# Warrior Weekly

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Saturday, October 8th**: Homecoming Dance (please see below for more information)

Monday, October 10th: Beginning of second 6 weeks grading period

Thursday, October 13: School Bond Community Information meeting (please see below for more information)

## HOMECOMING DANCE

The 2022 Homecoming Dance will take place tomorrow, Saturday, October 8th from 8pm - 11pm. Due to the predicted cool temperatures, the homecoming dance will now be held in the WHS Cafeteria. All students who are attending the dance will need to enter the front doors of the school.

Tickets are only available online through this afternoon, Friday, October 7th at 3pm. Students will not be able to purchase tickets at the dance. The link to purchase tickets is available on our website under School Event Tickets located under the main graphic on the school website. This dance is only open to Weddington High School students.

## **NEW UCPS WEBSITE**

Union County Public Schools is launching its brand new, redesigned website this Friday. Since February, the communications team has worked to streamline pages, update content and organize a modern and innovative website design.

The district and school websites were created using stakeholder feedback, analytics and web best practices. In addition, accessibility, usability and readability were priorities during the creating and implementation process. The UCPS website will launch Oct. 7, and school websites will follow in the coming weeks. Employees, parents and the public will be notified as the websites are changed.

#### **Highlights**

• The desktop experience will feature a traditional drop-down menu for an enhanced user experience. The mobile version will be responsive and feature a traditional mobile menu.



- Frequently accessed information can found on every page in the global icons section (six icons at the bottom of the page) and in the Spotlight region on each homepage (below the calendar).
- The "How Do I" menu option features top requested pages such as bell times, inclement weather procedures, school nutrition menus, help desk and more!
- Email can be accessed in MyUCPS or at the footer of each and every web page.



## **UCPS BOND INFORMATION**

On November 8, Union County residents will vote on \$134,405,000 million in school bonds to address aging facilities. This bond package will replace current buildings at East Elementary and Forest Hills High, schools that were built in the 1950s and 1960s. The 2022 bond will build on previous investments and provide adequate facilities for students and staff.



There will be a Bond Community Information Meeting next Thursday, October 13th in the Weddington High School auditorium at 6pm.

All schools and communities benefit when we value public schools. With a successful bond, more projects will move up on the priority list for capital needs. To learn more about this bond referendum, visit <a href="https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/bond2022">www.ucps.k12.nc.us/bond2022</a>.

- Bond Presentation
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Union County Board of Elections

## SENIOR PORTRAIT SESSION INFORMATION

### **Weddington Senior Portrait Roadshow**

Haven't gone to the studio for your senior portrait session? Then you are in luck. Cady will be coming to Weddington High School on Saturday, October 22nd for a Roadshow. You must go online at <a href="https://www.cady.com/book22">www.cady.com/book22</a> to book your Roadshow session at WHS. They will only offer the Simple Session for \$29 and the Standard Session for \$59 on this date. The Simple Session includes the yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and one additional scene photo. The Standard Session includes the yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and two additional scenes photos. Please refer to the attached handout to help book your senior's Roadshow session.

Can't make the Roadshow? Seniors have until December 30th to get their picture taken at the studio.

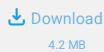
Seniors are still able to book a studio experience by going to <a href="www.cady.com/schedule">www.cady.com/schedule</a> or calling the studio at the phone number below. If you do not schedule a studio session or participate in the Senior Portrait Roadshow, we will have a makeup day in December for seniors at school. However, this session will only include the yearbook photo. Please contact Anna Waldrup if you have any questions via email at <a href="mailto:anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us">anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us</a>.

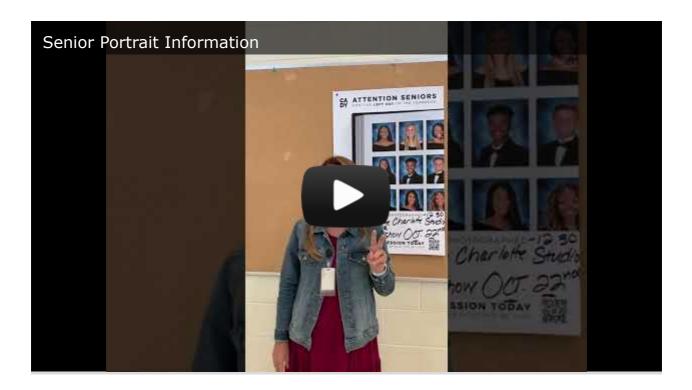
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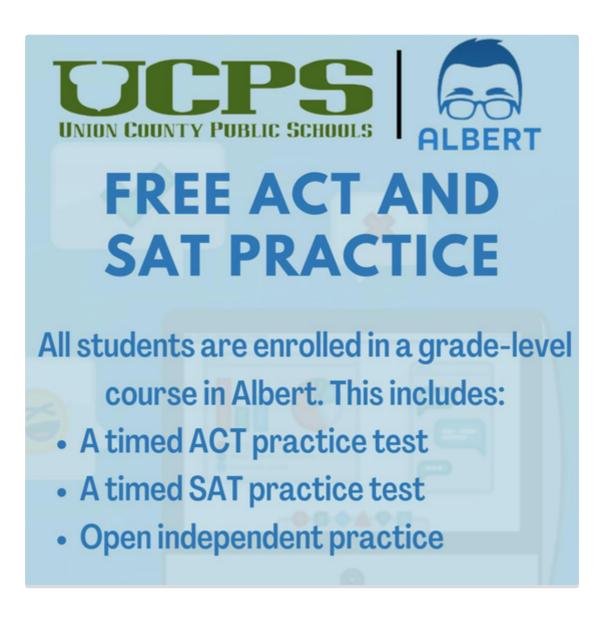


Steps for Booking at the School Roadshow.pdf





## FREE ACT AND SAT PRACTICE

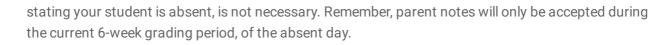


This fall, all high school students in UCPS are enrolled in an ACT and SAT practice course in Albert. This course allows students to take a timed practice test for the ACT and/or SAT. Once students have completed their practice test, they can use the score converter to convert the number of questions they got correct to an approximate score on the ACT or SAT. They can also use the standards tags to find practice specific to what they need.

Albert has created a 6-minute video explaining how to find the score converter and how to find targeted practice based on practice test results. Visit <a href="https://bit.ly/Albertoverview22">https://bit.ly/Albertoverview22</a> to watch the video.

## **ATTENDANCE**

In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please provide an email or written documentation to our Attendance Counselor, Mrs. TC Yost (<a href="mailto:tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us">tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us</a>). Either a doctor's note or written parent note is required to excuse the absence. A phone call to the school,



#### **Early Dismissal Procedure:**

On the occasions that you need your student to be dismissed from school early, please send in a note stating the time of dismissal with your student. The note must include the first and last name of the student, date, time of dismissal and parent signature. Students should bring the note to the front entrance/office area before the school day begins so they can be given an early dismissal pass to leave class at the appointed time. The student is then able to leave class, without disrupting instruction, and come to the front office. Students who follow this process will be allowed to walk out to meet you at your car or drive (if they are a registered student driver).

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

## **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

The WHS School Counseling webpage is an incredible resource for everything pertaining to the WHS Counseling department. To access the webpage, please click on the following link: https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/889

#### 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, Coalition, and much more!

#### **FAFSA**

FAFSA opens October 1st. To best prepare, review resources found at financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov.

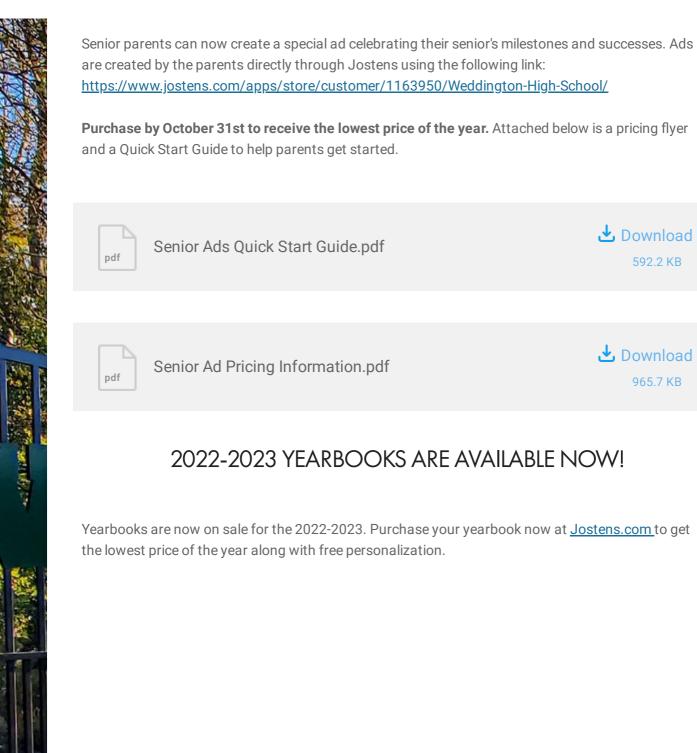
#### **College Visits**

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

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS FOR THE YEARBOOK



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## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



## 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 <a href="michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us">michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us</a> or by calling the school.

Please visit <a href="https://weddingtonathleticzone.com/">https://weddingtonathleticzone.com/</a> for up to date information!

Coaches Directory

Eligibility Website

#### Can't Attend Live? Watch it Live Instead!

Click <u>here</u> to learn more about our live stream partnership with the NFHS Network! Volleyball, wrestling, basketball, football, soccer and lacrosse will all be live streamed!



WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO



#### **Happy October WHS parents!**

We are looking forward to a lot of exciting events for both faculty and students this Fall. We can't do these events without your help! Please consider joining the PTSO and go above and beyond with INVEST IN EXCELLENCE. Your membership and Invest in Excellence support the students and staff with programs, scholarships, grants, as well as support of the College Fair, Life Skills and so much more. For those who have joined PTSO, a BIG THANK YOU! You are making a difference in your student's school.

To join, all you need to do is go to <a href="https://www.whsptso.com">www.whsptso.com</a> create an account, verify your email address and

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!!

If you are interested in volunteering, please feel free to email us at <u>w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com</u> and let us know where you'd like to help.

#### **Senior Families:**

Mark your calendar for Senior Breakfast events on October 21st and November 18th plus many more gatherings to come if you have signed up!

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @whs\_ptso. Email us at <a href="www.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com">w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com</a>

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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