

Blazer Bits

Pre-K through 3rd Grade



Look at the Week Ahead FOR PreK-3rd Grade Parents

Monday, August 24:

- No New Announcements.

Tuesday, August 25:

- Vision Screenings for PreK, K, and 2nd @ 8:00-10:00 am

Wednesday, August 26:

- KULA Day! All last year Kula members can wear jeans and a UCS t-shirt!!
- Student Dismiss @ 1:00 pm

Thursday, August 27:

- HOME Volleyball Game vs. Millry @ 4:00 pm (JV) and 5:00 pm (V)

Friday, August 28:

- RAID THE RAIDERS! Students can wear gold, glitter, or anything that looks like treasure OR jeans and a UCS t-shirt!!
- AWAY Football Game vs. Greensboro @ 7:00 pm'

Saturday, August 29:

- AWAY Volleyball Game vs. Demopolis

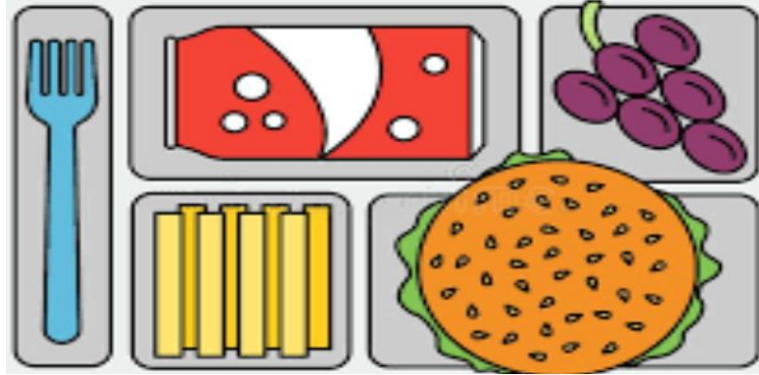


Vision Research will be at UCS on 8/25/2026 to do vision screens for PreK, Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades.

Information forms will be going home with students. All students in these grades will be screened, however parents can OPT-OUT of the screening by writing NO in the designated area on the information form. Please return forms as soon as possible. For any questions you can contact Nurse Kristen at kbeard@universitycharterschool.org or Nurse Shannon at sbryant@universitycharterschool.org. Thank You!

UCS LYON

Breakfast and Lunch



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AUGUST 2026 | BOWERBIRD

CREATIVITY

Using your imagination to do
something unique



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Creativity AUGUST 2026

SAY IT:

Creativity: Using your imagination to do something unique

KNOW IT:

ASK A GROWN-UP:

- What does it mean to think outside the box?
- When are you at your most creative? Are you most creative when you are in a crowd, alone, busy, bored, happy, sad, etc.? Share your experiences.

ASK A KID:

- Have you ever made up a game to play with friends or by yourself?
- Share ideas, dreams or thoughts you have had about something that you have created or want to create.

SEE IT:

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in Manhattan, New York displays some of the most creative works of art in the world. Art is not just paintings or sculptures, but can also be movies, songs, architecture, photos and books. Two and a half million visitors from all over the world enjoy these mediums and more throughout the year at MoMA. Check it out for yourself at moma.org.

BE IT:

Research your area for opportunities to get your family involved in creative endeavors. Ideas include painting classes, pottery classes, and culinary classes. Participating as a family in these classes will give you an opportunity to exercise your creative potential and the opportunity to appreciate everyone's imagination.



PHASE Creativity AUGUST 2026



What is a Phase?

We've all said it: "It's just a phase." Meaning that your child will get through whatever irritating moment in time he or she happens to be in right now.

But what if we flip that? What if instead of eagerly awaiting the moment when your child will grow out of it, we embraced each Phase as a moment of time that we will never have again?

What if a Phase became: A time frame in a kid's life when you can leverage that moment to influence their future?

If you're a planner, you may be concentrating on the future – a phase your child will be in sometime in the future.

If you are nostalgic, you may be focused on what your child used to be like.

But instead, let's focus on how we can use this year, these next 10 months, to influence our kids for the best possible outcome.

So don't miss it. **It's just a phase!**

KULA DAY

All **last year** KULA members may wear Kula or light blue t-shirt and jeans

Teachers will have a list and will remind students who was in KULA last year.



All last year KULA members will be given a tardy pass they can use one time this year to arrive no more than 30 minutes late to school with no penalty.

Wednesday, August 26

UCS Volleyball 2026

Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent
Aug 20	@ Demopolis JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 21	@ Breakthrough JV: 5:30 / V: 6:30
Aug 27	Millry JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 24	@Millry Varsity: 4:00 vs. Wash Co 5:00
Aug 29	Varsity Tourny @ Demopolis		
Aug 31	@ Sipse JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 28	Sipse JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00 SENIOR NIGHT
Sept 1	Demopolis JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 29	@ Linden Varsity: 5:00pm
Sept 3	RC Hatch Varsity: 5:00	Oct 6	Varsity TriMatch @ South Lamar 4:00 vs South Lamar 5:00 vs. Hillcrest
Sept 8	V vs. Linden 5:00 V vs. Breakthrough 6:15		
Sept 14	@ Pickens Varsity: 5pm	Oct 8	Varsity TriMatch @ ACA vs. ACA 4:30 vs. Brookwood 5:30
Sept 15	@ RC Hatch Varsity: 5pm	TBD	Area Tournament

Home Games

Away Games

2026 UCS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



@ HUBBERTVILLE 8/21



@ GREENSBORO 8/28



SWEET WATER 9/4



@ KEITH 9/11



FRANCIS MARION 9/18



ELLWOOD CHRISTIAN 9/25



@ RC HATCH 10/2



LINDEN 10/9



BREAKTHROUGH 10/16



JF SHIELDS 10/23

PLAYOFFS START
11/6

All Games are 7 pm Kickoff

2026 UCS JR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



HOLY SPIRIT 8/31



@ SWEET WATER 9/8



@ PICKENS ACADEMY 9/14



SWEET WATER 9/21



@ HOLY SPIRIT 9/29



PICKENS ACADEMY 10/5

All Games are 6 pm Kickoff

UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL SPIRIT FRIDAYS

2026

UCS LYON AND UCS SMITH
STUDENTS MAY PAY \$1 ON
THESE SPECIFIED SPIRIT FRIDAYS
TO WEAR A UCS T-SHIRT AND
JEANS OR DRESS TO THE SPIRIT
THEME. THE MONEY COLLECTED
SUPPORTS OUR UCS
CHEERLEADERS.

Spirit Day Guidelines

If students choose to dress according to the theme, all outfits should be school appropriate.

- Shirts must have sleeves, must fully cover the midriff, and cannot contain vulgarities.
- Shorts/skirts must be at least finger-tip length.
- Toy props cannot be brought to school.
- No face coverings, masks, hoodies, or extreme costumes allowed.

If students choose to wear jeans and a UCS t-shirt, jeans may not have any rips, tears, holes, or frays. Jeans may not have any words or phrases on them. Jeggings are not allowed at UCS Smith.

PK-3rd Grade female students who choose to participate may wear a UCS Cheer uniform.

If students choose not to participate, they must be in dressed in a regular uniform.

HANDLE HUBBERTVILLE

Aug 21

Saddle up in your best Western attire! Cowboy hats, western boots, flannel button ups, etc.

RAID THE RAIDERS

Aug 28

Wear gold, glitter, or anything that looks like treasure as UCS takes the treasure of a win.

BLAZE THE BULLDOGS

Sep 4

Wear RED from head to toe to light up the stands.

ON A BEAR HUNT

Sep 11

Break out your favorite camo gear and join us as we track down the bears.

HOCO

Sep 18

Our 2026 Homecoming theme will be announced very soon!

THROWBACK THE EAGLES

Sep 25

Travel through time by dressing in your favorite decade.

TAME THE BOBCATS

Oct 2

Wear leopard print, zebra stripes, khaki, or zookeeper gear.

RED, WHITE, & BEAT THE PATS

Oct 9

Show your patriotic pride in red, white, and blue

THE LAST RIDE

Oct 16

Celebrate Senior Night with your favorite NASCAR or racing gear.

PINK OUT THE PANTHERS

Oct 23

Wear pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness and cheer on the Blazers.



CAROL MERRILL ACADEMY OF DANCE

at

UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL

DANCE & TUMBLE

For Grades: PreK-6th Grade
Classes meet every Wednesday in the UCS
cafeteria (4th-6th graders will need to
provide their own transportation).
Classes begin September 2nd.

Email cmerrillacademy@comcast.net
to register or with any questions.



Carol Merrill Academy
of Dance
at
University Charter School
Boy's Tumble

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Classes begin September 2nd.

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Save the Date!

SEPT 1

FIRST PTA MEETING

Join us for our **first PTA meeting** of the year!



IN THE SMITH CAFETERIA

BETWEEN THE JV & VARSITY

Volleyball Matches



UCS
VOLLEYBALL

Estimated start time: 4:45PM



OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

Learn how you can
get involved and
make an impact
this year!



LAUNCH CHARLESTON WRAP SALE

Support our
students through
this important
fundraiser!



UPCOMING EVENT DATES ANNOUNCED

Be the first to know
about exciting
events and
activities!



GIVEAWAYS & DRAWINGS!

Attendees will
have a chance to
win great prizes!



TITLE I PARENT MEETING

This meeting also
serves as our
Title I Parent
Meeting.

 SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR

**IT'S
COMING!**



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! This can't-miss event gets kids excited about reading and earns funds for our school.

SAVE THE DATE for September 3rd-September 11th!

Start exploring together, or set up your child's e-wallet by scanning this

QR code:





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YEAR
ANNIVERSARY



**Homework support
Enrichment Activities**

Active Play

Extended Hours:

School dismissal-6:00pm EVERYDAY!

Register Today!

**If your child is registered for YMCA after school,
look for an email from YMCA regarding
expectations and procedures.**

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



The Y is the place where kids discover new passions, make friends, and gain skills that last a lifetime.

- \$50.00 a week per child
- Mon-Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm, Weds. 1:00pm-6:00pm
- Learning support and enrichment
- Active play and healthy habits
- Lyon Hall and Smith Campus

Make this place your place for helping kids thrive beyond the school day.

Financial Assistance Available!

YMCA Programs at The University of
West Alabama

Contact Bebe at bseward@ymcatusc.org

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NEED SOME GEAR?

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REP YOUR SCHOOL. SHOW YOUR PRIDE. | GET YOUR GEAR TODAY!

Don't forget to check out the UCS BSN Sideline store. There's a great variety of spirit wear to add to your collection. New items are added throughout the year. Grab some gear and show your Blazer Spirit!

**[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE
BSN SIDELINE STORE](#)**



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:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ■ 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



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