



# 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, January 18	TBA	JV Wrestling-@ Lake Norman (Away)
	TBA	V Wrestling @Kings Mountain (Away)
	TBA	Swimming and Diving-Lincoln Invitational (@Huntersville A.C.)
Monday, January 20	<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY – SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	
Tuesday, January 21	<b>TEACHER WORKDAY – NO SCHOOL</b>	
	3:00 PM	College App Lab
	4:00 PM	JV and V Basketball vs. Parkwood (Away)
Wednesday, January 22	3:00 PM	College App Lab
	6:30 PM	Women's Lacrosse Parent Meeting – Media Center
Thursday, January 23	3:45 PM	Track Meet @ Cuthbertson
	5:00 PM	Swimming and Diving @ Providence
	6:00 PM	Wrestling vs. Parkwood and Cuthbertson (@Cuthbertson)
Friday, January 24	4:00 PM	JV and V Basketball vs. Monroe (Home)
	7:30 PM	Swimming and Diving-Last Chance Meet (@ Wingate)

## Student Accomplishments

-The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Charlotte recently announced the winner of its 2019-2020 Youth of the Year competition – 12<sup>th</sup> grade WHS student Carly Rauch. Carly is heavily involved in the service of

others through her role as a member and junior staffer/mentor at the Monroe Boys & Girls Club. Way to go, Carly!

Sofia Gazzola, Charlotte Hoffman, Evan Sowle, and Khushi Patel recently represented Weddington High School at Pancakes for Freedom in an effort to advocate for victims of human trafficking and to put a stop to this horrific practice. These Warriors got up on a Saturday at 5:00 a.m. and cooked over 600 pancakes to support the event. It was even featured on Channel 9 News! Way to go, Sofia, Charlotte, Evan, and Khushi...your efforts are admirable!

Aly McNair was recently crowned Miss NC High School America! She will compete in June at the national pageant for the title of Miss High School America. This will take place in Little Rock, Arkansas. We are so proud of Aly because this organization concentrates on community service with a focus on anti-bullying awareness, academics, interview skills, and overall poise.

Congratulations to Neyha Baddigam, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at WHS, who was recently selected as the North Carolina DECA Diamond Student of the Month! Her hard work and dedication to the WHS DECA chapter ultimately led to this award. Neyha is a key student-leader in the orchestration of all activities for DECA competitions in which our WHS DECA chapter competes. Way to go Neyha!

Congratulations to Tim Cho, Ruth Donadieu, and Jane Negus for selection to the SCDBA All-District Honor Band! Tim was selected as first chair oboe, and he and Ruth also earned the right to go on to audition for All-State Honor Band!

## School Doorbell System

**Implementation of this system has been delayed until January 22, 2020.** Beginning on that date, the main exterior doors at Weddington High School will remain locked. All visitors will be required to ring the doorbell at the front of the school at which time a school employee in the main office will utilize a camera system to ensure that access should be granted. **Please note that if you are not recognized by the individual manning the front office, you will be required to show your identification.** This doorbell system is already in effect at most Union County Public Schools locations and will eventually be implemented at all 53 schools in the county. We ask for your patience with the use of this system as there may be a brief delay for stakeholders to enter the building. **This is true for students who “flex” and should thus account for a few extra minutes each day to avoid being tardy for class.** We apologize for any inconvenience that this new layer of security may create, but we remind you that the sole intent of the measure is to keep our students and staff safe and secure.

## Street Safe

Street Safe is an exciting and innovative hands-on experience taught by first responders. This program was designed and developed to change the driving behaviors that often lead to crashes. Street Safe focuses on behaviors such as speeding, distractions, following too closely, seatbelt use, and impaired driving, with an emphasis on the decision making process and the importance of parental involvement.

### Lifesaving Driving Experience (LDE)

This is a 4 ½ hour hands-on driving experience for new, inexperienced drivers. Half of this program is spent outside participating in hands-on exercises and the other half is spent engaged in an interactive discussion led by an expert in traffic crash investigation. The experience revolves around the top crash causes. This is a “See it! Hear it! Do it!” experience. The “Do it!” portion reinforces what the instructors offer. Instructors are certified instructors—law enforcement, fire fighters, and other first responders. All materials are up-to-date, relevant,

and “raw”—it includes but is not limited to: impactful speakers (accident victims, representatives from DA’s office, insurance agents--not to sell; only to educate about proper coverage vs. minimum coverage), etc.

**Parents are required to stay the first hour.** Waivers must be signed by parent/guardian or by the participant (if 18 years of age or older). To participate, attendees must have had successfully completed Driver Education or have a driver’s license. Adults are welcome to participate/register as well.

Pre-registration is required. Registration is completed online at <http://streetsafeus.com/>. Click on the "Lifesaving Driving Experience" rectangle, scroll to "2020-04-04 Union Co. Piedmont HS 11am", click on the “Sign up now” button. There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee.

Maximum number of attendees: 60. Minimum enrollment in order for the session to take place: 20.

Any questions visit Street Safe’s website at <http://streetsafeus.com/or contact them at 910-612-9030>.

## **Parent Feedback on Naviance Desired**

Union County Public Schools has collaborated with Hanover Research to conduct systematic and ongoing research in the form of program evaluations. These program evaluations will guide decision-making, provide a foundation upon which to develop and share best practices, and support program sustainability. The next program that UCPS has asked Hanover Research to evaluate is the use of the **Naviance** application at our middle and high schools. As a part of this collaboration, Hanover Research launched a survey on January 7, 2020 to gather as much stakeholder feedback as possible. The survey is scheduled to close on January 21, 2020. Please access the survey via the link below and/or via our school’s website under the announcements tab.

<https://tinyurl.com/vg2rgwq>

## **Warrior Athletics Spring Tryouts**

Attached to this Warrior Weekly email message is a document which provides detailed information regarding spring sports tryouts. If you have any questions which are not answered in the document, your contact person is WHS athletic director, Mr. Mike Hart ([michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us)).

## **Senior Recognition Ads**

The deadline for purchasing a senior recognition ad in the yearbook has been extended! **You can still purchase an ad to honor your senior child's achievements until January 27, 2020.** You can order and design your ad online at [jostensadservice.com](http://jostensadservice.com).

## **PTSO NEWS**

PTSO SCHOOL GOALS: At the beginning of the year, we requested a membership and Invest in Excellence donation. **Our goal is \$20,000.00.** We are roughly *\$9,000 short of our goal*. We sincerely appreciate the donations received to date. If we are able to raise \$20,000 then we, as a school community, are able to provide:

- Furniture and equipment to promote more collaborative classrooms
- Technology to enhance student engagement and supplement student learning
- Resources for our Transition to Adulthood classes
- ...and more!

**The educational benefits of collaborative learning include:**

- Producing higher group and individual achievement
- More advanced reasoning strategies and higher level thinking skills
- Improved oral communication
- Self-management and leadership skills.

- Learning to confidently present and defend ideas
- Increased confidence and sense of responsibility.
- More exposure to diverse perspectives.

You can donate online at [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com). Thank You!

PTSO Executive Board

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Senior Events: Kelley Cobb

Site-Based Team Representative: Deborah Schneider and Smithesh Shah

January Happenings:

NO School	Jan. 20th and 21st
Reverse Homecoming Week	Jan. 22-24
Friday Staff Treats	Jan. 24th and January 31st

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