



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

# What's coming up this week at Smith?

Monday 2/16	Tuesday 2/17	Wednesday 2/18	Thursday 2/19	Friday 2/20	Saturday 2/21
<p><b>NO SCHOOL - President's Day</b></p> <p><b>BAND FIELD TRIP</b></p> <p><b>JR BETA CONVENTION</b></p> 	<p>ACAP Practice 4th - 8th</p> <p><b>BAND FIELD TRIP</b></p> <p><b>JR BETA CONVENTION</b></p> <p>5th Grade DC Trip Meeting - 5:30pm</p>	<p>Early Dismissal @ 1:10pm</p> <p>ACAP Practice 4th - 8th</p> <p><b>BAND FIELD TRIP</b></p> <p><b>JR BETA CONVENTION</b></p> <p><b>SR BETA CONVENTION</b></p>	<p>ACAP Practice 4th - 8th</p> <p><b>DECA COMPETITION</b></p> <p><b>SR BETA CONVENTION</b></p> <p>JH Baseball - home 4pm</p> <p>JV Tennis - away - 4pm</p>	<p>ACAP Practice 4th - 8th</p> <p><b>DECA COMPETITION</b></p> <p><b>SR BETA CONVENTION</b></p> <p>Varsity Baseball Round Robin Tournament</p>	<p>Varsity Baseball Round Robin Tournament</p> <p><b>Someone Special Dance</b></p>

# Menu for the Week 2/16 - 2/20

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast	NO SCHOOL	Link Sausage Potatoes Cereal / Oatmeal Apple juice Chocolate Milk White Milk Apple	Cinni-Mini Cereal Oatmeal Apple juice Chocolate Milk White Milk Apple	Sausage Biscuit Cereal Oatmeal Apple juice Chocolate Milk White Milk Apple	Yogurt Parfait Cereal Oatmeal Apple juice Chocolate Milk White Milk Apple
Lunch	NO SCHOOL	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn Garlic Bread Chocolate Milk White Milk Apple	Buffalo Chk Pizza-Smith PB&J Box Carrots Chocolate Milk White Milk Apple	Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Chocolate Milk White Milk Apple	Chicken Fajita Wrap Corn Sweet Pot. Fries Chocolate Milk White Milk Apple

FEBRUARY 2026

# Respect

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are important by what you  
say and do

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# NEWSLETTER

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## parenting with RESPECT

FEBRUARY  
2026

February is the shortest month of the school year, but in a lot of ways it feels the longest. Days are short and the weather is cold (or worse, depending on where you live!). It might feel like the perfect time to snuggle in and wait for spring. But this month is a great time to focus on respect, and on three aspects in particular:

**Identity formation:** Teenagers are figuring out who they are and what they believe, so parents taking the time to talk about respect helps shape their personal values and moral compass.

**Healthy relationships:** Understanding respect helps teens build strong, respectful relationships with family, friends, teachers, and significant others. It teaches them boundaries, empathy, and communication, all of which are needed in school and beyond.

**Harmful behavior:** Discussions about respect can deter bullying, harassment, discrimination, and peer pressure. Teens are less likely to engage in or tolerate harmful behavior if they understand the importance of respecting others and themselves, and this understanding comes mostly from your influence at home.

You may recall The Big 3 from August. Respect is one of the words that has an impact on all three - your students cannot fully treat others right, make smart decisions, or maximize their potential without respect.

### Questions to consider:

- Respect has a lot of definitions, depending on who you ask. What does respect mean to you?
- How do you show others they are important?
- How do you practice self-respect?

### Questions to ask your student:

- Who do you know that regularly shows respect?
- What do they do to show others they are important?

*As it's beginning to get cooler, don't forget about these items available from the House Store!  
House sweatshirts are approved UCS gear!*



## 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*



# W.A.Y.S.

West Alabama Youth Sports

[WESTALABAMAYOUTHSPORTS.ORG](http://WESTALABAMAYOUTHSPORTS.ORG)

**Registration open Feb 2 - Feb 18!**



**AGES 7-12**

**SUMTER  
T-Ball**

**Boys & Girls  
ages 3-5**



*Ages 7-12*



**SUMTER  
Rookie Ball**  
(Advanced T-Ball)

**Ages 5-6**

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# PARENT CONNECT Spring 2026 Dates

Date	Topic(s)	Relevant Audience	Location	Time
1/5/26	On-Site Uniform Sale	PreK-12	Smith Cafeteria	12:20-4:20 PM
1/22/26	Black Belt Regional Child Advocacy Center	All Parents	Lyon Auditorium	5:30 PM
2/3/26	CTE Month Highlight / Open House	7-9	Smith CTE classrooms	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
March TBD	ACAP at the Park	2-8	Jaycee Park - Livingston	TBA
4/28/26	Secondary Programs Night	6-12	Smith Gym	TBA
5/16/26	Graduation	All	Smith Gym	TBA
5/18/26	Smith Awards Day	4-12	Smith Gym	TBA
5/19/26	Lyon Awards Day	1-3	Lyon Auditorium	TBA

**This graphic will be updated with exact times and dates as the events get closer. Additional events may be added. Please continue to check the weekly bulletins and emails from UCS with more details for each event.**



# It's back!

Navy knit skorts are back in all sizes!

Just in time for Spring! Order today online or in-person!



Navy Knit Skort

Click link to shop:

<https://www.halesuniforms.com/products/navy-knit-skort>

# NOTES FROM THE NURSE

FEBRUARY 2026 - HEALTHY HEARTS, KIND ACTIONS

## HEART HEALTH MONTH

Simple ways to keep your heart healthy:

- Move your body everyday
- Eat fruits, veggies and whole grains
- Drink water instead of sugary drinks
- Adequate sleep also supports heart health.

## FEBRUARY HEALTH CHALLENGE

- Do one act of kindness daily.
- Move your body every day for 30 minutes.
- Drink water with meals
- Practice gratitude!

February is all about caring for our hearts — both physically and emotionally. Staying active, eating healthy foods, and getting enough sleep help keep our hearts strong. Showing kindness to others (and ourselves!) also supports mental wellness. Let's continue to look out for one another as we move through the winter months.

## WINTER WELLNESS

Continue to prevent the spread of colds and the flu by using proper handwashing, covering mouth/nose when coughing/sneezing and staying home when not feeling well.

## NURSE'S CORNER

## IMPORTANT DATES

2/14/26: Valentine's Day

2/16/26: President's Day - NO SCHOOL



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# Scoliosis



# Awareness

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)

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Enchanted Starlight

UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL  
JUNIOR & SENIOR PROM

SATURDAY | 3.14.2026 | 6-9 PM  
UWA BELL CONFERENCE CENTER  
SENIOR LEAD OUT AT 6:30 PM

Prom tickets are on sale starting February 16. See Mrs. Wright or Mrs. Allen to purchase tickets. The cost is:

\$15 per ticket from February 16-27

\$25 per ticket from March 2-6

\$30 per ticket from March 9-10

# Amazing Shake

APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> -23<sup>RD</sup>  
UCS SMITH GYM



WHERE STUDENTS GET TO  
SHOWCASE THEIR  
CONFIDENCE, PROFESSIONAL  
MANNERS, AND  
COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PLEASE EMAIL MRS. WRIGHT  
JWRIGHT@UNIVERSITYCHARTERSCHOOL.ORG**

# UCS

## Booster Club Ball Drop

# Ticket Information



# \$100

### Dinner

Admission for 2 for dinner by  
**BIG MIKE'S**  
and **OPEN BAR!!!**

### Prizes

Each ticket is a chance to win  
**\$5000!!**  
Silent auction during the event!

### Entertainment

Live music provided by the  
**Dillon Fisher Band**

\*For more information contact

[ucsboosters@universitycharterschool.org](mailto:ucsboosters@universitycharterschool.org)

2026 Booster Club Ball Drop tickets are now on sale!! See a UCS Athlete, Booster Club Member, or simply follow this link to purchase!! The top-selling male and female athletes win a cash prize, so be sure to give them credit by providing their name when purchasing. The ball drop will take place on Friday, 4/10/26!! With dinner provided by Big Mike's Steakhouse and live music by the Dillon Fisher Band!! This is sure to be a fun-filled night!! All proceeds support UCS Athletics!!

<https://www.msbtickets.com/universitycharterschool6-12/event/8fqt3bor>

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# TALENT SHOW

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

2:25-3:10 in the Gym

**FREE TO COMPETE**

**show us your  
talent!**

**\$2 entry to view the show!**

All proceeds will benefit the  
Jr./Sr. Prom

For more information, contact  
**Mrs. Wright or Mrs. Allen**

Sign up by Monday, February 2

UCS ANNOUNCES THE 2026 SOMEONE SPECIAL  
DANCE FOR PRE-K -5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS

# A HOLLYWOOD EVENING

February 28, 2026 | Doors open at 1 PM |  
UCS Smith Campus Gym

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD JAN. 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH  
JAN. 23<sup>RD</sup>

CONTACT MS. SPINKS FOR QUESTIONS @  
ESPINKS@UNIVERSITYCHARTERSCHOOL.ORG

1 UCS GIRL-1 GUEST \$20  
2 UCS GIRLS-SAME GUEST \$25  
3 UCS GIRLS-SAME GUEST \$30

# SCAN HERE TO JOIN PTA TODAY!

## \$10 PER FAMILY



## WE WANT YOU!



If you are already a PTA member and would like to support by volunteering for events, fundraisers and initiatives, please email:

[ucspta@universitycharterschool.org](mailto:ucspta@universitycharterschool.org)



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- Cuts, Scrapes, Wounds
- Blood Pressure Checks and more!
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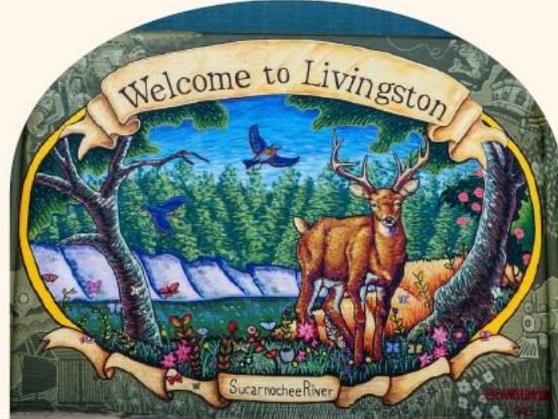
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# City of Livingston

## Strategic Plan 2025-2030



### We want to hear from you!

The City of Livingston would like your input for its strategic plan. To participate, scan the QR code or attend a town hall session to share your ideas about our City's future.

#### How to get involved:

Attend town hall session at the  
 Black Belt Development Center  
 on Franklin Street

June 11 @ 12 p.m. or June 17 @ 5:30 p.m.

#### Complete the survey:



[https://westal.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1C8eSmgU5zBXQdU](https://westal.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1C8eSmgU5zBXQdU)

For more information contact Kristi Watts at kbwatts19@gmail.com



# 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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