




4th - 12th Grade Blazer Bulletin

What's coming up this week at Smith?

| Monday 4/6 | Tuesday 4/7 | Wednesday 4/8 | Thursday 4/9 | Friday 4/10 | Saturday 4/11 |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| <p>4th-8th ACAP Testing</p> <p>Coach Cowart's Birthday!!!</p> <p>JV/Var Baseball - AWAY 4:30pm</p> <p>JV/Var Softball - AWAY 4:30pm</p> | <p>4th-8th ACAP Testing</p> <p>Mrs. Luker's Birthday!!</p> <p>Varsity Softball-Home - 4:30pm</p> <p>JV/Var Tennis AWAY vs ACA</p> | <p>4th-8th ACAP Testing</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 1:10pm</p> <p>Senior Field Trip - UWA Tour</p> <p>UCS Tennis Senior Day - HOME vs Demopolis</p> | <p>4th-8th ACAP Testing</p> <p>Automotive Field Trip - UWA</p> <p>Tennis Sectionals</p> <p>Varsity Baseball - Home - 5:00pm</p> <p>JV Softball - AWAY 5pm</p> | <p>ACAP Make-ups</p> <p>Tennis Sectionals</p> <p>FFA Field Trip - Southern Union</p> <p>UCS Ball Drop</p> |  |

Menu for the Week

4/6 - 4/10

Breakfast

MONDAY

Cheese Omelette
Cereal
Oatmeal
Apple juice
Chocolate Milk
White Milk
Apple

TUESDAY

Chicken & Waffle
Biscuit
Cereal
Oatmeal
Apple juice
Chocolate Milk
White Milk
Apple

WEDNESDAY

Chocolate Donut
Cereal
Oatmeal
Apple juice
Chocolate Milk
White Milk
Apple

THURSDAY

Stuffed Waffle
Cereal
Oatmeal
Apple juice
Chocolate Milk
White Milk
Apple

FRIDAY

Green Eggs & Ham
Cereal
Oatmeal
Apple juice
Chocolate Milk
White Milk
Apple

Lunch

Crispito
Broccoli
Carrots
Chocolate Milk
White Milk
Apple

Spicy Chick Sandwich
Sweet Pot. Fries
Chocolate Milk
White Milk
Apple

Beef Soft Taco
Corn
Chocolate Milk
White Milk
Apple

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Garlic Bread
Chocolate Milk
White Milk
Apple

BBQ Sandwich
Baked Beans
Chocolate Milk
White Milk
Apple



UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

UCS's second-grade class is raising money and soliciting supply donations to provide school supplies to all K-3 students free of charge. You can help by using the QR code to donate supplies.



MORE INFORMATION



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<https://a.co/00T6PmA1>

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

APRIL 2026 - HEALTHY HABITS ARE BLOOMING

SUN SAFETY AWARENESS

- Start using sunscreen (30 spf or higher) during outdoor activities
- Wear hats and sunglasses
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours
- Remember you can still get sun on cloudy days

ALLERGY SELF-MANAGEMENT

- Recognize allergy triggers - dust, pollen, weather changes
- Take medicines consistently
- Remember to carry inhalers or allergy meds if allowed to do so!!

Spring is a great time for a reset. With busy schedules, don't forget the basics — sleep, hydration, and taking breaks. Small habits can make a big difference in how you feel each day. If you're feeling overwhelmed, reach out — you're not alone, and I'm always here to help..

NURSE'S CORNER

SPRING WELLNESS

Spring allergies may start to appear this month. If your child has allergy or asthma concerns, please be sure health plans and medications are up to date. Simple steps like washing hands and faces after outdoor play can help reduce symptoms and keep students feeling their best.

IMPORTANT DATES

4/5: Easter Sunday

4/6-4/9: ACAP (4-8th grade)

4/24: NO SCHOOL



Kristen Beard BSN, RN - UCS Lead Nurse
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UCS Secondary Peer Helpers are currently in the Teen PSA 2026 Contest!

The Teen PSA contest features 30-second video messages created by teens. The topics include internet safety, bullying, abduction, mental health, and other personal safety issues. The goal of these videos is to raise awareness and prevent victimization.

The contest has three levels (Regional, State, and National), and we are currently in the beginning phase. With your help, we can advance to the state level.

UCS IS THE ONLY SCHOOL IN ALABAMA'S BLACKBELT THAT HAS ENTERED IN THIS CONTEST!

Last year, with your help, we qualified as the regional winners! Our videos are listed under the following selections:

- Standing Against Peer Pressure
- Stand Up, Speak Out
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Voting Rules: Only one vote is allowed per device (so please vote from your phone and computer). Please cast your vote using the link below and share it with your students, family, and friends.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AL26region9>

BLUE FRIDAY

April 10th

Pay \$1 to wear a blue
shirt and Jeans!

**APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE
AWARENESS MONTH**



All proceeds will go to support the work of the BlackBelt Regional Child Advocacy Center as they provide a safe, child friendly place where children impacted with abuse and neglect find hope and healing.

A Message from the Blackbelt Regional Child Advocacy Center...



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the Blackbelt Regional Child Advocacy Center invites our community to stand together for children.

They encourage schools, businesses, and community members across Sumter, Greene, and Marengo Counties to wear their blue shirt every Friday in April to raise awareness for child abuse prevention and to show support for the children and families in our community.

One way to participate is by wearing their Child Abuse Awareness shirt throughout the month of April.

When you wear blue, we encourage you to:

- Take a photo with your coworkers, students, or friends
 - Share it on Facebook
 - Tell us why you wear blue
- Tag BlackBelt Regional Child Advocacy Center

Together, we can raise awareness and help ensure that every child grows up in a safe and supportive environment.

Order Here: [BBRCAC T-Shirt Order Form](#)



*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*

UCS is excited to partner with the YMCA of Tuscaloosa to provide extended camp opportunities for the **WHOLE Summer.**

YMCA Camp @ UWA will replace our previously hosted Summer STREAM Camps. Join us on **APRIL 6** at Lyon Hall to learn more about camp, meet the YMCA team and get registered!

For more information email Jamie Fritch (jfritch@ymcatusc.org)

Summer Camp Student Info



**Parent info session
APRIL 6 @ 5:30 Lyon Hall**

THE Find Your *Best Friend* **PLACE**

Day camp is more than just summer fun—it's where kids build lasting friendships, celebrate achievements, and discover a place they can truly belong. Guided by trusted staff, campers can look forward to:

- 10 weeks, 7:00am-6:00pm
- Sports, and outdoor play
- Creative art and STEM projects
- And so much more!



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 |
| April 6 | Summer Camp Updates & Registration | K-12 | Lyon Hall Auditorium | 5:30 PM |
| 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](https://www.halesuniforms.com/products/navy-knit-skort)

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

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>

SCAN HERE TO JOIN PTA TODAY!

\$10 PER FAMILY



UCS Spring 2026 PTA Newsletter

We are LEADERS, We are INNOVATORS, We are TRAILBLAZERS!



We hope you've had a wonderful year so far at UCS!

Thanks to your support, so far this year the UCS PTA was able to celebrate and support our amazing staff & students through many special ways such as:

- 🍲 Fall Staff Soup & Salad Bar
- 🍪 Milk & Cookies with Santa
- 📈 Student Incentives for attendance and ACT achievement
- 💡 Teacher-led initiatives awarded through our PTA mini grants.

Thank you for helping make our school so special!



Calling Volunteers-

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8!
The UCS PTA will be looking for volunteers to help make this a wonderful week for our incredible teachers and staff.

Mark your calendars and watch for ways to get involved or email PTA today.

We ♥ our Volunteers

2025-2026 PTA Contacts:

Kimberly Fendley (President), Jill Whitaker (Vice President)
Contact Us @ ucspta@universitycharterschool.org

Important Dates coming up at UCS

April 28-29 Secondary Programs Advising Days

May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 16 UCS Graduation

May 18 Smith Awards Day
May 19 Lyon Awards Day



Get involved!



Join the UCS PTA TODAY

LIFEWISE ACADEMY



WANT TO SEE A BIBLE EDUCATION PROGRAM STARTED FOR LOCAL STUDENTS?

LifeWise Academy offers Bible education for public school students during school hours. Almost no one knows this is possible. LifeWise provides a program that any community can implement to reach students with the gospel. LifeWise classes are held off school property, privately funded and parent-permitted.

Yes, I would like to see a
LifeWise Academy
started in my school
district!



Voice your support by scanning
the QR code and signing your
school district's list.



Join Your Local Steering Committee.
Learn more and **Apply now!**



SUMMER CAMP
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KIDS CAMPS: MAY 26 – 27 | K-12TH GRADE
ELITE CAMP 1: MAY 30 | 9TH-12TH GRADE
ELITE CAMP 2: JUNE 20 | 9TH-12TH GRADE

**REGISTER NOW AT
NICKWOODRUFFBASKETBALLCAMPS.COM**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------|
| Kids Camp | 05/26/2026 - 05/27/2026 | K - 12th Grade as of Fall 2026 | \$75.00 |
| Elite Camp 1 (Boys Only) | 05/30/2026 | 9th - 12th Grade as of Fall 2026 | \$80.00 |
| Elite Camp 2 (Boys Only) | 06/20/2026 | 9th - 12th Grade as of Fall 2026 | \$80.00 |

<https://www.nickwoodruffbasketballcamps.com/>



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For assistance, please call (334) 844-5029.

For further information contact the Sumter County Extension Office Coordinator Trenisha Mack at 205-652-9501 or 205-373-9281.

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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

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

Scotland & Ireland

Summer 2028



 *RSVP to our info meeting*

Dream about traveling the world? Come to our informational meeting on March 17 at 6:00 pm to learn more about the Scotland and Ireland student trip in Summer 2028. Your family can RSVP to the meeting here:

<https://bit.ly/4tQKYil>

Alabama State Department of Education
Eric G. Mackey, Ed. D.
State Superintendent of Education



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

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