



# Warrior Weekly

Volume IV, Issue XXI  
Monday, January 25, 2016

"The mission of Weddington High School is to empower all students to meet their full potential so that they become knowledgeable, responsible, ethical young adults who are prepared to meet life's challenges and responsibilities."

WHS – A Culture of Excellence!

## In This Issue

Special Recognition  
Meet the Teachers Night  
School Calendar  
Bell Schedule  
ACT Administration Date (Important)  
1<sup>st</sup> Semester Excelsior Recipients  
Attendance Reminders  
FAFSA Day at SPCC  
Flex Day Information for Seniors  
Parent Portal & PowerSchool Apps  
Parking Passes  
Warrior Promise – Gala Fundraiser (Important)  
PTSO News

## 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 update our school **website** daily at <http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/55>

## Special Recognition

- Congratulations to Coach Carson for being selected to coach in the 2016 Shrine Bowl Game!
- Gillian Totaro has been selected as the NC DECA Diamond Student of the Month! Way to go Gilian!
- Our very own Coach Spencer has been named the U.S. Track & Field NC Coach of the Year!
- Congratulations to Parker Walton for breaking the school's all-time win total for Wrestling!
- Congratulations to Hunter Dula for being one of 36 gymnasts nationally selected to the Nastia Liukin Cup!
- Congratulations to Keith Duncan for being named to *MaxPreps 2015 All-America* football team!
- The WHS Student Government, National Honor Society, Mentors Club, Food for Thought Club, & Science National Honor Society hosted over 60 children from the Monroe Boys & Girls Club during its *Hope for the Holidays* event. Thank you to all who participated and well done Warriors!
- Congratulations to Mr. Williams for being named the *Charlotte Observer's* Soccer Coach of the Year!
- Survat Jhamb, Jenna Asarese, James White, Brendan Spellman, and Gillian Totaro all placed first overall in their respective events at the DECA District Competition – well done Warriors!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Meet the Teachers Night

Parents, mark your calendar for this semester's Meet the Teachers Night. The event will be held on Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 PM. The evening will begin in the auditorium with a brief PTSO general membership meeting. Parents will then "be dismissed" to go to their student's first-period class and then follow their class schedule to meet their teachers. Representatives from the PTSO will be on hand to answer questions about their role at WHS and will have tables set up for: PTSO Membership; Senior Events; and Staff Appreciation. Please consider showing your support for Weddington High School by attending this event and joining the PTSO. The purpose of the PTSO is to provide support for educational needs and coordinate activities that benefit the students and staff of WHS.

# 2015 – 2016 School Calendar and Events

For the detailed UCPS Calendar please click [here](#). Also, parents are encouraged to view the Weddington High School calendar found [here](#). Please refer to the dates below for a schedule of this week's events.

Date	Time	Event
Monday, January 25		No Events Scheduled
Tuesday, January 26	9:00 AM	SCC Swim Meet @ Mecklenburg Aquatic Center (Clt. Latin)
	4:00 PM	JV Basketball vs. Cuthbertson HS (Home)
	6:30 PM	V Basketball vs. Cuthbertson HS (Home)
Wednesday, January 27		<b>Report Cards Distributed</b>
Thursday, January 28	4:00 PM	Winter Track @ Providence HS
	6:00 PM	Wrestling vs. Piedmont HS & Marvin Ridge HS (Home)
Friday, January 29	4:00 PM	JV Basketball @ Marvin Ridge HS
	6:30 PM	V Basketball @ Marvin Ridge HS
Saturday, January 30	8:00 PM	Sadie Hawkins Dance (Providence CC)
Upcoming Events	1/27	Report Cards Distributed
	2/1	Reverse Homecoming Week (see website for details)
	2/2	Senior Breakfast (Media Center – 7:10 AM to 7:50 AM)
	2/2	Senior Class Group Photo – 1 <sup>st</sup> Block ( <i>Not Cap &amp; Gown Pic</i> )
	<b>2/11</b>	<b>Meet the Teachers Night (6:30 PM – Auditorium)</b>
	2/15	Inclement Weather Makeup Day
	3/1	ACT Administered to All Juniors
	3/1 & 3/2	Underclassmen Ring Order Dates (WHS Commons Area)
	3/22	Senior Orders Delivery Date (WHS Commons Area)
	6/10	Commencement for 2016 (10 AM – Winthrop Univ.)

## Bell Schedule

Parents are reminded to have students at school **prior to 8 AM** so that all learners are in their respective classes and prepared for the start of the instructional day. Students who accrue excessive tardies run the risk of violating the Student Code of Conduct and will receive the appropriate consequence as outlined in the student handbook. For details please click [here](#). The bell schedule for the 2015-2016 school year is as follows:

<u>Regular Bell Schedule (M, T, Th, &amp; F)</u>		<u>Bell Schedule on Wednesdays</u>	
Staff Arrival	7:30	Staff Arrival	7:30
Breakfast	7:20-7:50	PLC Planning	7:40-8:20
1 <sup>st</sup> Bell	7:54	1 <sup>st</sup> Bell	8:24
1st Block	8:00-9:33	1st Block	8:30-9:53
2nd Block	9:39-11:11	2nd Block	9:59-11:22
3rd Block	11:17-1:17	3rd Block	11:28-1:28
4th Block	1:23-2:55	4th Block	1:34-2:55

## ACT for Juniors

The date for this year's ACT is rapidly approaching. On Tuesday, March 1, 2016 the ACT will be administered to all juniors across the state of North Carolina. Weddington High School will use the weeks leading up to the exam as an opportunity to better familiarize students with the test. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to earn a qualifying score, free of charge, on a college entrance examination. We would encourage students to take a moment and review some of the resources on our website by clicking [here](#).

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Excelsior Recipients

Weddington High School's Excelsior Awards Program recognizes both students and staff on their outstanding achievements and excellent work ethic. Twice a year each department selects two students to receive these awards and we would like to congratulate the following 1<sup>st</sup> semester recipients: Jake Huber; Chase Costain; Nick Bellardini; Sydney Poore; Ashley Shreves; Sophia Russano; Coby Bloxham; Nathan Wyatt-Ingram; Lindsey Aaron; Pierce Gonci; Michael Rimmer; Chase Bost; Ashley Solis; Elliot Taylor; Zoey Beausoleil; Madison Rose Smith; Rebecca Wells; Spencer Hardaway; Austin Hubbell; Morgan Grant; Nick Dorton; and Justin Hults. Lt. Colonel Morgan & Sgt. Major Brookshire were the recipients of last semester's staff awards. Well done Warriors!

## Attendance Reminders

As we start the second semester, please take a moment & review some of these helpful attendance reminders:

- Students not in class at the start of the instructional day (8:00 AM) will be marked tardy. Students who accrue four tardies in any class are subject to the consequences outlined in the student handbook.
- Absences are accumulated on a class-by-class basis. **Students who accrue more than 7 absences in a class are at risk of not receiving credit unless they participate in credit recovery.**
- All absences count toward the above-mentioned 7 absences. Absences will be counted as unexcused until a note specifying the reason for the absence has been provided to the Attendance Counselor.
- Documentation specifying the reason for an absence should be presented to the Attendance Counselor as soon as the student returns to school.
- Only parent/guardians or emergency contacts will be allowed to check out students from school.
- Students must sign in or out with the main office when they arrive late or leave early.
- Students who wish to leave early must present a signed parent note to main office prior to 8 AM. The student will be issued an early dismissal notice once the note has been verified.

Please contact our Attendance Counselor, Ms. Glenna Bowen ([glenna.bowen@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:glenna.bowen@ucps.k12.nc.us)), with questions.

## FAFSA Day

FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) Day is a FREE event offered to students and families who need financial aid resources for post-secondary education. On FAFSA Day, Saturday, February 20, college financial aid officers and other volunteers will help students complete their Free Application for Student Aid forms. The program will be held at South Piedmont Community College and is open to students who plan to attend college in the 2016-2017 academic year. For additional information please click [here](#).

## Flex Day Application for Seniors

Seniors interested in applying for flex schedule second semester must submit their applications before the 10th day of the spring term. Questions about whether flex scheduling is a viable option for your student should be

directed to our guidance team. The flex schedule application and parent permission form can be found on Naviance and students are responsible for verifying that the flex schedule is acceptable to the colleges to which they have applied. Additional details regarding the flex schedule program may be found below:

- Seniors not meeting requirements for Early Graduation, but needing less than 4 courses in meeting graduation requirements, may opt to apply for flex day. This would apply for students meeting the UCPS Graduation Requirement (maximum potential – 4). Because the CASP program contains a flex component, these students do not have to be considered for a flexible day schedule.
- If a student enters his/her Senior Year with a minimum of 24 credits, the principal is granted the flexibility to offer the remaining credits during the spring semester. Principals are advised to offer courses required for graduation during the fall semester.
- Application for and approval of flex day must be made within the first 10 days of the semester.
- Courses must be completed in sequential order during the day and students must provide their own transportation. For example, students may not leave midday and return for 4th block class.
- If a student wishes to return to school grounds after the end of the school day for after-school activities, principal approval is necessary. This does not apply to night events.
- Flex day is available for school-sponsored athletic participants during the second semester.

## **Parent Portal & PowerSchool Apps**

The Parent Portal feature of PowerSchool is currently active and we would like to encourage you to stay abreast of your student's academic progress in his/her courses. Parent portal allows parents to monitor their student's academic progress and attendance throughout the grading period. Please contact our Data Manager, Ms. Donna Callahan ([donna.callahan@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:donna.callahan@ucps.k12.nc.us)), if you need to obtain a login ID and password or if you need assistance accessing this service.

If you are interested in adding the PowerSchool Applications to your mobile device, click [here](#) for the Parent App, and click [here](#) for the Student App.

## **Parking Passes**

Parking passes for the 2015-2016 school year can still be purchased from Weddington High School.

Students must apply in person and will need to bring the following items for a parking permit:

- Completed Parking Permit Application with student and parent/guardian signatures available [here](#)
- Valid Driver's License
- Vehicle Registration and Proof of Insurance for each vehicle being registered
- Cash or check in the amount of \$25. Checks should be made payable to Weddington High School.

Please contact Mr. Daniel Ruschak with any questions ([daniel.ruschak@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:daniel.ruschak@ucps.k12.nc.us)).

## **Warrior Promise Gala Fundraiser**

Parents, **please join us on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Club at Longview** for the ***Warrior Promise Gala*** and enjoy an evening of community, commitment, and celebration as we kick off the Warrior Promise Capital Campaign! Tickets are purchased in advance by clicking [here](#) and you can follow links to the 'Gala' once you visit the athletic booster website. Dinner tickets are available first come, first serve and there are unlimited dessert tickets. The

evening will feature wonderful community socializing with dinner, dessert, brief presentation, music by the band 'The Substitutes' and amazing items in the silent and live auction!

**Auction Preview:** You can get a sneak preview of a few items for auction on our website. Items include destinations to beach resorts, mountain retreats, Disney park hopper tickets, luxurious stays in Asheville or if prefer adventure for rafting trips in the mountains. Wonderful autographed merchandise from generous and famous NFL and NBA players, NASCAR as well as an opportunity to bid on trips to Golf Majors! Your Gala also has restaurant tickets, golf clubs/bags, golf equipment, student prep tutoring services, photography sessions, art and mural work as well as trunk shows from Jewelers.

Go to [whswarriorsabc.com](http://whswarriorsabc.com) and click 'Gala' for tickets. You won't want to miss this event and WE NEED YOU for the future of Weddington Athletics!

The Weddington High School athletic program serves more students than any other program we offer. However, the ever-increasing costs associated with construction, maintenance, and athletic supplies places great strains on our fiscal resources each and every year. Our stakeholders envision a school in which students will be engaged in meaningful activities that will ultimately lead to gaining the skills, confidence, and knowledge needed to find success in the world. We aim to carry out this vision by providing a first-class educational curriculum complemented by a first-rate athletic program. We are excited about where Weddington High School is today and we hope that you will partner with us as we fulfill our *Warrior Promise*.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

*The first capital campaign funded the fieldhouse locker room, new concrete and stadium improvements and exist today because of private and corporate donations raised in the previous capital campaign.*

Warrior Promise is a three year capital campaign to fund significant improvements across the greater Weddington campus. Funding generated will be utilized to fund capital expenditures above the annual base operating budget for all sports. That base budget receives county funding solely for transportation of two activity buses each year and we are reaching to our school and community partners to help us fund athletic infrastructure improvements above base operating cost in a given year.

You can be a part of the Warrior Promise Capital Campaign and volunteer, become a sponsor, provide a company matching gift or participate in our upcoming events. All donations to the capital campaign are tax deductible. Please visit [www.whswarriorsabc.com](http://www.whswarriorsabc.com) and follow links to how you can get involved.

## **PTSO News**

### **Invest in Excellence**

From our PTSO President: Thank you, thank you, thank you for your incredibly generous support of WHS academics by donating over **\$20,655** for the PTSO's Invest in Excellence campaign. Since your Invest dollars support ACADEMICS ONLY, you are a part of helping Weddington remain a strong academic school. If you would still like to be a part of this campaign, make your donation using the attached form, or go to [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com).

### **News from the Senior Events Committee**

Parents of seniors are asked to donate \$30 for the year to cover monthly senior activities as well as end-of-year senior events. "Home of a Senior Warrior" signs are still available in the school store for only \$10. Contact Torrie Newman ([torrie@newmansplace.com](mailto:torrie@newmansplace.com)) with inquiries.

### **Senior Breakfast**

The next Senior Breakfast of the 2015-2016 school year will be held **Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the WHS Media Center. The event will be held from 7:15 AM to 7:50 AM and we would like to thank McDonalds and Harris Teeter for sponsoring us during our last event. The PTSO Senior Events Committee would kindly ask parents of our seniors to take a moment and contribute to this year's senior campaign.

### **PTSO Outreach**

The PTSO is pleased to support WHS clubs, classes, & teams by promoting their programs, fundraisers, & outreach activities! Visit <http://www.whsptso.com/outreach.html> to see how you can support these organizations.

### **Are You Linked?**

Are you linked? If you shop at Harris Teeter please link your cards to our school! Our school identification is 4323 and Harris Teeter donates a portion of all proceeds to our school. ***Please note that you have to relink your card for each new school year.***

### **Volunteers**

Parents who wish to be a part of the PTSO volunteer list should contact Lisa Biehl at [lisabiehl@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lisabiehl@carolina.rr.com).