



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 |
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| Saturday, November 3 | 3:30 PM | Boys Cross Country State Championship (Kernersville, NC) |
| | 4:30 PM | Girls Cross Country State Championship (Kernersville, NC) |
| | 5:00 PM | Boys Soccer Playoff Game @ Parkland H.S. (Away) |
| Monday, November 5 | 3:30 PM | Girls Lacrosse Interest Meeting |

WHS Theatre

Congratulations to our WHS theatre department on some incredible accomplishments at the 2018 NCTC High School Play Festival! The professional actors and directors who watched each show honored our school and students with the following awards:

- *Festival Spirit Award
- *Theatre Arts Award - Excellence in Storytelling
- *Barbizon Outstanding Design & Production- Stage Management: Morgan Miller
- *Excellence in Acting - Millie Stevens

WHS Chorus

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to perform in the 2019 National Honors Choir at Carnegie Hall in February: Kaleb Dufrene, Andrew Page, Anna Gretz, Rilee Andrews, Katherine Sandoval, Anna Dipaolo, and Jessie Sloyan. What an honor!

WHS Band

Our WHS marching Warriors recently competed in the Pirate Cove Classic at Porter Ridge High School. Congratulations to these hardworking student-musicians for bringing home the following honors: 2nd Marching, 2nd Music, 3rd Percussion, Superior Rating, 2nd place for all 3A schools, the Jim Hill Award for being the highest scoring Union County band, and 1st Drum Major-Kaitlyn Dirr. Well done, marching band!

Student-Athlete of the Year!

Congratulations to senior student James Shipley who will receive the Charlotte Touchdown Club's prestigious student-athlete of the year award for the entire Charlotte Metro region at the organization's nationally televised event on December 3. We are proud of James for his commitment to being the very best student and athlete that he can be. Well done, James!

Public Forum on Teenage Vaping

Weddington High School is pleased to invite all community members to a public forum and panel discussion on the issue of teenage vaping. This vaping issue is one of which we all must be aware for the safety and wellbeing of our young people. On the evening of **November 13 at 6:30 p.m.**, Weddington High School will host a panel discussion and Q and A session with a diverse group of stakeholders including a Union County sheriff's deputy, a school administrator, a parent of a current high school student, a college student, a child mental health professional, and a pediatrician. This group will share information insights into the issue of vaping and ways that we as a community can combat this dangerous activity. Please use the following link to submit your questions and concerns about vaping so that our panel discussion can be tailored to these questions and concerns of our audience: <https://goo.gl/forms/VmpJ54DC3gZutW1z1>.

Please be on the lookout for further information about this event via social media, eblast, and our school website.

A/B Honor Roll

The Weddington High School A/B Honor Roll for the second six week grading period will be posted in our school and shared with local news organizations. Additionally, we will eblast this list of honor in a separate message to WHS eblast subscribers.

Street Safe

Street Safe, a program aimed at teenage driving safety, is coming to Cuthbertson High School on Saturday, December 8th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Attached to this Warrior Weekly email message is a document with general information about Street Safe. Please contact Weddington High School staff member Glenna Bowen with any questions about this event.

Student Attendance

Student attendance policy for the Union County Public Schools dictates that Juniors and Seniors are permitted up to two college visits per year school year. If the student provides documentation verifying the college visit,

the day out of school will not be counted as an absence. Please contact our WHS attendance counselor, Mrs. Glenna Bowen, with any questions.

WHS Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Math teacher Mr. Tim Higgins on his selection as the 2018-2019 Weddington High School teacher of the year! Tim is a dedicated educator who brings energy and passion to every period of every school day. Tim exemplifies the attributes of positivity, professionalism, and student-centeredness. Congratulations, as well, to Mrs. Andrea Cook and Mr. Michael Schnee who were finalists along with Mr. Higgins for the selection. The process started with colleague nominations for the recognition, and then a voting process narrowed the field to three finalists. The final selection for teacher of the year was made by a team of three UCPS staffers (a principal, an assistant principal, and a Central Services employee). The selection team indicated that the interview and observation process resulted in a very tight competition, but Tim came out on top. Let's all wish Tim the best as he advances to the district-wide teacher of the year process.

Staff Appreciation

Gathering of the Pies! Gathering of the Pies!

Monday, November 19th and 20th

The PTSO Staff Appreciation Committee is asking for parents' help with the annual "Gathering of the Pies". Each year, we love to give each staff member at Weddington High School the gift of a pie to take home and enjoy with family and friends. It is our way of saying, "Thank you for the awesome job you do!" This includes teachers, administrators, office staff, bus drivers, traffic directors, as well as custodial and cafeteria support staff—for a total of 133 pies! Please sign up to help out!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-thanksgiving3>

Order Your Yearbook Now!

Yearbooks are currently on sale, and students may place their order for this year's edition. You may simply visit www.jostens.com for more information (be sure to select Weddington High School as the school name), or contact our yearbook advisor with inquiries (sasha.freger@ucps.k12.nc.us). Orders will be taken through mid-November, so please don't miss out on this opportunity.

***Please scroll down for further information.**

Amazon Smile

AmazonSmile is increasing the donation rate 10x from Oct 29 - Nov 2

Thanks to our customers shopping at smile.amazon.com, AmazonSmile has donated over \$100 million to charities around the world! To celebrate, we're launching our biggest bonus donation to date — **5% for 5 days**. From Oct 29 - Nov 2, we're donating 5%, ten times our usual rate, on all eligible smile.amazon.com purchases. Click [here for details](#)

You can use the copy and banners below to spread the word.

Through Nov 2, AmazonSmile is donating 5% (ten times the usual amount) to Weddington High School PTSO when you shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/35-2423031. #AmazonSmile #StartWithaSmile

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Benefit our School When You Grocery Shop

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Our **ONLY** fundraiser!

Invest in Excellence

Invest in Excellence is the PTSO's only fundraiser. It is a straightforward request for a tax-deductible donation in lieu of any third-party or social event fundraising.

Invest money is used to support academic needs at WHS. In the past, the generous donations from parents have enabled the school to purchase

Visit us at www.whsptso.com

Membership: We are combining our Invest in Excellence campaign with our membership drive. Your one-time donation to Invest in Excellence automatically includes a \$20 membership to the PTSO. Membership monies (along with the money generated from Harris Teeter's VIC card and Publix) are important for covering our expenses for *staff appreciation, care & concern, outreach, graduation, operating expenses, and scholarships*. ("Senior Events" is self-supporting through donations from senior parents.)

It's easy! Simply complete the form in this newsletter and mail it in or drop it off at the PTSO tables during the August open house. You may also Invest online at www.whsptso.com.

2018-2019 PTSO BOARD

President: Torrie Newman

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Invest in Excellence & Membership:

Staff Appreciation: Amanda Fink, Kelley Cobb

Senior Events: Peggy Rishe, Torrie Newman + awesome volunteers

Questions? Email Torrie at: Torrie@newmansplace.com



Senior Events

The Senior Events Committee provides breakfast several times during the school year. They also help out with student activities during senior week including the cakes for the banquet and lunch on awards day. Along with many more items to help make Senior Week a memorable event for them all! They work with the Student Counsel and Ms. LaLone to make this a successful week of events. This committee is fully funded by donations (\$35 per senior) from senior parents. Questions? Email: Peggy Rishe (pdrishe@yahoo.com) or Torrie Newman (torrie@newmansplace.com) The ever-popular *Home of a Senior Warrior* signs for parents' yards will be available at the August open house and are \$12! \$47 for the whole package for your senior!

Staff Appreciation

Treat Days twice a month (2nd & 4th plus the 5th Fridays), 4 staff luncheons, Thanksgiving pies, staff meeting snacks and holiday treats—it's how we show our administrators, teachers, and support staff our appreciation. Our Staff Appreciation Committee would love to add your name to its list of volunteers. Questions? Email: Amanda Fink (agracefink@gmail.com)

RE-LINK!! Don't forget to relink your Harris Teeter VIC card! Harris Teeter has been extremely generous in supporting our schools throughout the years, but it requires that patrons RELINK their card each August 1st to the school of your choice. (You may link up to 5 schools.) Go to www.harristeeter.com and click TOGETHER IN EDUCATION (TIE)...or add WHS to your card the next time you visit your local Harris Teeter.



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We hear you! This is your page for "one stop shopping"! Complete the sections you want to, include cash or check made payable to WHS PTSO, and mail form to address below (or drop off form at PTSO tables during the August open house days).

INVEST IN EXCELLENCE/MEMBERSHIP*: (\$20 will be put towards Membership.)

_____ \$300 donation
_____ \$200 donation
_____ \$100 donation
_____ \$ 50 donation
_____ \$ _____

- Ask your employer about a matching gift program for charitable giving.

SENIOR EVENTS (for parents of seniors ONLY):

_____ \$35 donation to cover senior activities
_____ \$12 "Home of Senior Warrior" yard sign _____ received _____ prepaid
_____ I would like to help with the monthly senior breakfasts.
_____ I would be willing to donate door prizes.

STAFF APPRECIATION:

_____ I would like to donate food items for staff treat days.
_____ I would like to help with the staff luncheons.

NEW STUDENT LUNCHEONS:

_____ I would like to donate food for New Student luncheons.

PTSO MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER:

_____ I would like to receive the monthly e-newsletter.

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

☐ I would like a receipt please.

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WHS PTSO
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Weddington High School
Attn: PTSO
4901 Weddington Monroe Road
Matthews, NC 28104

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For PTSO Use Only:

Check Number: _____

Online / CC: _____

Cash Received: _____

Date: _____ Initials: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Email Address (PLEASE print clearly) _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work/cell) _____

Student(s) Name: _____ Grade: 9th 10th 11th 12th

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