

Warrior Weekly

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, January 10 - Winter Band Concert (see below for more information)

Thursday, January 12 - Winter Chorus Concert (see below for more information)

Monday, January 16 - No School in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Senior Ad deadline (see below for more information)

Friday, January 20th - Thursday, January 26th - 1st Semester exam week (see below for more information)

Friday, January 27th - Optional Teacher workday, no school for students

2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The Board of Education approved the [2023-2024 traditional academic calendar](#).

Calendar highlights:

- The first day of school for students is Aug. 9
- Teacher workdays will begin on Aug. 2
- Exams will be administered before winter break
- The last day of school for students is May 22

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Drop Off Table

Should a student need an item brought from home, parents are permitted to do so. There is a drop-off table inside the main foyer. The school will not be responsible for any items left in this drop-off area. Classes **will not** be interrupted for pick-ups. Make sure to label them with your child's first and last name. **Food drop-offs by parents or outside delivery services (such as Door Dash, Uber Eats, etc.) will not be permitted.** Please plan ahead for events such as a forgotten lunch by arranging to have a balance in the student's cafeteria account. **No other deliveries will be accepted for students...this includes flowers and other gifts.**

Arrival and Dismissal

Students are not permitted to park at the elementary or middle schools. Vehicles that are parked at the elementary or middle schools may be towed at the owner's expense. Our local neighborhoods have contacted the school asking that students not park or be dropped off/picked up on the streets in their neighborhood. Vehicles can be towed by the neighborhood at the owner's expense.



FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

EXAMS BEGIN FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Important Testing Reminders:

- Be on time! **The building is open to students at 7:15am each morning.**
- **Students must be in their testing locations by 8:15 a.m.** Students arriving late will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun.
- As a reminder, final exams count as 25% of the overall semester grade. Attendance is very important.
- **Students will need their laptops and their chargers each day and a calculator if taking an exam where it is permitted.**
- All students are encouraged to get a good night's sleep each night and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

If you have questions concerning exams, please contact assistant principal and WHS testing coordinator, Alanna Smith at Alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us.

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

Monday, January 23rd - 2nd Block Exams

Tuesday January 24th - 3rd Block Exams

Wednesday, January 25th - 4th Block Exams

Thursday, January 26th - Makeup Exam Day

Required EOC Courses:

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

Fall 2022 CTE Courses with State Exams

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

The following are some important reminders for all students taking an EOC, CTE, or teacher made final exam:

- Students are asked to charge their Chromebook the night before AND bring their charger with them for test day. If your students computer is broken or not working properly, please have them contact Ms. Tammy Douglas, our Desktop Support Engineer.
- Students should bring a pencil and calculator if they have a math exam.
- Testing will begin at 8:15 on Friday, January 20th through Thursday, January 26th as well as on Friday, January 27th for the make-up exams. **All testing should be completed daily around 12:30pm. Students will not be permitted to leave campus until all exams have been completed.**
- Buses will pick up at normal morning times on exam days **but will be taking students home immediately following exams during those days.** Buses will run on normal times during the make-up exam day on Thursday, January 26th. Only students who have to take a make-up exam are required to come to school on the make-up exam day on Thursday, January 26th.

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 2022-2023 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

1st Semester Attendance Recovery

Students who have more than 7 Unexcused Absences (this includes Out of School suspension days) are required to complete Attendance Recovery. Students should have received attendance recovery forms prior to Winter Break. If your student did NOT receive a form, please have them stop by the Attendance Counselor office. The form will provide the number of hours that your student will be required to attend. Please remind your student they will need to bring this form with them for recovery. Recovery sessions will be held in the school Media Center during the week of January 9th – 13th (times offered will be before school 7:00-8:00am or after school 3:15-6:15pm). If you or your student have any questions about their required recovery time, please contact Mrs. TC Yost tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us. Students may also stop by the attendance office to speak with her directly. Failure to attend the required sessions results in failure of the class. Students or parents may also email their assigned assistant principal if you have additional questions. Assistant Principals will respond upon returning from the break.

Dates for Attendance Recovery:

Monday, January 9th

- 7:00 – 8:00
- 3:15 – 6:15

Tuesday, January 10th

- 7:00am – 8:00am
- 3:15pm – 6:15pm

Wednesday, January 11th

- 7:00am – 8:00am
- 3:15pm – 6:15pm

Thursday, January 12th

- 7:00am – 8:00am
- 3:15pm – 6:15pm

Friday, January 13th

- 7:00am – 8:00am
- 3:15pm – 6:15pm

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Attendance Reminder

As a friendly reminder, up to 5 days may be excused with a parent-written excuse note. Per UCPS policy, notes must be submitted within the current 6-week grading period (of the absence). A physician

note will be accepted at any time. Please contact Mrs. TC Yost with any questions or concerns (tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us)

WINTER CONCERTS





COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Class of 2023 - Midyear Transcript / Midyear Report/ Midyear Grades - Request

Not all colleges/universities require a midyear transcript/midyear report. Check your email, review admissions pages, and login to your college portals to identify if this documentation is required. This [form](https://forms.gle/gmFEo6ZJZyb9sEUK6) (<https://forms.gle/gmFEo6ZJZyb9sEUK6>) should only be completed for those schools requesting or requiring a midyear transcript/midyear report.

Once Semester 1 exams have concluded and grades are finalized, the District will load final Semester 1 transcripts. This process could take up to 3 days. Please allow 2 weeks for transcripts to be submitted.

Only midyear transcripts requested via this document will be sent to colleges/universities.
Email/voicemail requests will not be processed.

Check your SCOIR account for updates.

Semester 2 - Schedule Change Request

1. Schedule change requests can be submitted Wednesday, December 1st - Friday, February 3rd.
2. Modifications to schedules began Monday, December 12th and conclude **Friday, February 3rd**.
3. ONLY requests submitted via this [form](https://forms.gle/c3C3bdBYxdGEmruV6) (<https://forms.gle/c3C3bdBYxdGEmruV6>) will be considered.
4. Requests sent via email and/or voicemail will NOT be considered.
5. Please know submitting this form does NOT guarantee a schedule change.
6. Do not submit this form if you do not want the order of your current schedule to change as this is a possibility.
7. Check PowerSchool often to identify if a modification to your schedule has been made.
8. Schedule changes are made in real time therefore a list of options cannot be made available.

Elective courses commonly offered at WHS:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bRZygN-JR1feXPrfpZF5qTc3gcWxyEvytsXaMvD2vI/edit?usp=sharing>

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

December information sessions have been rescheduled to February

February = 2023 - 2024 Academic Information Sessions

Auditorium

9th grade - February 7th 1st block

11th grade - February 8th 2nd block

10th grade - February 9th 4th block

February = 2023 - 2024 Course Registration

Auditorium

9th grade - February 20th 1st block

11th grade - February 21st 2nd block

10th grade - February 22nd 4th block

Semester 2 Open House - Wednesday, February 15th, 5:30-7:00 pm

AP information session, 7:00, auditorium

Freshman and Sophomore information session, 7:30, auditorium

February - March = Course Registration Conversations with Counselors - by student request

Students are welcome to schedule an individual academic info session 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.

The Outreach Coordinator for LAWA (Latin Americans Working for Achievement), Noemi Arreola, will be visiting Weddington High School on January 11th during all lunches. She will be here promoting their High School Series program, a program the district is partnering with LAWA to promote. There are a few remaining sessions this school year!



The High School Series program is a multidisciplinary approach aimed at lessening the graduation gap, increasing higher education access, and preparing youth for the workforce. Parents and students are invited to attend our bilingual workshops which include information on high school graduation, college readiness, higher education institutions, college application process, financial aid process and opportunities, bachelor and associate degrees, and trade and vocational program options. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.lawanc.org/high-school-series>

2022-2023 PARENT SERIES

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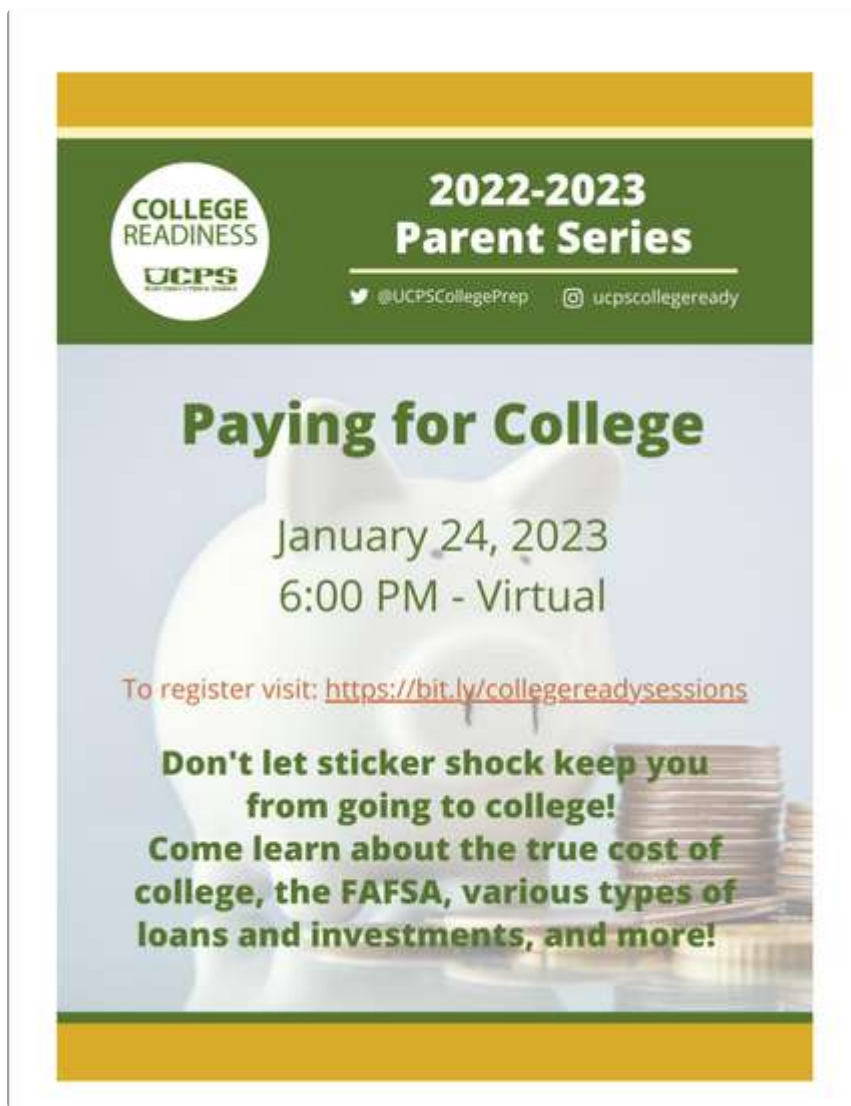
2022-2023 Parent Series

Getting Ready for College

January 10, 2023
6:00 PM - In Person
at Cuthbertson High School

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

Come learn about the college admissions process and how to help your child get on a path to success. Target audience is parents of students in grades 8-11.



2022-2023 YEARBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Yearbooks are now on sale for the 2022-2023. Purchase your yearbook now at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) to get the lowest price of the year along with free personalization.



SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS FOR THE YEARBOOK

Senior parents can now create a special ad celebrating their senior's milestones and successes. Ads are created by the parents directly through Jostens using the following link:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1163950/Wedding-ton-High-School/>

Please refer to the Senior Ad Quick Start Guide for assistance creating your senior recognition ad.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!



ORDER BY			
COLOR AD	10/31	12/05	01/16
Full Page	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
1/2 Page	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$250.00
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IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at
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.

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.



Senior Ads Quick Start Guide.pdf

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592.2 KB

ATHLETIC INFORMATION



Athletic Department Update

Questions about Athletics? Please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Hart, via email michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us or by calling the school.

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

[Coaches Directory](#)

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



Thank you to everyone that has joined the WHS PTSO! Your membership and INVEST IN EXCELLENCE provides students and staff with many programs, scholarships, grants, as well as support of the College Fair, Life Skills and so much more.



If you have not joined the PTSO, please join today at www.whsptso.com!

IT'S THE WEDDINGTON WAY!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that have volunteered their time and/or have contributed to the staff appreciation, senior events, angel tree, etc. We appreciate your generosity and commitment to WHS.

Mark Your Calendars:

Spring Semester Open House: February 15th. This is a great opportunity to meet your student's teacher and WHS Staff.

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @whs_ptso. Email us at w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com

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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