

Warrior Weekly

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Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, October 22nd: Pre-ACT - Grade 10 Students (see below for more information)

Thursday, October 23rd: NMSQ PSAT - [Registered Grade 11 Students](#) (see below for more information)

Wednesday, October 29th - Saturday, November 1st: Fall Theatre Production (see below for more information)

Friday, October 31st: Blood Drive (see below for more information)

Tuesday, November 4th: Teacher Workday, no school for students

Pre-ACT AND PSAT TESTING

Pre-ACT TESTING - Grade 10 Students Only

All UCPS sophomores are required to participate in the Pre-ACT. Weddington High School will be administering the Pre-ACT on Wednesday, October 22nd. The Pre-ACT test is considered to be a practice test to provide an estimated score of how your student will perform on the ACT test. Colleges will NOT have access to Pre-ACT scores. Additional information regarding the test, including testing locations, will be shared next week. The PreACT will be online this year. Please make sure your 10th grader has a working Chromebook. If not, they will need to see Ms. Douglas, technology support.

All students not participating in testing on this day will operate on their normal class schedule.

Please contact Mrs. Menkin, Assistant Principal and Testing Coordinator, at marni.menkin@ucps.k12.nc.us with any questions

PSAT/NMSQT - Select Juniors Only

For students who signed up by the August 31st deadline, the PSAT/NMSQT test will take place on **Thursday, October 23rd** starting directly after the morning bell. **This assessment is only for Juniors who signed up by the August 31st deadline.** This test will be digital. Testing locations will be shared with students prior to test day.

For additional questions, please contact Mrs. Marni Menkin at marni.menkin@ucps.k12.nc.us

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Get ready, Warriors! Our Pink Out shirts are here, and you won't want to miss out! Shirts will be available for purchase during all lunches—but hurry, quantities are limited, and they're sure to go

fast!

Not only will you be showing your Warrior pride in style, but every single dollar raised will be donated to the DeAngelo Williams Foundation, supporting an incredible cause that makes a real difference in our community.

Don't wait—grab your Pink Out shirt early and help us make this year's campaign the biggest and brightest yet!



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**GET YOUR 2025
PINK-OUT SHIRT!**

STARTING OCTOBER 6TH
FOR SALE DURING ALL 4 LUNCHES
\$25 EACH

TTA CANDLE SALE

Warrior Wicks Fall Sale

4 oz candles
\$6 each

Candle Scents
Praline Buttercream
Pumpkin Souffle
Cinnamon Vanilla
Hot Apple Pie
Lavender Driftwood
Wildberry
Dark Orchard
Autumn Harvest
Salted Honey Butter
Citrus Delight
Lavender
Apple Cider

Scrubs \$8 scrubs
Salted Honey Butter
Vanilla Orchid

Sales on 10/22, 10/24,
10/29, 10/31

During all lunches

🍂 Proceeds go to TTA 🍂

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE FAQ

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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.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Need to leave early?

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

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 Staff Appreciation breakfast!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527157-cozy>



WHS PTSO

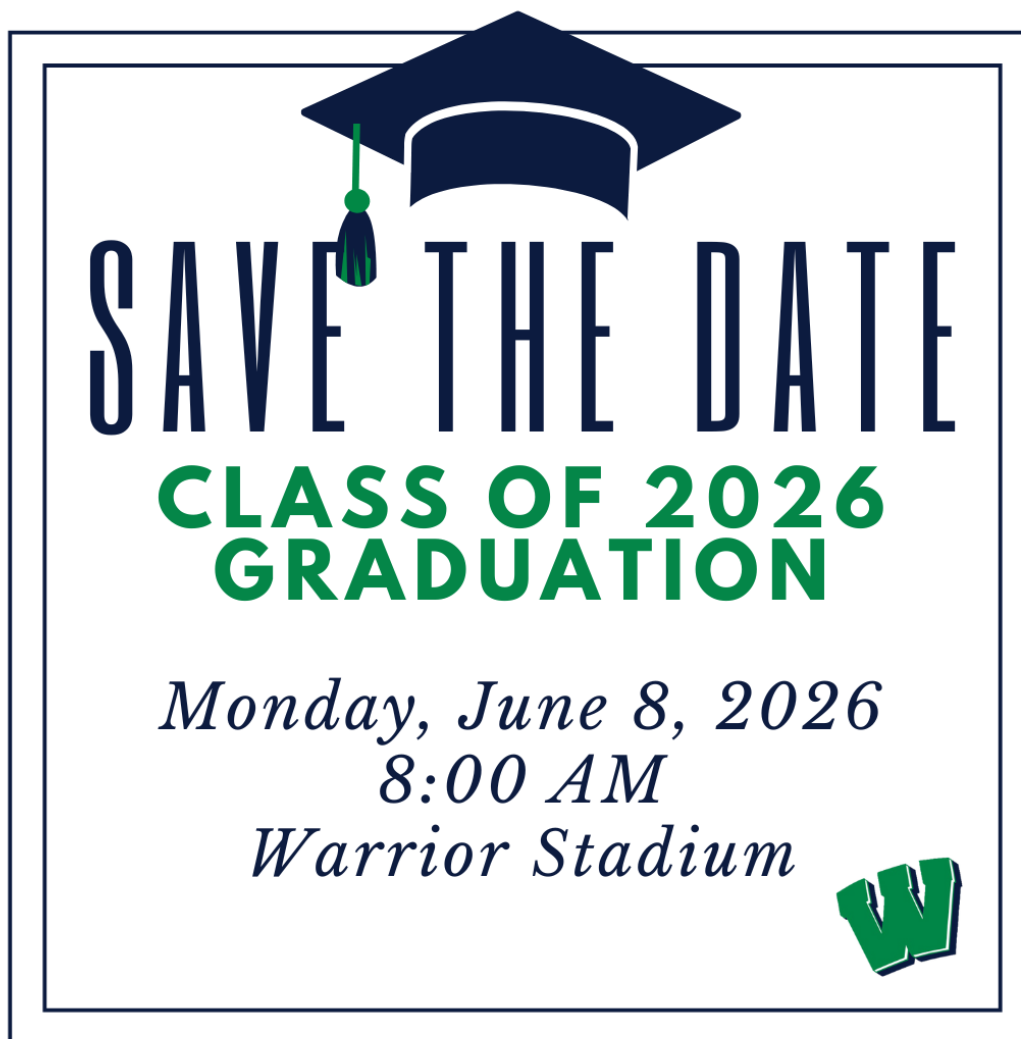
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CLASS OF 2026



Weddington High School's Class of 2026 Commencement will be held on Monday, June 8th at 8:00am at Warrior Stadium. Additional details regarding graduation, including the process for claiming tickets, will be shared with seniors and their parents in late April.

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!

BIG DUB BLOCK PARTY



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

To participate, the age requirement is 16 and older. If a student is 16, they MUST have a parent permission form signed before they arrive to the blood drive on Friday 10/31/25. If a student does not have the form, they will be turned away by the Red Cross staff. A student can pick-up a blank parent permission form from Mrs. Weathersbee in E200.

*Student donors will be required to stay in their classroom until their assigned donation time. A WHOS club member will come retrieve the donor when it is their designated donation time.

*On the day of the blood drive anyone who is donating is required to arrive with proof of identification/school ID or license/permit

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.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

The Governor's School application is now open for 10th (Dance, Choral Music and Instrumental Music only) and 11th grade students (all disciplines). Students must complete an application and have 2 recommendation letters submitted by November 3, 2025. At least one letter of recommendation must be from a teacher in that discipline. Please ask your teachers to add comments to the letter as those can help the panel make decisions.

[Student/Parent Information Overview - NC Governor's School](#)

Below are the application and the form for letters of recommendation:

[Application](#)

[Letter of Recommendation](#)

Students - Applications and letters must be submitted by November 3rd, 2025 using the links below:

[Submit application here](#)

Students will be notified of decisions in March 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Scoggins.

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/1tIUfUoxigOXpSQ1ev6kaNE26F9YOd-21AmfB0ISl0U/edit?usp=sharing>

SPCC OPEN HOUSE

COLLEGE READINESS SERIES

FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE

ED LUNCH AND LEARN

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.**

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

Make your senior's last yearbook extra special by including a special memories ad. It is a great way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. Go to Jostens.com and 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.**

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

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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