





**4th - 12th Grade  
Blazer Bulletin**

# What's coming up this week at Smith?

Monday 2/24	Tuesday 2/25	Wednesday 2/26	Thursday 2/27	Friday 2/28	Saturday 3/1
<p><b>DECA</b> Competition</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS. HILL!</b></p> <p>UCS Tennis (H) vs Prattville</p> <p>MS Baseball @ Demopolis - DH - 4pm</p>	<p><b>DECA</b> Competition</p> <p>Softball vs Millry- 4:30pm</p> <p>Varsity Baseball vs Central Tuscaloosa - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>HOSA</b> Competition</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS. GAITHER!</b></p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 1:10pm</p> 	<p><b>HOSA</b> Competition</p> <p>Juniors Field Trip 10-12</p> <p>Varsity Baseball @ Holy Spirit - 4pm</p> <p>JV Softball vs Demopolis - 4:30pm</p>	<p><b>HOSA</b> Competition</p> <p>Work Keys Retest- Seniors</p> <p>Softball @ Pickens Academy - DH - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Varsity Baseball @ Pickens County - 11am</p> 

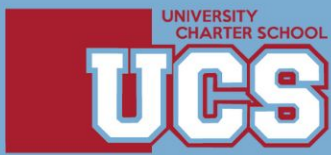
Stay up to date - [Click here to see the online calendar](#)

# Who's Hungry?...

# Let's EAT!

## SMITH CAMPUS

<b>Monday</b> <b>2/24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>2/25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>2/26</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>2/27</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>2/28</b>
<b>Breakfast</b> French Toast Fruit Milk	<b>Breakfast</b> Biscuits & Gravy Diced Potatoes Fruit Milk	<b>Breakfast</b> Scrambled Eggs Toast Fruit Milk	<b>Breakfast</b> Sausage Biscuit Fruit Milk	<b>Breakfast</b> Muffins Fruit Milk
<b>Lunch</b> Chicken Nuggets Or Corn Dogs Mac & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Milk	<b>Lunch</b> Hot Dogs Or Empanadas Baked Beans Broccoli Fruit Milk	<b>Lunch</b> Stuffed Crust Pizza Carrots/Celery Or Salad Fruit Milk	<b>Lunch</b> Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes Carrots Garlic Breadsticks Fruit Milk	<b>Lunch</b> Burritos Corn Or Salad Fruit Milk



# PARENT CONNECT 2024-2025 Dates

Please see highlighted changes below:

Date	Topic(s)	Relevant Audience	Location	Time
11/4/24	International Travel meeting	8th-12th	Smith Cafeteria	5:30 PM
11/14/24	Alabama Literacy Act Parent Meeting	2nd-3rd	Lyon Auditorium	6:00 PM
12/10/24	Band Holiday Showcase PTA Meeting Milk & Cookies with Santa	PreK-12th	Lyon Auditorium	5:30PM
1/7/25	On-Site Uniform Sale Art Showcase FAFSA Workshop	PreK-12th 12th	Smith Cafeteria	2:00-6:00 PM
2/10/25	CTE Month Highlight	4th-12th	Smith Cafeteria	5:30 PM
3/10/25	CNP Highlight ACAP PTA Meeting	PreK-12th 2nd-8th	Smith Cafeteria	5:30 PM
4/24/25	Secondary Programs Night	6th-12th	Smith Gymnasium	5:30 PM

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**SAVE THE DATE**

# '25-'26 SECONDARY PROGRAMS NIGHT

(PARENTS OF STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN 6TH-11TH GRADE)

**530-700 PM**

**APR 24**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS COMING SOON.



# Uniqueness

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OTHERS  
SO YOU CAN KNOW MORE  
ABOUT YOURSELF

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# NEWSLETTER

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## parenting with UNIQUENESS

FEBRUARY  
2025

For some of you, your child's uniqueness is on full display. Maybe you have an artist, a performer, or someone who is bold in their appearance living under your roof. Each day is a new look, a new experience, or a visual display of who they are and how they are feeling. For others, uniqueness is not something to be desired. You might notice that your child wants to look or dress like their peers, not try anything new, or venture into the unknown.

In any case— whether they choose to display it openly or not— each child is wonderfully unique. This month is a great opportunity for you (and other adults you know and trust) to reinforce your child's unique gifts, talents, and personality traits that you hope to see grow and expand in them as they mature. It's also a great time to talk about and point out the unique things about others— their friends, teammates, family members— as a way of reminding their adolescent brains that being different isn't bad, it's a part of life!

### *Questions to consider:*

- What unique traits do you like about yourself? Do you think your child knows that? Why or why not?
- How did you become comfortable with parts of who you are? How can you help your child be proud of herself/himself and what she/he brings to the world?
- How do you think learning about others helps you to know more about yourself? How can you apply that in your family life?

### *Questions to ask your student:*

- Think of your three closest friends. What unique things do you like about each of them and why?
- Is there something about our family that makes us unique? What is that trait, and why do you believe we are unique?
- When is it hard to embrace your uniqueness? Why do you think that is?

Each month teachers are asked to select students who have best exemplified our character trait.

Our character trait for January was RESILIENCE -  
getting back up when something gets you down.

Congratulations to December's Trailblazers of Character!



**GETTING BACK UP  
WHEN SOMETHING GETS  
YOU DOWN**

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# January Trailblazers of Character



4th & 5th Grades:

Kaemon Williams. Ridge Nelson. Jazaria Tolbert. Brayln Love.  
Kenlee Cunningham. Braxton Brewer

# January Trailblazers of Character



## 6th - 12th Grades and Faculty:

Front Row: Mya Brewer, Ra'Drianna Harris, AJ Harper, Kristina Ward, Miriam Griffin,  
Nelson Powell, Waylon Bennett, Isqiah Scott, Justin Carter

Second Row: Traegen Stevens, Caroline Upchurch, James McPowell, Chery Litchfield, Kalen  
Ruffin, Zamiyah Rice, Maddy Gullahorn, Rachel LaCoste, Cullen Murray, McKenzie Campbell,  
Maggie Brantley, Madison Ryans, Kylie Coleman  
Not Pictured: Nurse Jenny Hughey, Ms. Tara Payne

# NEW ITEMS



## T-Shirts

40 points or \$20

## Sweatshirts

50 points or \$30

## Blankets

50 points or \$30

*These items will be made-to-order. Once order is placed and payment received the order will be placed with the vendor. Quick turn-around time is anticipated!*

*All items available for all house!*

*Contact Mrs. Meadows to order at  
cmeadows@universitycharterschool.org*

# Golden Broom



## Mrs. Fletcher's and Ms. Spinks' Classrooms

On our Smith campus, The Golden Broom is awarded at the end of each month to the classroom whose students best took Pride in their Place, keeping their classroom nice and clean!

BETA CLUB  
PRESENTS

# SOLO

*spring fling*

MARCH 8, 2025 • 6 PM

\$10




GRADES 6 -8  
WEAR WHITE OR NEON COLORS

SMITH CAFETERIA

TO PURCHASE A TICKET, PLEASE SEE MRS.  
FELUS, MRS. JOHNSON, OR MRS. MYERS

## Solo Spring Fling

Attention all 6th-8th graders! Join us for an unforgettable night at the **Solo Spring Fling** in the **Smith Cafeteria**! Wear your best **white or neon** outfit and get ready for a night of fun.

 **Get your tickets from** Mrs. Felus, Mrs. Johnson, or Mrs. Myers!

Don't miss out—grab your ticket now and let's GLOW!

Then dance will run from 6PM - 8PM.



# FFA Strawberry Sale

**STRAWBERRY FLAT \$27**

8 one-quart packages

**HALF FLAT \$15**

4 one-quart packages

**DELIVERY \$10**

**\*within a 15 mile radius of UCS**

All orders are due Feb 28

Pick up or Delivery - 3rd week of March

**CONTACT KATIE MANGUM:**

kmangum@universitycharterschool.org

**ORDER ONLINE:**

<https://bit.ly/FFASTRAWBERRY>

  *Strawberry Season is Here!*  

Get your hands on the freshest, sweetest strawberries from our FFA Strawberry Sale!

✦ *Flat of Strawberries* – \$27

8 one-quart packages


✦ *1/2 Flat of Strawberries* – \$15

4 one-quart packages

✦ *Chocolate-Covered Strawberry Kits\** – \$16

Kit contains 6oz of milk chocolate, 4 oz. Of white chocolate, skewers, and instructions for making chocolate-covered strawberries.

\*Strawberries not included.

Perfect for smoothies, desserts, or just snacking!  

Order online at <https://bit.ly/FFASTRAWBERRY> and turn your payment in to Katie Mangum, an FFA student, or drop it off at the front office. Please place your money in an envelope labeled FFA Strawberry Sale, your name, and contact information.

All orders/payments are due February 28. Pickups and deliveries will be the 3rd week of March.

All proceeds benefit our FFA chapter. 



*Flyse Dean*

**MAJORETTE INSTRUCTOR**



*Whitney Squires*

**FLAGLINE INSTRUCTOR**

2025

**UCS**

**MARCHING BAND**

**STAFF**



*Zacc Snelson*

**PERCUSSION INSTRUCTOR**

**UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL  
MARCHING BLAZER BAND**



# FLAGLINE AUDITIONS

## ELIGIBILITY

ANYONE IN GRADES 8-12  
WITH A PASSION FOR  
DANCE AND MUSIC

## CLINIC DATES

FEBRUARY 22ND @10AM  
MARCH 1ST @1PM  
LOCATION:HUGHES GYM  
(FEB 22ND CLINIC IS REQUIRED)

## AUDITIONS

MARCH 1ST @2:30PM  
LOCATION:HUGHES GYM

For more information, contact the Director of Bands,  
Mr. Jordan McCants  
[jmccants@universitycharterschool.org](mailto:jmccants@universitycharterschool.org)

**UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL  
MARCHING BLAZER BAND**



# MAJORETTE AUDITIONS

## ELIGIBILITY

ANYONE IN GRADES 8-12  
WITH A PASSION FOR  
DANCE AND MUSIC

## CLINIC DATES

FEBRUARY 22ND @10AM  
MARCH 1ST @1PM  
LOCATION:HUGHES GYM  
(FEB 22ND CLINIC IS REQUIRED)

## AUDITIONS

MARCH 1ST @2:30PM  
LOCATION:HUGHES GYM

For more information, contact the Director of Bands,  
Mr. Jordan McCants  
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Scoliosis screenings are offered, as a requirement of ALSDE, to all students in 5th through 9th grades. Consent forms are being sent home with students and these screenings will begin during the last week of February. Students will only be screened if a consent form is returned to the nurse. For questions, please contact Nurse Kristen at [kbeard@universitycharterschool.org](mailto:kbeard@universitycharterschool.org)



**American  
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

## University of West Alabama *Blood Drive*

**Monday March 17, 2025**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

Bell Conference Center | Ballroom  
Foust Dr., Livingston, AL 35470

Come to give in March for a \$30 Amazon.com  
Gift Card by email.

***Scan QR code to make an appointment!***



[redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

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# Help **Child Find** Locate Children with Disabilities

## What Is **Child Find**?

Child Find is a statewide effort by the Alabama State Department of Education and the Department of Rehabilitation Services to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities from birth to age 21.

## How Does **Child Find** Work?

Early Intervention and Special Education Services work closely with community service agencies, parents, and local school systems to locate children with disabilities. A toll-free number is provided for parents or other persons interested in information about referring a child from birth to age 21.

## Why Is **Child Find** Important?

It helps the child, the family, and the provider to plan appropriate services and link families to services for students meeting eligibility requirements in the following disability areas:

- ☐ Hearing Impairment
- ☐ Deaf-Blindness
- ☐ Intellectual Disability
- ☐ Multiple Disabilities
- ☐ Orthopedic Impairment
- ☐ Other Health Impairment
- ☐ Emotional Disability
- ☐ Speech and Language Impairment
- ☐ Visual Impairment
- ☐ Specific Learning Disabilities
- ☐ Autism
- ☐ Traumatic Brain Injury
- ☐ Developmental Delay

For more information about **Child Find**, contact your local school system, local coordinating council, or call

**(205) 652-3848**

Ages 3-21

**1-800-543-3098**  
Birth through 2



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