

Warrior Weekly

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Friday, November 10: No School in Observance of Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 21: Early Release Day, End of Grading Period

Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24: Thanksgiving Break - No School



THANK YOU

VETERANS



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



EARLY RELEASE BELL SCHEDULE

EARLY RELEASE DAY SCHEDULE

Doors open	7:15am
1st Block	8:10-8:57am
2nd Block	9:02-9:50am
3rd Block	9:55-10:42am
4th Block	10:47-11:35am

- Car riders and student drivers are dismissed @ 11:35am
- Bus riders are to report to the Cafeteria to eat lunch or wait for buses
- Bus riders will be dismissed at 12:03pm

JOIN THE WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO!

Please join the WHS PTSO at www.whsptso.com or use the QR code located at the bottom of this newsletter. Please also take a moment to review additional important information regarding our amazing PTSO below.

FALL SENIOR SPIRIT WEEK



INFORMATION ABOUT 2024-25 AND 2025-26 CALENDARS

The Union County Board of Education approved the 2024-2025 academic calendar at the Nov. 8 meeting. To view the calendar, click on the attachment or visit the [calendar page](#). The Wolfe School and Union County Early College calendars will be approved at upcoming meetings.

In addition, the Board of Education is seeking feedback from employees and parents about the 2025-2026 school calendar. UCPS staff is presenting two options for the 2025-2026 calendar—one with the traditional start date and another with an early start date.

[Please review both calendars](#) and provide feedback through [this survey](#). The survey will close on **November 22 at 11:59 p.m.**

Highlights – Version 1

- The first day of school is Monday, August 25 and the last day of school is Friday, June 5. Winter Break starts on December 22 and high school exams are in January.

Highlights – Version 2

- The first day of school is Monday, August 11 and the last day of school is Friday, May 22. Winter Break starts on December 22 and high school exams are in December.

[2025-2026 calendar survey](#)

File Attachments:

ATTENDANCE

In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please provide written documentation to our Attendance Counselor, Mrs. TC Yost (tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us). Either a doctor's note or written parent note is required to excuse the absence. Remember, parent notes will only be accepted during the current 6-week grading period, of the absent day. For more information regarding attendance, please reference the UCPS policy found on the website

Early Dismissal Procedure:

Due to the increased number of students leaving school early, it is important that you follow the early dismissal procedures to avoid classroom interruption. **On the occasions that you need your student to be dismissed early, a prior written note will be REQUIRED. The note must be brought to the front office prior to the beginning of school and should include the following information: student's first and last name, date, time of dismissal and parent signature. Following this procedure will allow the student to leave class at the assigned time without interrupting instruction.**

Please contact Mrs. Yost with any attendance questions or concerns.

Tardies

At Weddington High School, we believe that teachers have a right to teach and students have a right to learn. Instructional time must be protected and without interruption in order to assure that quality teaching and learning are taking place in every classroom, every day. Instruction should and will be conducted from the time students enter the classroom through the time the bell rings and they are released by their teacher. At the beginning of class when the bell rings, teachers are to mark students arriving late to class tardy in PowerSchool. This applies to ALL blocks and lunches. Students missing more than 15 minutes of class, will be marked absent for the block. Keep in mind, students who leave a class should have a pass to avoid being marked incorrectly. * The WHS tardy policy can be found in the WHS student handbook which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

*At the beginning of each semester, student tardies will reset**

UCPS has enabled an automated message that will go out each day to the parents of students who were tardy for one or more classes that day.

CLASS OF 2024

Senior Pictures Information

There are 3 ways to get your senior pictures taken this year.

1. Between now and December 3rd you can book a session at Cady studios by visiting their website at <https://store.cady.com/>. There are several different packages available ranging in a variety of prices. The basic session package is \$30 and includes several poses of the senior tux/drape

yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and 1 scene of your choice. With this basic package, seniors will also be able to select the tux/drape photo they want to be included in the yearbook.

2. Senior picture make-up day will be **Monday, November 27th** during 1st and 2nd block. At this make-up session, students will only get a single shot of the tux/drape photo taken. Seniors will not be able to select the photo to be put in the yearbook. **THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE YEARBOOK.**

****Seniors who do not get their senior picture taken by December 3rd, 2023 will not be included in the yearbook.**

CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Governor's School Applications

Applications to Governor's School are now being accepted. Applications must be received by November 10th.

Please email Ms. Scoggins with questions.



College Visits

Pre-Registration in Scoir

Open to Seniors and Juniors

Scoir <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7558>

Please reference the Scoir folder in the School Counseling Canvas page for a menu of detailed information and videos around setting up an account, downloading the app., viewing the calendar,

etc.

FAFSA

FAFSA, <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. To best prepare, review resources found at financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov.

College Visits

On campus college visits are back! Wondering who will be on campus this week? Check the board in the cafeteria. Semester one visits are open to Seniors and Juniors.

Register in Scoir today!

1. Log into Scoir
2. Click on 3 lines in top right corner
3. Click on "Events and Deadlines"
4. Search for college of interest & sign up
5. Visits are in the Counseling Commons

SPCC

The South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) Career and College Promise (CCP) Program offers students an opportunity to earn college credit, tuition-free, while still in high school. These courses can be taken in a variety of formats (in-person and online), and they offer subjects ranging from transferable general education courses (English, Math, Science, etc.) to career and technical education courses (business, IT, medical assisting, welding and much more!). These courses can also help students achieve credits toward high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credit.

If you would like to learn more information about the opportunities that the CCP program offers, we encourage you to attend a virtual information session on the following dates at 6PM using the Microsoft Teams link provided:

Dec. 12, 2023

Jan. 9, 2024

Feb. 13, 2024

March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Secondary Education Partnerships team at SEP@spcc.edu



How to Register for a Class- Career and College Promise (CCP) Student.pdf



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How to View SPCC Class Schedule.pdf

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YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!



Yearbook Staff Needs Your Help!

The Yearbook staff needs your help collecting first day of school photos for the book. Please share with us on Instagram at [whsyearbook23_24](#) or email them to our yearbook advisor at anna.waldrup@ucps.k12.nc.us

Senior Recognition Ads for Yearbook

Dear Parent or Student,

Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 01/15/2024.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!

ORDER BY

COLOR AD	10/30	12/04	01/15
Full Page	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
1/2 Page	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$250.00
1/4 Page	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$200.00



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*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

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.

GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

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.

www.jostensadservice.com



Weddington HS Senior Ads 2324.pdf

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879.8 KB

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

NEW PROTOCOL FOR UCPS EVENTS

This a friendly reminder that due to a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county, UCPS implemented the protocols listed in the graphic below.

Please know that this applies to all athletic events, both indoors and outdoors, effective immediately. Please plan ahead: pre-purchase your ticket, store all bags/purses that do not meet criteria below at home, ensure there is adult supervision for children.

NEW PROTOCOLS **FOR UCPS EVENTS**

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

For winter sports, UCPS will implement the following protocols.

- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime of the final event.



Athletic Department Update

Fall Sports are underway and off to a great start! Be sure to come out and cheer on the Warriors!

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](#)

[Eligibility Website](#)

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

It's PIE TIME!

Each year all Warriors are invited to provide a pie for the staff of WHS (Faculty, Custodians, Counselors, Bus Drivers & Monitors, Nutrition, and Administration). Please see the SUG below and know that you can make a monetary donation through Venmo for our Staff Appreciation committee

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-45613300-thanksgiving>

Next Senior Breakfast is November 17th!

President: Sherri McGirt

VP: Amanda Fink

Treasurer: Jenny Bergman

Treasurer Elect: Available

Membership: Heidi Hamilton

Secretary: Trista Jorges

Social Media: Danielle Klee

Senior Events: Terry Key & Shawn Keller

Staff Appreciation Co-Chair: Olga Bernhardt & Kristin Marion

Website Manager: Available

Site Base Reps: Eric Wang & Ben Fink

*** We are need of a Website Manager to oversee the WHS PTSO website and we are also looking for a treasurer elect. Both positions are available now. If you're interested, please email us at w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com.*

There's still time to join the **WHS PTSO** and Make a Difference in Our School Community! Your membership helps enhance our school community by providing student scholarships to Seniors, mini-grants to teachers, aid in the college fair, and many other activities for both students and teachers.

Please join the WHS PTSO at www.whsptso.com or use the QR code.

<https://cdn.smores.com/u/6538/dd512d8ad7cc6b6581768cd41d9fac2a.png>

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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.



LOOKING FOR A PREVIOUS WARRIOR WEEKLY? CLICK
HERE!

