOR!!!**

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**

2024- GOTR Union County College Scholarship.pdf

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Scholarship Opportunity

This year the Kiwanis Club of Monroe is pleased to award three scholarships and would like to invite any Union County high school senior to apply.

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who possesses strong character, a demonstrated belief in service to the community, and academic evidence predicting success in college.

The purpose of the scholarship is to help a student who can be successful in college but may not receive financial assistance elsewhere. The recipient may pursue higher education at the institution of his/her choice.

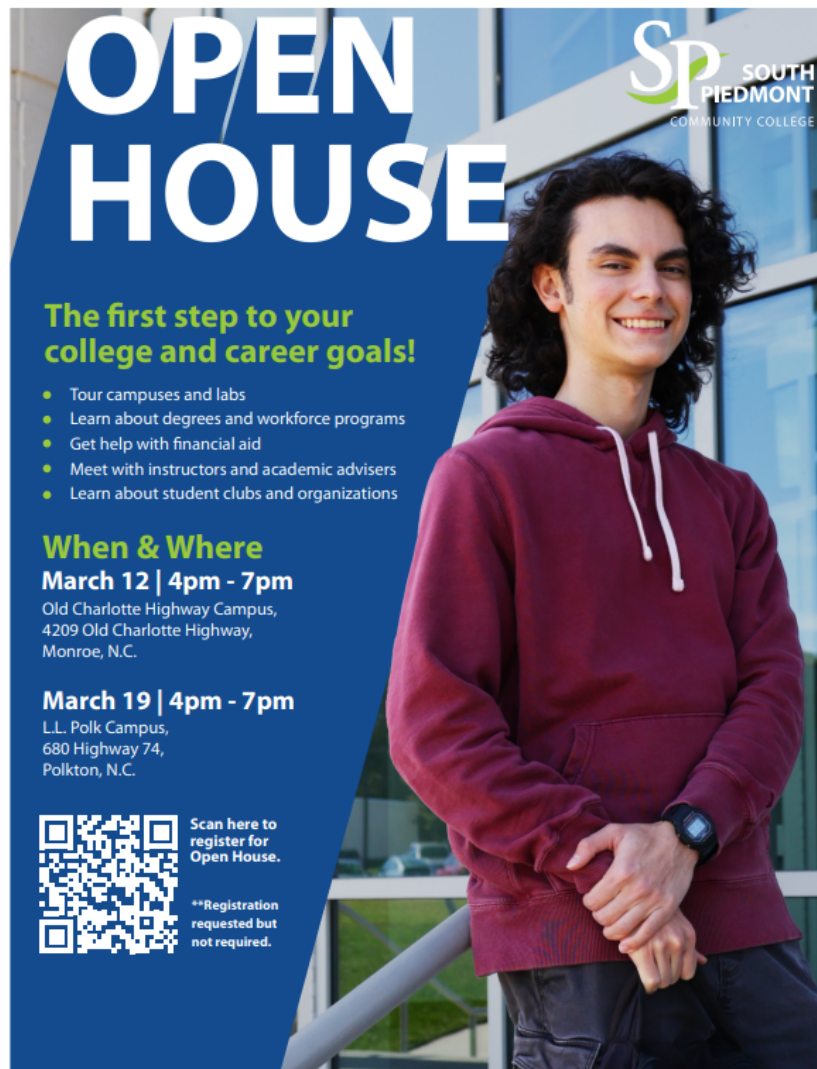


Please click on the link below for more information.

Kiwanis Club of Monroe Schloarship.docx

SOUTH PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SPCC)

SPCC Open House



OPEN HOUSE

The first step to your college and career goals!

- Tour campuses and labs
- Learn about degrees and workforce programs
- Get help with financial aid
- Meet with instructors and academic advisers
- Learn about student clubs and organizations

When & Where

March 12 | 4pm - 7pm
Old Charlotte Highway Campus,
4209 Old Charlotte Highway,
Monroe, N.C.

March 19 | 4pm - 7pm
L.L. Polk Campus,
680 Highway 74,
Polkton, N.C.

Scan here to register for Open House.

**Registration requested but not required.

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:

March 12, 2024

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



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
704.290.5090

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

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How to View SPCC Class Schedule.pdf

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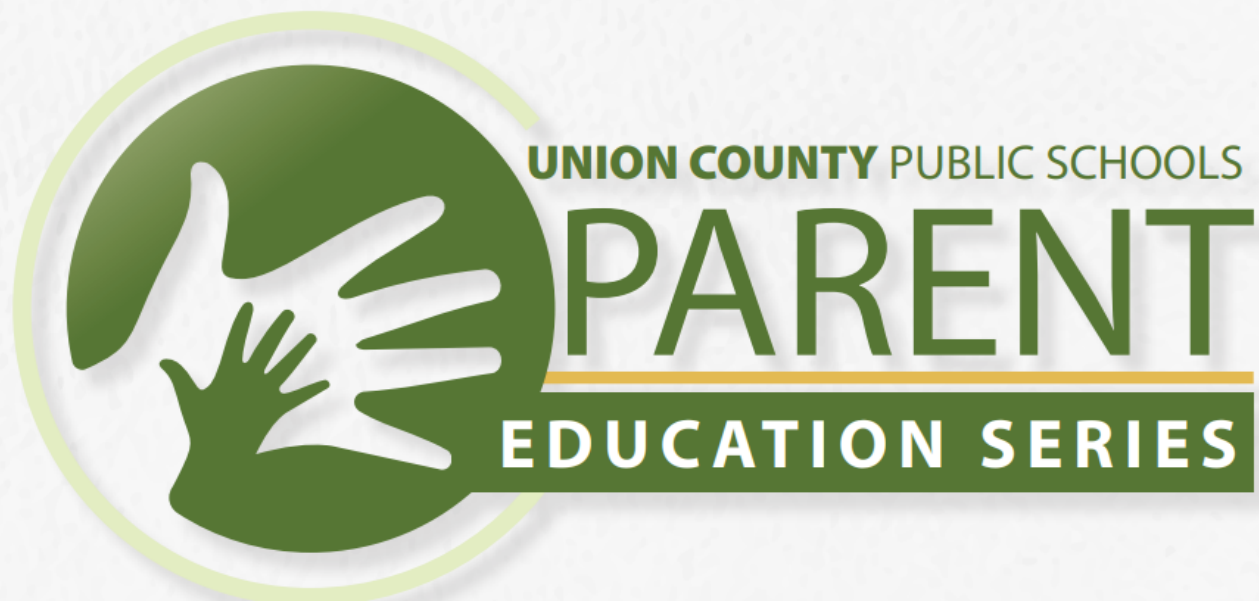
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FOCUS HBCU FAIR



UCPS PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

WE ARE GOING  **LIVE**



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

PTSO still needs your help! Invest in Excellence giving is still only 1/3 of what it was last year at this time. Please remember all donations for Invest in Excellence go directly to WHS administration to put towards a variety of items that benefit ALL OF OUR STUDENTS. Please consider giving to help each and every student at WHS. To those who have already given or recently joined THANK YOU!

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 including final opportunities to pick up Senior T-Shirts and Signs.

There's still time to join the WHS PTSO and Make a Difference in Our School Community! Your membership helps enhance our school community by providing student scholarships to Seniors, mini- grants to teachers, aid in the college fair, and many other activities for both students and teachers.

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 or use the QR code.

<https://cdn.smores.com/u/6538/dd512d8ad7cc6b6581768cd41d9fac2a.png>

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WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

New Protocol for UCPS Events

This a friendly reminder that due to a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county, UCPS implemented the protocols listed in the graphic below.

Please know that this applies to all athletic events, both indoors and outdoors, effective immediately. Please plan ahead: pre-purchase your ticket, store all bags/purses that do not meet criteria below at home, ensure there is adult supervision for children.



NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

For winter 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 of the final event.



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!

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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Jeff Kraftson

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