



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
Monday, March 9	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	JV and V Men's Lacrosse vs. Hough (Home) Softball vs. Central Pageland (Home)
Tuesday, March 10	3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Men's Golf vs. Parkwood (@Stonebridge) Men's Tennis vs. Catholic (Home) JV Baseball vs. Cuthbertson (Home) V Baseball @ Cuthbertson (Away) Softball @ Cuthbertson (Away)
Wednesday, March 11	3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Track Meet @ Providence (Away) JV and V Women's Lacrosse @ Latin (Away) V Baseball vs. Cuthbertson (Home) Men's Tennis @ Marvin Ridge (Away) V Men's Lacrosse vs. Parkwood (Home)
Thursday, March 12	4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION Men's Golf vs. Cuthbertson (@ Monroe C.C.) Men's Tennis vs. Piedmont (Home) JV and V Men's Lacrosse vs. Catholic
Friday, March 13	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	SENIOR CAP AND GOWN DELIVERY (during lunches) JV Baseball vs. Cuthbertson (Home) V Baseball @ Cuthbertson (Away)

	5:30 p.m.	Softball vs. Parkwood (Home)
	7:00 p.m.	V Women's Lacrosse vs. John's Creek (Home)
Saturday, March 14	12:00 p.m.	JV and V Women's Lacrosse @ NW Guilford (Away)

Top Ratings for WHS!

Niche, a Pittsburgh-based research and review site recently tabbed Weddington High School with an overall school grade of A+ and a ranking of #3 of all public high schools in the Charlotte metro region. Factors which determined the ratings include the following: academics, teachers, clubs & activities, administration, food, diversity, college preparation, health & safety, sports, and facilities & resources. This stellar review of our school is a direct reflection of the commitment, hard work, enthusiasm, talent, and teamwork of our students, parents, and staff. It's good to be a Warrior!

Student Accomplishments

Congratulations to our DECA team for their stellar performance at the recent DECA Career and Development Conference. Attached to this Warrior Weekly email is a stellar press release written by WHS DECA public relations director Ryan Thompson. Check it out!

Faculty Recognition

The UCPS Influencer Award is a prestigious recognition bestowed upon a small number of UCPS employees who exemplify outstanding service through their work and influence upon others.

Check out this narrative submitted by Weddington Middle School band director Mekel Rogers which led to our band director, **Mrs. Jill Brooks**, being named as one of only two UCPS Influencers for the month of March.

"Jill came to the Weddington Band program in 2012 at a time when I had just turned 40 and was questioning whether to keep teaching or leave the profession due to potential burnout that all dedicated educators face. Jill was 26 at the time and her youthful energy was contagious. Her focus and drive helped to remind me why I began teaching in the first place, and now I can't imagine being at Weddington without her.

Our working relationship has always been one of mutual emotional support. Early on, Jill looked to me for experience and self-confidence. As the years have gone by, I have relied on her just as much for my own self-confidence and well-being. Over the past eight years, Jill has built a successful career at Weddington and has an amazing rapport with her students. For me, though, Jill is uniquely special because she inspired me to keep teaching, and I am thankful that she helped me find my love for my profession again."

Coronavirus

Update from the Union County Public Schools

-The UCPS senior leadership team is having ongoing meetings with Union County Health Department and Atrium Health to monitor and plan for the situation.

-They are also receiving daily briefings from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the State of North Carolina.

-Current Weddington H.S. and UCPS action steps:

*Adamantly promoting handwashing to all stakeholders (please join us in that)

*Cleaning protocols for UCPS facilities and buses have intensified (i.e. student desks are now cleaned everyday)

*Attendance rates are being closely monitored

Yearbook Class for 2020-2021

Students interested in being a part of the class which creates the 2020-2021 WHS yearbook may access the application at the following link: <http://bit.ly/YearbookApplication21>

Sponsorships/Donations Needed

The Top 20 banquet is an annual WHS event at which the top 20 ranked seniors in the graduating class are recognized for this outstanding accomplishment. The banquet also provides the students with an opportunity to publicly recognize educators in their lives who have had a significant impact on their educational journey. We have been able to facilitate this event over the years only through the generosity of our community through sponsorships and donations. If you own or are a part of a business who may be in a position to become a sponsor or if you as an individual family feel compelled to make a donation, please contact WHS staff member TC Yost (tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us).

Summer Camps @ WHS

The following link provides information on summer camps at WHS offered to students in grades K-12: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/weddingtoncamps>

Family Dinner Night

Hey, families! Come join many other Warriors on Wednesday, March 11 for Family Dinner Night at Bisonte Pizza in Matthews. Take a night to have dinner with family and friends while supporting the WHS band. Please be sure to tell your cashier that you are there supporting the WHS band. Our band will receive a portion of the sales from the entire day. We hope to see you there on Wednesday!

The School Counseling Summary

(News and Notes from the WHS School Counseling Department)

2020-2021 Course Selection Counselor Check-in

The course selection process continues during 2nd block until Tuesday, March 31. Friday, April 3 will serve as the makeup day. Students will receive an invitation to meet with counselors via email.

Grade Level Conferences

Grade level conferences will be facilitated by respective school counselors throughout the months of **March, April, and May**. Should a conference around academic planning and college/career readiness be of interest, please encourage your student to email his/her respective counselor to schedule a meeting.

SPCC Registration Information Session

Current 10th and 11th grade students

- *Mandatory for Fall 2020 SPCC registration*
- Wednesday, March 18th, 7:00-7:30 p.m.
- WHS Auditorium
- *Please arrive by 6:45 to sign-in*

Junior Workshop – Part 2 – Junior Workshop Part 2

Current 11th grade students

- Wednesday, March 18th, 7:30-8:00 p.m.
- WHS Auditorium

Spring College Fair

Mark your calendar for the Spring College Fair, March 23, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This event will be open to grades 9-12. Parents are invited to attend. More information to come.

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Jumpstart the College Application Process - Part 1

Current 11th/Rising 12th Grade Students (optional)

- June 22, 2020 - June 25, 2020
- 1:00 – 3:00
- Counseling Commons

Jumpstart Your Journey

Current 10th/Rising 11th Grade Students (optional)

- June 29, 2020
- 1:00 - 3:00
- Counseling Commons

Jumpstart the College Application Process - Part - 2

Current 11th/Rising 12th Grade Students

- August 3, 2020
- Two sessions
 - 8:00 - 10:00
 - A - M last name, work on Common App
 - 2:00 - 4:00
 - N - Z last name, work on Common App
- Counseling Commons

College Application Lab

Current 11th/Rising 12th Grade Students (optional)

- Tuesdays this summer
- 1:00 – 3:00
- Counseling Commons

College Essay Writing Lab

Current 11th/Rising 12th Grade Students (optional)

- Thursdays this summer
- 1:00 – 3:00
- Counseling Commons

Grade Level – Meet the Counselor-Summer Conferences

- Students are encouraged to email their respective counselor to schedule a summer conference appointment

8th grade to 9th grade Welcome to Weddington Transition Meetings

- Students are encouraged to email Mr. Pauley to schedule a summer conference appointment

2020-2021 Schedule Change

Choose “best fit” classes! A schedule change request for the 2020-2021 school year will only be considered if a student meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. Missing a graduation requirement
2. Hole/” Please see your Counselor” message on schedule
3. Would like to be placed in a less rigorous course (AP/H/CP)
4. Course needed for credit recovery
5. Did not earn credit for the prerequisites
6. Previously earned credit for the course
7. SPCC enrollment has been confirmed

For additional information specific to schedule changes, please refer to the UCPS Program of Studies 2019-2020 edition, page 24 “Changing or Withdrawing from Courses”

PTSO News

Scholarship Applications: Scholarships are available to seniors in the Class of 2020 who are attending an NC community college, skill, or trade school. Visit the WHS main office for more information.



We need more tissues at the school. Drop off at the front office.

March Happenings:

Staff Treats:	March 13th and 27th
SPCC Registration Info:	March 18th 7:00 p.m.
Junior Workshop II:	March 18th 7:30 p.m.
Early Release:	March 19th
NO SCHOOL:	March 20th
College Fair:	March 23rd

Senior Breakfast:

March 27th



Making sure our teachers stay energized through their first Wednesday staff meetings!