

Warrior Weekly

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Saturday, September 27th: Homecoming Dance (see below for more information)

Tuesday, September 30th: Underclassmen Picture Day (see below for more information)

Wednesday, October 1st: Senior Roadshow (see below for more information)

Thursday, October 2nd: Teacher Workday, no school for students

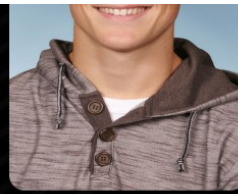
UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Underclassmen picture day will be on Tuesday, September 30th during 1st period. All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors need to have their picture taken for the yearbook. CADY is cashless, so no checks or cash will be accepted on picture day. Students can pre-order online at CADY.com/SchoolPictures prior to picture day and those that do not pre-order will receive digital proofs via email and SMS with a link to view and order after picture day. All orders will be shipped to the home address listed in Infinite Campus, not to the school.

CADY

Look Sharp, Picture Day is Coming Soon!

Save \$10 when you
order before picture day



ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE FAQ



What do I need to do if my student needs to leave early?

Send them to school with a parent note stating their name and what time they need to be dismissed. They will bring their note to the front office and receive an early dismissal slip.

Do I need to come into the school to sign out my student?

If they brought in a note - NO.
If they did not bring in a note - YES.

What if my student drives and needs to unexpectedly leave early?

We will need WRITTEN permission for your student to check themselves out. Please email the front office.

When do I need to use the Student Absence Portal?

Anytime your student is absent. Doctor's notes should **only** be uploaded to the portal - we do not need the paper copy.

When does my excuse note need to be uploaded?

Requested within 24 hours of the absence. Deadline for ALL excuse notes is before the end of each 6 week grading period.

Can I use the Student Absence Portal for an early dismissal?

NO. Students need to bring in a physical note in order to receive an early dismissal slip.

What is the latest time I can pick up my student?

We do not have a cutoff time, however, we suggest arriving before 2:30, as the car rider line tends to become congested.

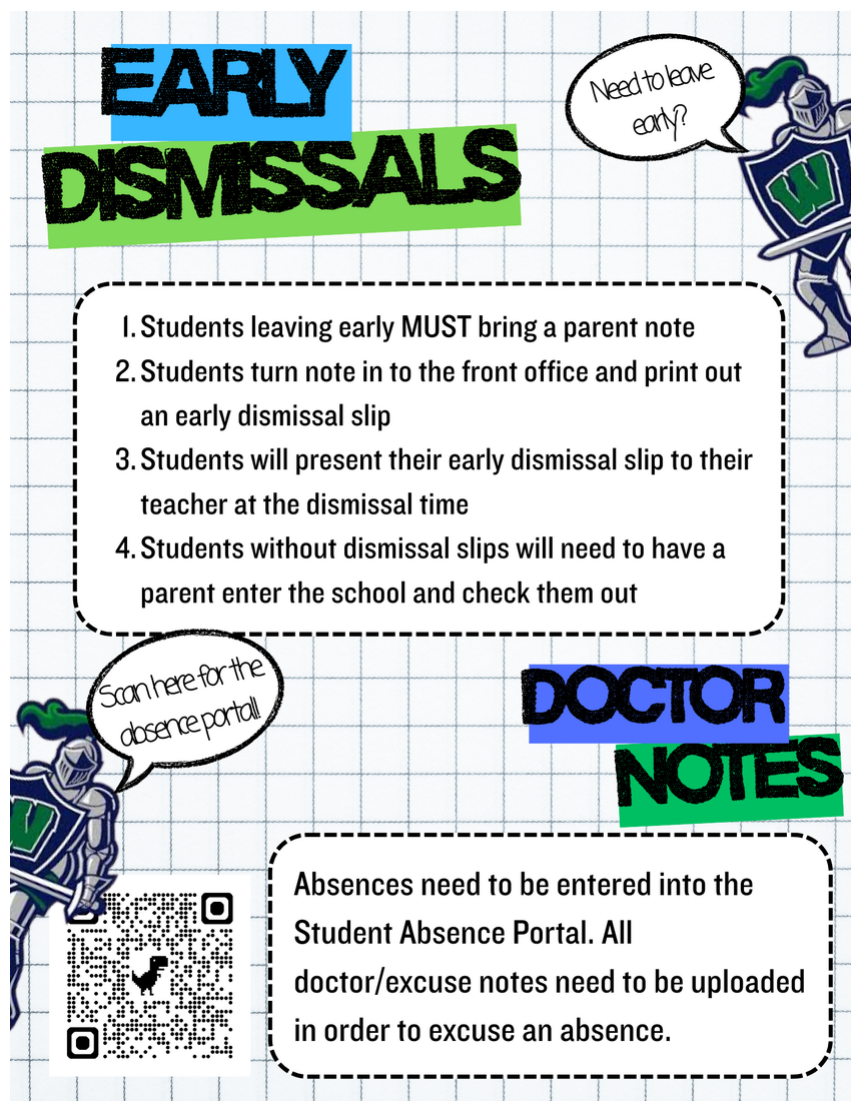
What absences can be considered excused?

With appropriate documentation: medical appointments, illness (5 parent-excused per semester), DMV (1 per year), approved college visits (juniors & seniors)



STUDENT ABSENCE PORTAL

In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please upload your documentation to the [Student Absence Portal](#). The proper documentation MUST be provided in order to excuse the absence. A phone call to the school, stating your student is absent, is not necessary. Remember, parent notes will only be accepted during the current 6-week grading period, of the absent day.



The infographic is set against a light blue grid background. At the top left, the words "EARLY DISMISSALS" are written in large, bold, black letters, with "EARLY" on a blue rectangular background and "DISMISSALS" on a green rectangular background. To the right of this, a cartoon knight in blue armor with a green plume on his helmet holds a shield with a green 'W' and a sword. A speech bubble from the knight says "Need to leave early?". Below this, a dashed-line box contains a list of four steps: 1. Students leaving early MUST bring a parent note; 2. Students turn note in to the front office and print out an early dismissal slip; 3. Students will present their early dismissal slip to their teacher at the dismissal time; 4. Students without dismissal slips will need to have a parent enter the school and check them out. To the left of this box, another cartoon knight is shown from the waist up, holding a sword. A speech bubble from him says "Scan here for the absence portal!". Below the knight is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, the words "DOCTOR NOTES" are written in large, bold, black letters, with "DOCTOR" on a blue rectangular background and "NOTES" on a green rectangular background. Below this, another dashed-line box contains the text: "Absences need to be entered into the Student Absence Portal. All doctor/excuse notes need to be uploaded in order to excuse an absence."

EARLY DISMISSALS

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2. Students turn note in to the front office and print out an early dismissal slip
3. Students will present their early dismissal slip to their teacher at the dismissal time
4. Students without dismissal slips will need to have a parent enter the school and check them out

Scan here for the absence portal

DOCTOR NOTES

Absences need to be entered into the Student Absence Portal. All doctor/excuse notes need to be uploaded in order to excuse an absence.

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way! Go to www.whsptso.com and join your PTSO.

All you need to do is create an account, verify your email address and then explore ALL of the opportunities for your involvement. In addition to your Membership we have Invest in Excellence (giving above and beyond without any fundraising), volunteer opportunities, and the option to link up to our donation partners such as Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon Smiles, a calendar, and more!!

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @whs_ptso. Email us at w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com

STAFF APPRECIATION

Please consider signing up for our October Staff Appreciation breakfast!



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@WHSPTSO



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Scan QR code for payment

VISITORS/DROP OFFS

All visitors to the school must enter through the front doors of the school using the video doorbell system. All visitors must check in at the main office during the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, which are the main office hours on days that school is in session.

Forgotten Items/Drop Offs/Deliveries:

- items can be placed on the drop-off cart located outside the front doors
- items will be brought inside before the end of each block and placed on the table in the foyer
- please notify your student that their item has been dropped off - WE WILL NOT CALL STUDENTS OUT OF CLASS TO RETRIEVE ITEMS
- students can retrieve items in between class periods ONLY - they will not be permitted to go outside
- lunches can be placed inside the bin, and will be brought in before the end of each block and before the start of each lunch period
- PLEASE NOTE: items such as Chromebooks, phones, headphones, ear buds, etc., should NOT be left on the cart outside, and should be brought inside to the drop-off table

TECHNOLOGY FEE

All UCPS families will be responsible for paying a \$30 annual technology user fee per student. The technology fee will be waived for students who qualify for free lunch. If you haven't paid your student's 2025-2026 technology fee, please scan the QR code below.

NEED TO PAY YOUR 2025-2026 TECHNOLOGY FEE?

scan the QR
code here!



NEED TO PAY A TECHNOLOGY FEE? FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR?



scan the QR
code here!

UPDATE

Homecoming

"A Night in Rio"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

**8:00-11:00 PM
WHS GYM**

\$30/TICKET

OUTSIDE GUESTS WELCOME!
YOUR STUDENT ID IS THE ACCESS CODE



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

COUNSELOR CASE LOADS

We're excited to have our two new school counselors on our team! To help them get settled and familiar with our school community, only our veteran counselors will be meeting with seniors for the time being. We appreciate your understanding as we work to provide the best support for all students.

Please reach out to Mrs. Washington with any questions.

COUNSELOR CASE LOADS

2025-2026

MS. SCOGGINS	UNDERCLASSMEN: A-C SENIORS: A-C, N-R jumana.scoggins@ucps.k12.nc.us EXT 1911
MRS. HARRIS	UNDERCLASSMEN: D-H SENIORS: D-H, U-Z melody.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us EXT 1920
MRS. WASHINGTON	UNDERCLASSMEN: I-M SENIORS: I-M, S & T melody.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us EXT 1920
MS. MCGUIRE	UNDERCLASSMEN: N-R kimberley.mcguire@ucps.k12.nc.us EXT 1972
MRS. SEELEY	UNDERCLASSMEN: S-Z megan.seeley@ucps.k12.nc.us EXT 1909



SENIOR NIGHT INFO

WHS Counselors hope you enjoyed Senior night and found it to be a helpful resource. Presentation link can be found here

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tIUtfUoxigOXpSQ1ev6kaNE26F9YOd-21AmfB0ISl0U/edit?usp=sharing>

COLLEGE READINESS SERIES



2025 - 2026 College Readiness Series

🐦 @UCPSCollegePrep

📷 ucpscollegeready

ACT/SAT Blitz

Saturday, November 8, 2025

9 AM - 11 AM

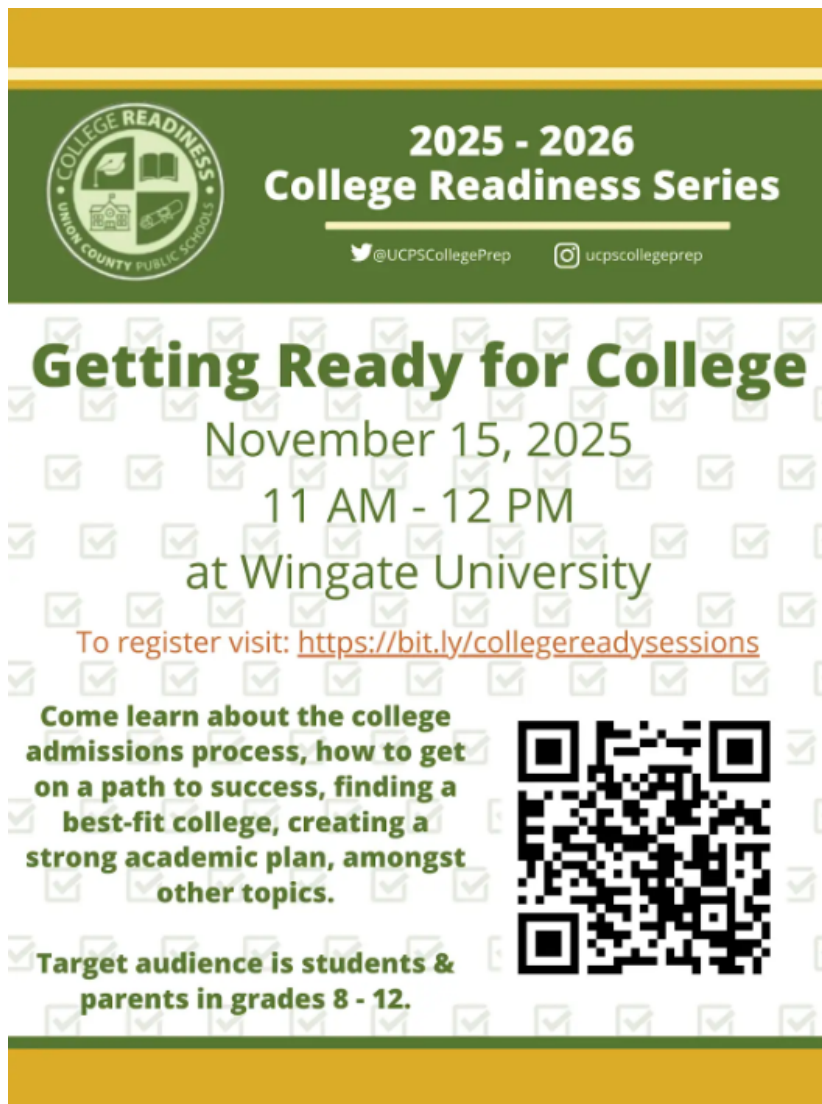
Sun Valley High School

To register visit: bit.ly/ACT-SAT-Blitz

**Learn differences between the two tests
and strategies for success on both!
UCPS will be joined by our partners from
Huntington Learning Center Weddington.**

This event is for students only.





2025 - 2026
College Readiness Series

 @UCPSCollegePrep  ucpscollegeprep

Getting Ready for College
November 15, 2025
11 AM - 12 PM
at Wingate University

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

Come learn about the college admissions process, how to get on a path to success, finding a best-fit college, creating a strong academic plan, amongst other topics.

Target audience is students & parents in grades 8 - 12.



NC YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



The Youth Legislative Assembly is a mock legislative session where high school students voice their opinions and vote on issues concerning local, state, and national government. This conference provides students with a deeper understanding of the legislative process while also developing their confidence, public speaking, and debate skills.

Any high school student in good standing at a public, private, charter, or home school in North Carolina is eligible to participate. Students simply need to complete the application—no sponsorship from a member of the General Assembly is required.

Students can apply here:  

https://ncgeneralassembly.formstack.com/forms/youth_legislative_assembly_copy

Unlike the Page Program, YLA does not require a Senate sponsorship. However, some Senators have generously chosen to sponsor students financially in the past. Please note that this has been reviewed and approved, and campaign funds may be used for this purpose.

2025-2026 YEARBOOK

SENIOR PORTRAITS

All seniors need to go to cady.com to schedule your senior portrait session. Just click on For Seniors at the top and then Book Now.

Three options for senior session:

1. Seniors can schedule their portrait sessions at Cady Studios (2201 Crownpoint Executive Drive, Suite E, Charlotte, NC 28227) now through December 5th around your schedule. The studio is open Monday through Sunday. Below are the options available at the studio for your session.

2. Cady will be hosting two roadshows here at Weddington High on **October 1st** and **November 4th**. At the WHS roadshows, students will get their tux/drape yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and one scene of your choices. These dates will fill up fast so schedule as soon as possible.

3. **Yearbook photo only** day will be **before December 5th** but has not been scheduled at this time. This session will only include the yearbook tux drape picture, and it will be held at WHS.

*Please note: the simple session includes the tux/drape photo for the yearbook, cap and gown photo, and one other scene of your choice. **The last day to be photographed for the yearbook is December 5, 2025. Any senior who does not have their picture taken before this date will not be included in the yearbook.**

Final prints and digital images are **NOT** included in session fee. [Learn more.](#)

	Elite Unlimited As Low as \$299	Elite As Low as \$199	Most Popular As Low as \$129	Legacy As Low as \$79	Standard As Low as \$59	Simple As Low as \$29
Yearbook Photo(s) ◊	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Private Photographer	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
Studio Scenes	All	All	4	3	2	1
Dry Hair Styling	✓	+ \$45.99	+ \$45.99	—	—	—
Make-Up Artist	✓	+ \$59.99	+ \$59.99	—	—	—
Choose Your Destination Scene §	✓	+ \$129.99	—	—	—	—
\$40 Off Rent the Runway	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
Front of the Line Pass	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
Outdoor Scene at the Studio	✓	✓	✓	+ \$29.99	+ \$29.99	+ \$29.99
Premier Retouching	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
Free Digitals †	2	2	1	—	—	—
Credit Towards Collections ‡	\$200	\$200	\$100	—	—	—
<u>Portraits for Preview</u>	95 - 105	60 - 75	45 - 50	20	15	10
<u>Packages Starting at</u>	\$199	\$199	\$179	\$179	\$179	\$179

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

Make your senior's last yearbook extra special by including a special memories ad. It is a great way to way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. Go to Jostens.com ad select Yearbook Ad to purchase and create your special message for your senior. **Purchase by September 22nd to receive the lowest price of the year.**

Size	Color	Price
Full Page	Color	\$350.00
1/2 Page	Color	\$200.00
1/4 Page	Color	\$150.00

ATHLETIC INFORMATION



SPIRIT WEAR

Hey warriors - did you know that we offer SPIRITWEAR year-round? Many of our items are available for purchase ANY TIME! Tshirts, hoodies, pj pants, sweats, hats, etc. are available NOW for immediate pickup. Email whsabcspiritwear@gmail.com or text 704-806-6433 to get yours today!

UCPS EVENT PROTOCOL



NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

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

For fall 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 or at the mid-point of an event.
- After consulting with law enforcement and district leaders, UCPS will utilize body scanners at events. The use of body scanners will begin in the fall of 2024 at football games.



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!

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