

# WARRIOR WEEKLY

Volume XII, Issue VXVI, Friday, December 15, 2023

**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



Weddington High School



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

Email: [michele.loughlin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:michele.loughlin@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Website: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/55>

Location: [4901 Monroe-Weddington Road, Matthews, NC, USA](#)

Phone: (704) 296-6319

Facebook: [facebook.com/weddingtonhs.nc](https://facebook.com/weddingtonhs.nc)

Twitter: [@WHSWarriors](https://twitter.com/WHSWarriors)



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Monday, December 18th - Monday, January 1st:** Winter Break, no school

**Monday, January 15th:** No school in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Thursday, January 18th - Wednesday, January 24th:** Final Exams (see below for more information)

**Wednesday, January 24th:** End of Semester 1

**Thursday, January 25th:** Teacher Workday, no school for students



**There will be no Warrior Weekly during the winter break.** The next Warrior Weekly will be sent out on Friday, January 5th.

# FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Students are required to take ALL EXAMS, including End of Course (EOC) and Teacher Made exams, at school during exam week.

Thursday, January 18th - 1st Block Exams

Friday, January 19th - 2nd Block Exams

Monday, January 22nd - 3rd Block Exams

Tuesday, January 23rd - 4th Block Exams

Wednesday, January 24th - Makeup Exam Day

## Required EOC Courses:

- NC Math 1
- NC Math 3
- English 2
- Biology

## Fall 2023 CTE Courses with State Exams

- Accounting I Honors
- Business Essentials
- Business Law Honor
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality I Honors
- Foods and Nutrition I
- Interior Design Fundamentals Honors
- Health Science I Honors

MORE INFORMATION REGARDING EXAM DAYS WILL BE SHARED CLOSER TO EXAM WEEK

## Absences and Teacher Made Final Exam Exemptions

Absences have an impact on whether or not a student can be exempt from a teacher made final exam. The follow excerpt outlines the requirements for teacher made final exam exemptions as is found on page 24 of the 2023-2024 UCPS High School Student Handbook which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

- The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam **and has no more than 2 unexcused absences in the class**; or
- The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam **and has no more than 1 unexcused absence in the class**.

## ATTENDANCE

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](mailto: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\**

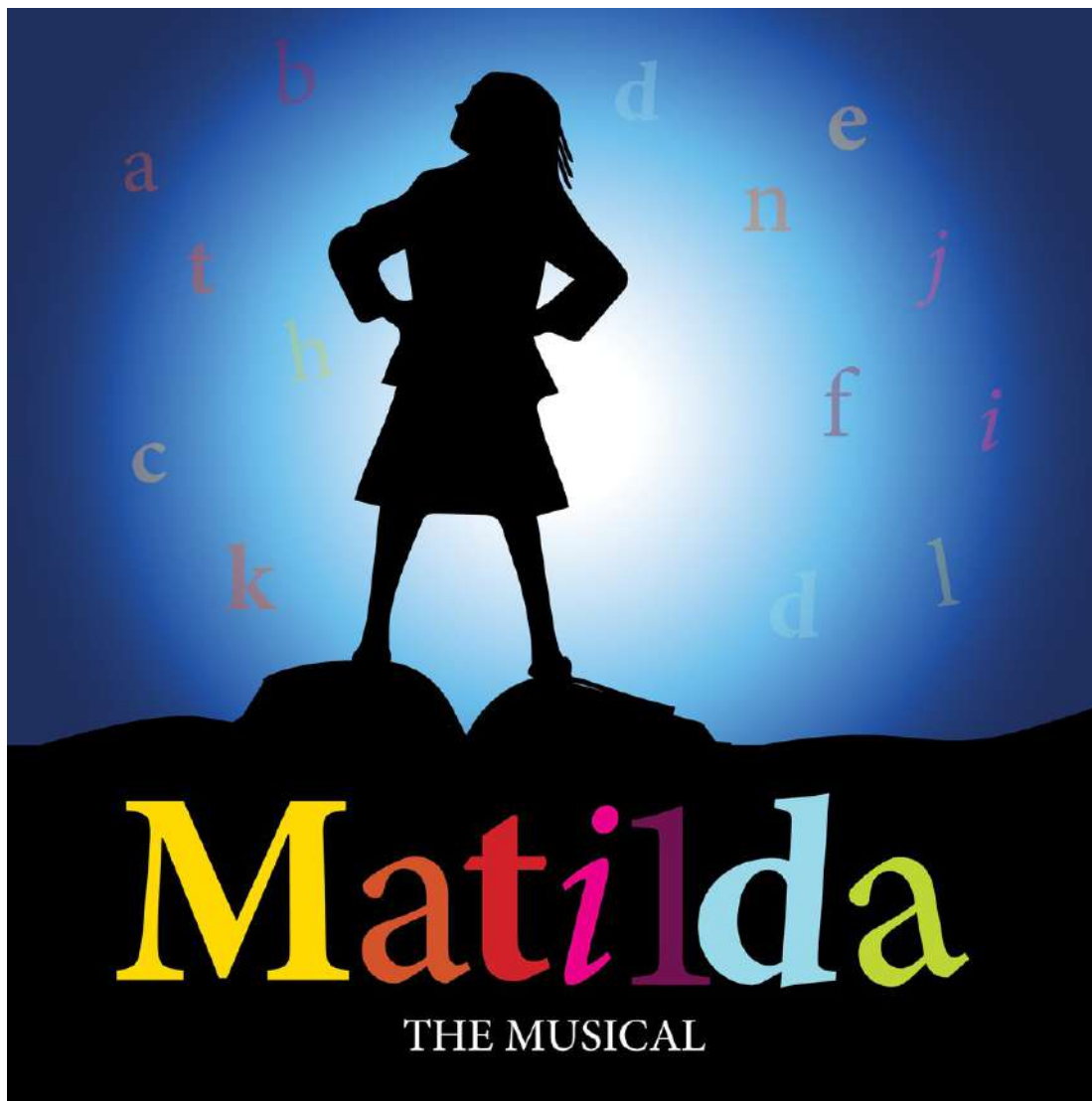
UCPS has enabled an automated message that will go out each day to the parents of students who were tardy for one or more classes that day.

## **JOIN THE WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO!**

Please join the WHS PTSO at [www.whsptso.com](http://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.

### **SPRING MUSICAL!**

Ever thought about performing? Auditions for the spring musical, MATILDA, will be held January 3rd at 4pm in the auditorium. Callbacks will be held after school on January 4th. We are looking for people who have experience in either singing, dancing, or acting...you DON'T need all three! Any questions, talk to Dr. Blamy in A-109. It's going to be a REALLY exciting show!



## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### Winter Break Schedule for the School Counseling

In observance of winter break, there will be no school for UCPS students and staff. The School Counseling staff will be off campus and without access to email. If you or your student need support during this time, please feel free to use the following resources...

- **Say Something App Reporting System (SS-ARS)** students and adults can easily and completely confidentially report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies. Tips can be submitted 24/7 through the website, app or by phone, and a crisis center review and sends all submissions to law enforcement and/or school administration for intervention.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** 1-800-273-8255
- **Optum** has a toll-free 24-hour Emotional Support Help Line at 866-342-6892 for people who may be experiencing anxiety or stress around COVID-19.
- **Partners Crisis Line** (mental health referrals-multiple languages) 1-888-235-HOPE (4673).
- **DayMark Mobile Engagement** (Mental Health Crisis 24/7) 1-866-275-9552
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746. (TTY 1-800-846-8517)
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-7233 or text LOVEIS to 2252

### FAFSA

FAFSA, <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. To best prepare, review resources found at

The New FAFSA will be available very soon. Here are a few videos that might answer questions you may have. Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible once it is available, as NC is a first come first serve state. The exact date has not been announced but as we get closer to winter break it may be helpful to be proactive and send these videos below out to your seniors.

[What's Changed for the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form?Links to an external site.](#)

[Gather Information Required To Complete the FAFSA® FormLinks to an external site.](#)

[Create and Access Your StudentAid.gov AccountLinks to an external site.](#)

[Who Is a Contributor on the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form?Links to an external site.](#)

[Why Do My Contributors and I Need Our Own StudentAid.gov Accounts for the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form?Links to an external site.](#)

### **Course Registration Conversations with Counselors - by student request**

Students are welcome to schedule an individual academic/college conversation 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.

### **Elective courses commonly offered at WHS:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bRZygN-JR1feXPfpZFx5qTc3gcWxyEyvtsXaMvD2vI/edit?usp=sharing>

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

### **s2 Schedules**

Semester two schedules are live in PowerSchool.

- students with a hole, *please see a counselor during lunches to select a class*
- students with SPCC classes requiring a schedule change, *please see a counselor during lunches to select a class*
- students who were not academically successful and need to update s2 courses, *please see a counselor during lunches to modify schedules*
- seniors who would like to modify their FLEX block, *please see a counselor during lunches to select a class*
- *please see a counselor during lunches with s2 scheduling questions*

### **SPCC Questions?**

Please Ms. Davis on Monday and/or Tuesday in the counseling commons. You're also welcome to email Ms. Davis, [wdavis@spcc.edu](mailto:wdavis@spcc.edu)

### **SPCC**

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:

Dec. 12, 2023

Jan. 9, 2024

Feb. 13, 2024

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](mailto: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](mailto:sep@spcc.edu)  
704.290.5090

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

[Download](#)

848.9 KB

## How to View SPCC Class Schedule.pdf

Download

878.2 KB

# 2023-2024 YEARBOOKS

## Need a Holiday Gift Idea?

If so, purchase your student a yearbook for the holidays. It will be a great keepsake of all their high school memories. Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) to purchase your book today.



## Yearbook Staff Needs Your Help!

The Yearbook staff needs your help collecting first day of school photos for the book. Please share with us on Instagram at [whsyearbook23\\_24](https://www.instagram.com/whsyearbook23_24) or email them to our yearbook advisor at [anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## Senior Recognition Ads for Yearbook

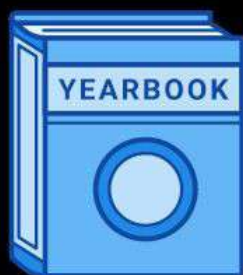
### Have you purchased a senior recognition ad for your child?

Attention Senior Parents: Monday, January 15th is the last day to purchase senior recognition ads for the yearbook and leave your senior a special message. Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) to purchase and



# **ATTENTION: SENIOR PARENTS**

**DEADLINE TO PURCHASE A  
SENIOR RECOGNITION AD  
IS  
MONDAY, JAN 15TH**



**GO TO JOSTENS.COM  
TO PURCHASE YOUR AD**



Dear Parent or Student,  
Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 01/15/2024.

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!

ORDER BY			
COLOR AD	10/30	12/04	01/15
Full Page	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
1/2 Page	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$250.00
1/4 Page	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$200.00



### EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE\*

\*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at  
[www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com)

1. Choose your ad size and layout.
2. Enter your text and upload your photos.

#### Important information about Yearbook Recognition Ads

- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

#### GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?**

Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

**How is the ad deadline determined?**

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

**Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?**

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

**Can I send my materials to the school?**

No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

**More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.**

[www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com)



## Weddington HS Senior Ads 2324.pdf

Download

859.2 KB

# 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.



## WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

CONGRATS WHS VARSITY FOOTBALL!



# STATE CHAMPIONS!



W

56



21

FINAL

Graham  
**Mills**



**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

NCHSAA RECIPIENT

Graham Mills - Sportsmanship Award

KEENAN  
**JACKSON**



**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

NCHSAA FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Keenan Jackson - MVP



AIDEN  
**HARRIS**



**MOST OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER**  
NCHSAA FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**Aiden Harris - Most Outstanding  
Defensive Player**

TYLER  
**BUDGE**



**MOST OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE PLAYER**  
NCHSAA FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**Tyler Budge - Most Outstanding  
Offensive Player**



**TYLER BUDGE**  
SCC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR





# 2023 FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE

SOUTHERN CAROLINA CONFERENCE



SR / #79 / OL  
**ALEX RAMEY**

SR / #65 / OL  
**LOGAN POTES**

JR / #34 / RB  
**NICK DIAMOND**

JR / #8 / WR  
**JAVON BARBER**

SR / #11 / WR  
**KEENAN JACKSON**



# 2023 FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE

SOUTHERN CAROLINA CONFERENCE



JR / #2 / DB  
**CALEB HILL**

SR / #14 / DB  
**SAM NEELY**

SO / #6 / DL  
**AIDEN HARRIS**

SO / #1 / DL  
**DREW HARRIS**

SR / #82 / K  
**EVERETT SCOTT**

JR / #3 / LB  
**BRAEDEN BARGER**



**CONGRATS MR. HART: UCPS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR!**





Please join us in congratulating Mr. Mike Hart on being named as UCPS's first ever Athletic Director of the Year! We are proud of Mr. Hart on this well-deserved recognition!

## CHEER FUNDRAISERS



## 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!

## WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

We would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers, PTSO members, and investors. Each dollar and every minute of your time help in so many ways. THANK YOU again for your time, efforts, and donations.

Please be on the lookout for emails from [weddingtonseniors2024@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Please join the WHS PTSO at [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com) or use the QR code.

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

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @[WHHS.NC.PTSO](https://www.instagram.com/WHHS.NC.PTSO)



**Scan. Pay. Go.**



**WHS PTSO**

@WHSPTSOT



**venmo**

Scan QR code for payment

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.





[LOOKING FOR A PREVIOUS WARRIOR WEEKLY? CLICK HERE!](#)



**Jeff Kraftson**

Jeff is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

