



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, February 2	7:00 AM	Swimming Regionals (@ MAC)
Monday, February 4		
Tuesday, February 5	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	JV and V Boys and Girls Basketball @ Marvin Ridge (Away) Talent Show
Wednesday, February 6		CLUB PICTURE DAY
Thursday, February 7		EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS (modified schedule attached) DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT CARDS 1:00 PM Diving State Championship (Pullen Aquatic Center)
Friday, February 8	7:00 AM 4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Swimming State Championship (Triangle Aquatics) JV and V Boys and Girls Basketball vs. Piedmont (Home) 3A State Track Championship (JDL Indoor Track)
Saturday, February 9	TBD	Wrestling Regionals (@ Piedmont)

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the students listed below for their respective achievements in earning scholarships and appointments to various United States military service opportunities. We are so very proud of these hardworking, dedicated, and patriotic Weddington Warriors!

-Lucy Pincus: NROTC Scholarship (Marine option) to the Citadel

- Spencer Higgins: West Point
- Landon Clouse: Naval Academy
- Gerald Hartman: Army ROTC Scholarship to North Georgia University
- Cooper McKeehan: Air Force Academy (baseball scholarship)
- Emma Horne: West Point and Coast Guard Academy
- Jordan Gaines: West Point
- Katie Corbi- Naval Academy

New Assistant Principal

A new assistant principal joined us at Weddington High School this week. Dr. Lee Casey has been reassigned to us from Monroe High School where he served as an assistant principal. Prior to serving the Monroe community, Mr. Casey has served in a wide-variety of teaching and administrative leadership roles in multiple high schools. Dr. Casey is not taking the place of any of our current assistant principals, but rather, we will have one additional assistant principal for the remainder of the school year. Beginning on Monday, February 4, Mr. Casey will be assigned to administrative duties for students with last names beginning with N-T. Just so that you can put a face with a name, Dr. Casey's picture is below. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Casey to the WHS community.



Dr. Lee Casey

Parent Survey Results

We recently deployed a survey to parents with the objective to gather feedback data related to the perceptions that the parents of WHS students have of our guidance counselors. The survey focused on three main areas: responsiveness, demeanor, and helpfulness. We had a relatively low number of survey participants, but we still believe that the data provides us with valuable information that we will use to drive improvement. In summary, we are *pleased with perceptions on counselor demeanor, feel "ok" about perceptions on counselor helpfulness, and identify counselor responsiveness as a key area for improvement.* We were also able to breakdown the data by each individual counselor and have shared the individualized feedback data with each of them. Thanks to those of you who participated. We assure you that the data will be used to drive improvement efforts.

Meet the Teacher Night

The WHS Meet the Teacher Night for the second semester of the 2018-2019 school year will take place on the evening of Tuesday, February 12 with a 6:00 p.m. start time. We will start promptly at 6:00 in the auditorium with brief presentations from the principal and the president of our PTSO. After the meeting in the auditorium, parents will have the chance to walk the schedules of their children and meet the teachers. **Please be sure to bring a hard copy of your child's schedule or an image of it on your cell phone for the event.**

NEW! Naviance For Dummies

We will be providing a parent session on Naviance basics for any interested parents who desire to know the main capabilities of this student information, communication, and planning system that we use extensively at WHS and across the Union County Public Schools. This session will be coupled with the Meet the Teacher Night (details above) on February 12. The Naviance session will begin at 7:30 and will run approximately 30 minutes.

News from the WHS Guidance Department

In addition to the Naviance information session detailed above, the WHS Guidance Department will be offering more individualized parent workshops to offer a more hands-on approach with navigating through Naviance. These sessions will be limited due to the number of computers that we have accessible, so please know that several sessions will be offered throughout the semester. We will announce the dates of these workshops at the Naviance session on February 12.

We are also excited to share that next week kicks off National School Counseling Week! National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counseling Association (ASCA), highlights the tremendous impact that school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. So what can you do? Let your counselor know just how much you appreciate their efforts and how valued they are in the roadmap of your student's success. Our Guidance Department will be offering different themes of the day to help in our celebration, and you can catch all of these exciting moments on our Instagram page under Weddington HS or our WHS Warrior Twitter page. We look forward to celebrating the Weddington High School Guidance team next week.

Report Card Distribution Date Change

Please see the note below from our principal which was sent out earlier this week.

WHS Families,

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) announced last week that there are errors occurring in the software that all North Carolina school districts use to report student grades. NCDPI and PowerSchool identified a malfunction with the grade calculation function currently used by PowerTeacher Pro.

Union County Public Schools is currently assessing all students' grades to determine if there has been any impact on grades in our school system. Be assured that the grades your son or daughter received up to now will not be negatively impacted by the new calculations.

As a result, UCPS is changing the report card distribution date from January 31 to February 7, 2019.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Dr. Jay Jones, Principal

Benefit our School When You Grocery Shop

When you shop at Harris Teeter, purchases of the brands below will help WHS!



***Please scroll down for further information.**



Our ONLY fundraiser!

Invest in Excellence

Invest in Excellence is the PTSO's only fundraiser. It is a straightforward request for a tax-deductible donation in lieu of any third-party or social event fundraising.

Invest money is used to support academic needs at WHS. In the past, the generous donations from parents have enabled the school to purchase

Visit us at www.whsptso.com

Membership: We are combining our Invest in Excellence campaign with our membership drive. Your one-time donation to Invest in Excellence automatically includes a \$20 membership to the PTSO. Membership monies (along with the money generated from Harris Teeter's VIC card and Publix) are important for covering our expenses for *staff appreciation, care & concern, outreach, graduation, operating expenses, and scholarships.* ("Senior Events" is self-supporting through donations from senior parents.)

It's easy! Simply complete the form in this newsletter and mail it in or drop it off at the PTSO tables during the August open house. You may also Invest online at www.whsptso.com.

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Senior Events: Peggy Rishe, Torrie Newman + awesome volunteers

Questions? Email Torrie at Torrie@newmansplace.com



Senior Events

The Senior Events Committee provides breakfast several times during the school year. They also help out with student activities during senior week including the cakes for the banquet and lunch on awards day. Along with many more items to help make Senior Week a memorable event for them all! They work with the Student Counsel and Ms. LaLone to make this a successful week of events. This committee is fully funded by donations (\$35 per senior) from senior parents. Questions? Email: Peggy Rishe (pdrishe@yahoo.com) or Torrie Newman (torrie@newmansplace.com) The ever-popular *Home of a Senior Warrior* signs for parents' yards will be available at the August open house and are \$12! \$47 for the whole package for your senior!

Staff Appreciation

Treat Days twice a month (2nd & 4th plus the 5th Fridays), 4 staff luncheons, Thanksgiving pies, staff meeting snacks and holiday treats—it's how we show our administrators, teachers, and support staff our appreciation. Our Staff Appreciation Committee would love to add your name to its list of volunteers. Questions? Email: Amanda Fink (agracefink@gmail.com)

RE-LINK!! Don't forget to relink your Harris Teeter VIC card! Harris Teeter has been extremely generous in supporting our schools throughout the years, but it requires that patrons RELINK their card each August 1st to the school of your choice. (You may link up to 5 schools.) Go to www.harristeeter.com and click TOGETHER IN EDUCATION (TIE)...or add WHS to your card the next time you visit your local Harris Teeter.



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INVEST IN EXCELLENCE/MEMBERSHIP*: (\$20 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.

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

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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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