



Warrior Weekly

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Student Centered, Future Focused!

Stay Connected

We invite you to stay connected with Weddington High School on **Facebook** (Weddington High School) or on **Twitter** (@WHSWarriors). We also encourage you to monitor your **Naviance** accounts for information on college and career planning. Daily announcements and information are shared, so please follow us so you do not miss any Weddington High School news! We also frequently update our website at <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/55>

Weekly School Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, August 24	TBD	Cross Country (Providence Invitational) @ McAlpine
Monday, August 26		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
	7:54 AM	Students Report to Homeroom
	3:30 PM	Women's Golf @ Monroe CC
Tuesday, August 27	4:30 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Cox Mill (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men's Soccer vs. Providence (Home)
Wednesday, August 28	TBD	Cross Country-Weddington Relay (Home)
	4:00 PM	Women's Tennis @ Nation Ford (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men's Soccer @ Ashbrook (Away)
Thursday, August 29	4:30 PM	Women's Tennis @ Charlotte Catholic (Away)
	4:30 PM	JV/V Men's Soccer vs. South Meck (@ Matthews Sportsplex)
	5:00 PM	JV/V Volleyball vs. Fort Mill (Home)
	6:30 PM	JV Football vs. Porter Ridge (Home)
Friday, August 30		WEDDINGTON KINDNESS DAY
	7:30 PM	V Football @ Porter Ridge (Away)

Daily Schedule

Families are reminded that students are to be at school prior to 7:54 a.m. so that all learners are in their respective classes and prepared for the start of the instructional day. Students who accrue excessive tardies run the risk of violating the Student Code of Conduct and will receive the appropriate consequence as outlined in the student handbook. The daily schedule for the 2019-2020 school year appears below and will be in effect on the first day of school on August 26. *(Please note that on the first day of school, August 26, students will report to homeroom at 7:54 for approximately ten minutes to received updated schedules, and then they will report to first period.)*

*Morning Bell	7:54	
*Announcements	8:00-8:05	
*First Period	8:05-9:28	
*Warrior Block	9:33-10:03	
(choice areas don't begin until September 9)		
*Second Period	10:08-11:31	
*Third Period	11:36-1:25	
-First Lunch (Math, CTE)		11:36-12:01
-Second Lunch (English, EC)		12:04-12:29
-Third Lunch (World Languages, Social Studies)		12:32-12:57
-Fourth Lunch (Science, Arts, PE/Health)		1:00-1:25
*Fourth Period	1:30-2:53	
*Announcements	2:53-2:55	

Temporary Administrative Changes

Please note that beginning on Thursday, August 29, one of our assistant principals, Mr. Jeff Brookshire, will be serving as the interim principal of Parkwood Middle School while the principal there is out on maternity leave. In Mr. Brookshire's place will be Mrs. Marlo Thomas. With this change also comes the following change with assistant principals:

*Student Last Names A-L: Discipline and First Point of Administrative Contact for Parents: Mrs. Marlo Kelly

*Student Last Names M-Z: Discipline and First Point of Administrative Contact for Parents: Mr. John Grexa

Focus Areas with our WHS Students

As we embark on yet another school year, our students will be striving for strong grades in their courses, and we love that about our students. We certainly want to keep that reality in place, but we also ask all parents to join us in promoting and working to develop attributes in our students which are even more important to their current and future success. Those attributes are character, worth ethic, and the commitment to learn and grow each day. We strongly feel that if these are focus areas in our goals for our students, then we'll be providing a top notch learning environment while providing our students with lifelong gifts. If they've got high character, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to learning and growth, then the grades will indeed shake out as they should.

Bus Transportation

Here Comes the Bus is an app which allows a user to view the real-time location of his or her bus on a smartphone, tablet or computer. The app also lists the student's drop-off and pick-up times and locations. The app is available from the App Store or Google Play, and the website is <https://herecomesthebus.com/>. The Union County Public Schools 5-digit code is 74436.

Student Safety and Security

During the first week of school, our principal, Dr. Jones, will be leading student assemblies to discuss a variety of topics. One of those topics, safety and security, will be led by our school resource officer (Union County Deputy Sheriff Chris Byrum). Deputy Byrum will discuss proactive measures to keep our school safe. There are no immediate safety concerns at our school, but Deputy Byrum will talk to students about reporting incidents, consequences for inappropriate social media posts, and who they can talk to if there is a problem. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Jones or Deputy Byrum.

IdentiKid

Our visitor management system called IdentiKid will continue to be used in all Union County Public Schools in the coming school year. In short, **any parent or other adult visitor who wishes to move beyond the main office on any day that school is in session will be required to have his or her driver's license scanned so that an immediate background check can be conducted.** This system is aimed at student safety, so we appreciate your patience with the extra minute or two that it may take you to move beyond our main office. In summary, please remember to bring your driver's license into the school with you when visiting at any time in which school is in session.

One-to-One Laptop Initiative

When schedules were mailed to students this summer, families were provided with a 1:1 Student/Parent Agreement form for students to receive a Chromebook. Some families picked up and completed this form at orientation and picked up their laptops. The form is also available on the WHS website in the Quick Links section. Students are reminded of the following:

- Do not put stickers of any kind on the Chromebook, and do not peel any labels off the Chromebook or charger. This includes student name labels and barcodes affixed by the school staff. The serial number of each piece of equipment can be traced back to each student, so they should never put on or take off a label or sticker.
- Students should bring their Chromebooks and chargers to school each day. There are not loaner chargers that students can borrow at school. Additionally, students are not guaranteed to get a loaner laptop should they leave their computers at home.
- Students will be required to pay for intentional damages to their Chromebook or damages which result from negligent behavior.
- If students should encounter problems with their Chromebooks, they may see our technology engineer, Ms. Tammy Douglas, before or after school or during their lunch. Ms. Douglas' office is across the hall from the media center, and she may be contacted at tammy.douglas@ucps.k12.nc.us.

2019-2020 Green Machine Shirts

Green Machine shirts are currently being sold for the 2019-2020 school year. Students may purchase Green Machine shirts for \$10 through our media coordinator, Mrs. Anna Waldrup.

Meet the Teachers Night

Please mark your calendar for this year's Meet the Teachers Night. The event will be held on Tuesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. The evening will begin in the auditorium with a message from Dr. Jones, and then parents will then be dismissed to go to their students' first-period classes and then follow their class schedules to meet their teachers.

PTSO

PTSO Does What?

To support students and staff in our school, we Advocate, Communicate, Educate, & Collaborate:

ADVOCATE: We support our families through events like Angel Tree and our staff through Staff Appreciation and Invest In Excellence. We encourage our families to participate through volunteering and listen to ideas of parents and students.

COMMUNICATE: We share important and timely information through our website and the school's electronic newsletter.

EDUCATE: We provide a scholarship for one or two senior students to attend a community college of their choice. This is made possible by the donations in Membership and Invest in Excellence.

COLLABORATE: We provide direct support to teachers and other staff through our highly successful Invest in Excellence (\$22,000 raised and put back into Weddington High School from last year), utilize local vendors, work closely with all departments of our school, support the Seniors to make their last year very memorable, and much more.

OUR PTSO Executive Board

President: Amanda Fink

Vice President: Ashley Bhargava

Treasurer: Sherri McGirt

Secretary: Amy Clark

Membership & Invest in Excellence: Brandi Mervis & Clare Kennedy

Staff Appreciation: Charlotte Berry, Diana Fridrich, Kelly Newsome

Senior Events: Kelley Cobb

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PN BUSY... MAKE THIS EASY FOR ME!

We hear you! This is your page for "one stop shopping"! Complete the sections you want to, include cash or check made payable to WHS PTSO, and mail form to address below (or drop off form at PTSO tables during the August open house days).

INVEST IN EXCELLENCE/MEMBERSHIP*: (\$25 will be put towards Membership.)

_____ \$300 donation
_____ \$200 donation
_____ \$100 donation
_____ \$ 50 donation
_____ \$ _____

- Ask your employer about a matching gift program for charitable giving.

SENIOR EVENTS (for parents of seniors ONLY):

_____ \$35 donation to cover senior activities
_____ \$12 "Home of Senior Warrior" yard sign _____ received _____ prepaid
_____ I would like to help with the monthly senior breakfasts.
_____ I would be willing to donate door prizes.

STAFF APPRECIATION:

_____ I would like to donate food items for staff treat days.
_____ I would like to help with the staff luncheons.

NEW STUDENT LUNCHEONS:

_____ I would like to donate food for New Student luncheons.

PTSO MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER:

_____ I would like to receive the monthly e-newsletter.

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

☐ I would like a receipt please.

Please make checks payable to
WHS PTSO
and mail form & money to:

Weddington High School
Attn: PTSO
4901 Weddington Monroe Road
Matthews, NC 28104

Or donate online at
www.whsptso.com

For PTSO Use Only:

Check Number: _____

Online / CC: _____

Cash Received: _____

Date: _____ Initials: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Email Address (PLEASE print clearly) _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work/cell) _____

Student(s) Name: _____ Grade: 9th 10th 11th 12th

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