

# Warrior Weekly

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## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**February 12:** End of grading period

**February 19:** Report Cards

**February 23:** ACT testing for Juniors (see important testing info below)

## 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. We are working with our Cultural Student Movement club to bring exciting opportunities for students to engage in learning and educating Warrior Nation in the celebration of African American history, contributions, and achievements. 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!

## CONGRATULATIONS MS. WINFREE!

Congratulations to Ms. Susan Winfree for being a top 10 finalist for UCPS Teacher of the Year!



## CONGRATULATIONS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS!

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an elite academic competition where students can achieve recognition and qualify for scholarships based on your PSAT score taken only from junior year. In early September, about one-third (approximately 16,000 students) of the 50,000 high scorers qualify as Semifinalists and are chosen to represent the state they live in. In February, about 15,000 Semifinalists advance to Finalist standing representing the top 1% of scores in the state they reside in.

Within the Finalist group, winners are chosen for the Merit Scholarship based on their abilities, skills,

will be selected to receive a Merit Scholarship in between the beginning the March and mid-June.

Weddington High School is excited to have five students as finalist for the National Merit Scholarship. Please join us in congratulating these students on this amazing accomplishment!



### **Patrick Bales**

College - Undecided  
Desired Major - Astronautical Engineering, Physics, or Engineering Physics  
Favorite part about being a Warrior - Community



### **Melvin Sureshkumar**

College - NC State  
Desired Major - Computer Science  
Favorite part about being a Warrior - Robotics Club and DECA Club



### **Margaret Boyd**

College - Undecided  
Desired Major - Double Major in Biomedical Engineering and Sociology  
Favorite part about being a Warrior - Band. Maggie serves as our drum major



### **William Brownstead**

College - Undecided  
Desired Major - Computer Science  
Favorite part about being a Warrior - Community and that everyone has a desire to help each other



### **Connor Blumsack**

College - Undecided  
Desired Major - Computer Science  
Favorite part about being a Warrior - Community and friendships



## **WHS CLASS JEWELRY ORDER INFORMATION**





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## FEBRUARY 23RD ACT TESTING INFORMATION

Last Friday, February 5th, UCPS sent the following message to the parents of all high school students:

*The North Carolina Accountability Model requires all 11th graders to participate in a measure of college readiness. North Carolina has contracted with the ACT to provide this assessment each spring.*

*High schools will administer the ACT to all 11th graders, including students who are currently enrolled in Plan D, in person on Tuesday, Feb. 23.*

*On this day, only 11th graders will attend school to participate in the state-required exam. All other grades will work remotely on Feb. 23.*

*This change is due to COVID-19 requirements in school buildings. Limiting face-to-face attendance on this day will allow test administrators to have smaller groups and schools can maintain proper social distancing in a secure testing environment.*

### Please note:

- Only 11th graders (Plan B and D students) will attend school on February 23rd to participate in the ACT. *All other grades will work remotely on Feb. 23 and will not come to school that day.*
- In order to ensure small groups with proper social distancing in a secure testing environment, teachers will be administering the exams all day.
- All 9th, 10th, and 12th grade students will have assignments to be completed remotely that day.
- Juniors taking the exam will not be permitted to leave school until all exams have been completed

- Information regarding exam locations will be provided to all Juniors prior to the exam day.
- Buses will run following the normal schedule.

## ADDITIONAL ACT EXAM INFORMATION

The ACT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. It is a multiple choice, pencil-paper-test. The purpose of the ACT test is to measure a high school student's readiness for college. Strong standardized test scores separate the applicant and can provide numerous opportunities for merit aid. Many scholarships still require standardized test scores.

The ACT has four sections:

- English
- Reading
- Math
- Science
- Writing section will not be administered this year.

Each section on the ACT is scored on a 1-36 point scale. A composite score is the average of your four sections scores, also on a scale of 1-36. Most colleges and universities will accept both SAT and ACT while not favoring one over the other. However, if seeking a scholarship through a particular college they may require an ACT score for award offerings. For example, many engineering schools prefer an ACT score for scholarship purposes but not admissions requirements.

The test is FREE and all students are automatically registered and will not need to take any additional steps for registration. All absences from classes on test day for students testing will be excused.

Students will have the option to use this score for college admissions next year during college application season. Juniors can visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for additional information on ACT Test. UCPS will not be offering SAT during the school day this year. Students can register for testing at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Keep in mind that test dates run through the summer and traditionally juniors have tested late spring including the June test date and many are testing again in the fall. If applying as an early candidate you can still test in October to meet early applicant requirements and have flexibility with your scores being sent from college board or ACT in November. It's important to pace testing and not rush to maximize potential.

**Please contact our testing coordinator, Mrs. Jackie Washington, with any additional questions or concerns at [Jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us).**

## PreACT TESTING FOR SOPHOMORES

All sophomores will participate in PreACT testing in March (the date has not been solidified as we are waiting for more information from our district). The PreACT is designed to help students predict their future scores on the ACT after an additional year of learning. Students can use their scores to make an academic learning plan to help reach their desired ACT score.

Any student with prior approved testing accommodations will receive their accommodations on test



approved accommodations for testing. Mrs. Washington works with both organizations to apply for student accommodations.

The PreACT test is a multiple choice test designed to provide tenth graders with practice for the ACT test. The PreACT test measures academic achievement in

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science

English- contains 45 questions and measures written English by conventions of standard English (punctuation, usage, sentence structure and formation)

Math- 36 items including algebra, geometry, statistics and probability. Test will cover math skills that include percentages, surface area, average and median and volume. Students are allowed to use a calculator however all questions can be solved without one

Reading- Contains 25 items all about reading comprehension. Students will examine 3 reading passages to test their ability in understanding main ideas, making comparisons, examining cause and effect and so much more!

Science- contains 30 items. Test includes three reporting categories- interpretation of data, scientific investigation, and evaluation of models, inferences and experimental results.

ACT scores range from 1-36 including an overall composite score. Research has found that an average PreACT score for a tenth grader is 18. Anything above that would be considered great for a tenth grader. If a sophomore was able to score a 24 then they would rank higher than 75 percent nationally of other sophomore scores.

Actual test time will average about 2.5 hours in additional to pre test activity. Social distancing and masks will be enforced with small test settings provided to students. We will provide more details at a later date.

Any student receiving testing accommodations will receive on test day for PreACT. However, please note that when testing for ACT or SAT students must apply to receive approved accommodations for testing. Mrs. Washington works with both organizations to apply for accommodations with our students.

You can view additional resources at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Please contact Mrs. Washington regarding any testing concerns or questions at [jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us) or by phone.

## INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Please be on the lookout for numerous scholarship opportunities later today in School Counselor Canvas

If you have not ordered your graduation gown please do so at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

Seniors as you all are starting to receive exciting news about college admissions please don't forget to share with your school counselor. Our school counselors want to cheer and celebrate this amazing chapter with you! Simply send an email or better yet give us a call. Please also don't forget to go into SCOIR and update your account marking accepted, deferred or denied with each application.

Please make sure you are following the senior Instagram at "whsclass2021" for the most up to date senior information. We will soon start bragging on you on our social media platforms so stay tuned for more details.

## CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION SAVE THE DATE



Weddington High School graduation is scheduled for June 2, 2021 at 8:00am. Graduation will be held at Weddington High School's Warrior Stadium.

Union County Public Schools will hold graduations for traditional high schools in stadiums May 28 – June 4, 2021. The graduations will be livestreamed for public viewing.

UCPS will follow the latest health and safety guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services Department and the Union County Health Department. Protocols will be implemented to practice social distancing.

\*In the event of severe weather, rain dates have been set to reschedule ceremonies. Principals will communicate directly to seniors and their families, if the date of their graduation is changed.

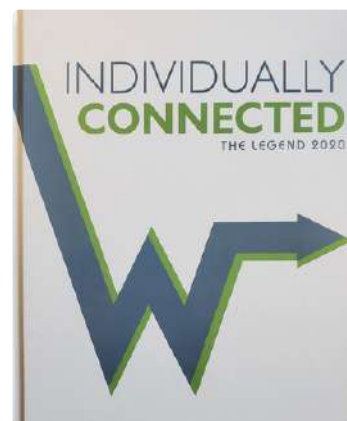
**More specific information regarding graduation to come.**

## YEARBOOK INFORMATION

### Purchase a Yearbook

Yearbooks are still on sale at [jostens.com](https://jostens.com). The cost for a yearbook is \$85.

If you have any questions please email Mrs. Waldrup at [anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.n.us](mailto:anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.n.us).



### Didn't Have a Yearbook Picture Taken?



If your student did not have his/her picture taken in October or during the make-up picture day earlier this month, its not too late to have a picture in the yearbook. We need you to take a photo of your child and submit it to us by Friday, February 19. The requirements for the photo are very simple. The photo needs to be taken from just below the shoulders and up. The background of the photo needs to be solid. Only your child can be in the photo. Example photos are included in the submission link to help assist you. Once you have your photo taken, please submit it using the Google Form link below.

Link for submission:

<https://forms.gle/rbFMe4jwFFnzTYWi6>

Thank you so much for your assistance and help making sure all our Warriors are included in the yearbook. If you have any questions, feel free to email our yearbook advisor at

[anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us).

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### **Current WHS 11th, 10th, and 9th - Course Selection/College and Career Ready Conversations**

Students, please reach out to your School Counselor to schedule a meeting. Please share the time that works best for you. Counselors will reply with an appointment date and time.

Please complete the **Course Selection GoogleForm** <https://forms.gle/XjeE3j8kRxmyTZxY7> to indicate preferred courses/course selections for the 2021-2022 school year. Please know the courses listed are not guaranteed. Based on some selections, you may be asked to complete a course waiver and/or AP contract. Please complete the form before meeting with a school counselor. Students must use UCPS credentials to access the form.

The 2021-2022 UCPS Program of Studies was just released by the District and can be found at this link

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/3182>

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION

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## Keep Me In The Game Fundraiser Reminder!



## Athletic Department Update

Please visit [www.ucpsathletics.com/weddington](http://www.ucpsathletics.com/weddington) for up to date information! We are happy to provide workout experiences for those interested in participating in athletics this school year. We encourage you to reach out directly to your coach if you have any questions regarding the schedule. All athletes must submit their athletic registration through FamilyID and be approved prior to starting workouts.

[Coaches Directory](#)

[Eligibility Website](#)

**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.**

### 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!

### Schedule Changes

Due to a referee shortage across the state, we have changed the schedules for basketball, men's and women's lacrosse and men's soccer. To view all schedules, click [here](#).

### WHSABC Vacancies: 2021-2022

The WHSABC is looking for volunteers! Please click [here](#) for more information!

### Men's Tennis Interest Meeting

There is a men's tennis interest meeting on Tuesday 2/16 at 6:30pm.

For the Zoom link, please email the Athletic Director @ [michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO**





### PTSO Newsletter

#### **PTSO Membership:**

Please join your PTSO for only \$25 for a family membership; and if you'd like to show more Warrior spirit and allow us further opportunities to grow our students, parents, and staff, please consider making a donation for Invest in Excellence! You can do all of this online; join and pay from the carline or your own home! Or, you may print form provided below and return to school. Go to

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

Look for information from your PTSO, and join us at:

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- \* email us at [w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com](mailto:w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com)

#### **SENIORS:**

\*The PTSO offers 2 \$1,000.00 scholarships to a Community College or Technical College. Information can be found here: <http://www.whsptso.com/ptso-scholarships.html>

\*Next Senior treat coming in March, followed by more in months to come!

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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