



# Weddington High School PTSO News

March 2015



## PTSO DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, March 13th

Staff Treat Day

Friday, March 20th

Senior Breakfast 7:00-7:50 A.M.  
(Media Center)

Friday, March 27th

Staff Treat Day

Tuesday, April 14th

PTSO Meeting, 7:00 P.M.  
Media Center

Friday, April 17th

PTSO Community College Scholarship due  
in guidance office

## PTSO \$1,000 College Scholarships

*The WHS PTSO is pleased to be able to offer two \$1,000 college scholarships to eligible graduating seniors!*

**\$1,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:** open to any graduating senior with a GPA of at least 2.5 and who plans to attend a North Carolina community college or tech/trade/vocational school in the fall of 2015. **Student or family member must be a member of PTSO and/or have contributed to Invest in Excellence (any amount).**

Application is available in the guidance department or online at [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com). Due date is **Friday, April 17, 2015**.

**\$1,000 MOST IMPROVED SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP:** awarded to that senior who shows the most academic improvement as determined by the difference between GPA at beginning of senior year and GPA at end of 5th grading period. Senior must be planning to attend a college or university in the fall of 2015. Scholarship will be awarded at an academic awards program in May.

*Questions? Contact PTSO president Lisa Biehl at [lisabiehl@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lisabiehl@carolina.rr.com).*

## Tissue Issues

*(Sung to the tune of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody." Yeah, go ahead, try it. Ha, ha!)*



Apparently it's still the season  
For runny noses, coughs, and sneezes!

Our teachers need some help this term  
In fighting off these nasty germs!

Shirt sleeves work, but they won't do  
As well as a box of tissues from you!

*(If you a-a-a-CHOOse to help out, please drop  
off a box or two in the school office any time!  
Thank you!)*

## Invest in Excellence: \$16,540

Thanks to your generous donations, our Invest in Excellence academic fundraiser has raised over \$16,000. Last year's Invest money helped purchase 30 SMART Document Cameras (for use with classroom SMARTboards), a school-wide subscription to Turnitin (internet-based plagiarism prevention service), the school-wide subscription to Naviance, headsets for students enrolled in courses in Language Lab & Virtual Lab, & monthly grocery supplies for the Transitioning to Adulthood class.



## PTSO Membership

*Join for only \$5/person or \$15/family*

Thank you to all those parents, teachers, and staff who have joined the PTSO so far! We appreciate your support! **To date, Membership has brought in \$2,963 about \$1,500 short of our budgeted goal of \$4,500.**

We rely heavily on membership dollars to fund nearly every PTSO activity: staff appreciation, scholarships, care & concern, outreach, insurance, graduation, & all our operational expenses. (Invest in Excellence money does NOT fund any of these.)

*If you'd like to join, please use the attached form. Thank you so much!*



Union County  
Education  
Foundation's  
annual benefit

Saturday, April 18th

Visit [www.ucedfoundation.org](http://www.ucedfoundation.org)  
for more information and to sign up!

All proceeds go towards the UCEF mini-grant program. *(Last year, over \$20,000 in grants was awarded to Union County teachers!)*

*Please visit our website at  
[www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com) for more information  
and downloadable forms.*

Senior Events

Senior Breakfast  
Friday, March 20th

7:00-7:50 A.M. in media center

All seniors welcome! Door prizes given out!

Thank you to Chick-fil-A for January's breakfast!

Parents: please contact Sylvia Newsome at [samalexzac@aol.com](mailto:samalexzac@aol.com) if you would like to help with any of the senior breakfasts.



## PTSO MEMBERSHIP—ONLY \$5!



*Your membership dollars help fund **staff appreciation, care & concern, outreach, graduation, operational expenses, buildings & grounds, and scholarships.***

- The annual dues are only \$5 per person (\$15 maximum per family).
- Joining the PTSO gives you *voting rights at our meetings, access to our monthly e-newsletter, and qualifies your senior to apply for our PTSO scholarship in the spring!*
- Joining does not require that you volunteer...but if you want to, please visit [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com).

Questions? *Torrie Newman at [torrie@newmansplace.com](mailto:torrie@newmansplace.com) or Teresa Tutor at [ttutor@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ttutor@carolina.rr.com)*

## INVEST IN EXCELLENCE—OUR ONLY FUNDRAISER!

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- School-wide subscription to Turnitin (internet-based plagiarism prevention service)
- School-wide subscription to Naviance
- Headsets for students enrolled in courses in Language Lab & Virtual Lab
- Monthly support of Transitioning to Adulthood class

*Please consider a tax-deductible “investment” in the excellence of Weddington High School.\**  
100% of the money donated is reinvested in the school for ACADEMIC purposes.

Questions? *Kim Dracon at [kimdracon@carolina.rr.com](mailto:kimdracon@carolina.rr.com) or Mary Anna Efrid at [maefird@carolina.rr.com](mailto:maefird@carolina.rr.com)*

\*Since some corporations have a matching gift program for charitable organizations, please inquire with your company to see if your contribution could be matched!

**MEMBERSHIP:** (check one)

\$5 Individual Membership     \$15 Family Membership

**INVEST IN EXCELLENCE:** (Please know that any amount is appreciated!!)

- \$300 donation
- \$200 donation
- \$100 donation
- \$ 50 donation
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (other)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Do you want a receipt?  
Yes / No

Please make checks payable to  
**WHS PTSO.**  
 Then return donation & this form to the school office or mail to:

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

Or go to [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com)  
to pay online!

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: *(PLEASE print clearly)* \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade:  9  10  11  12

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**For PTSO Use Only:**  
 Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_