

Blazer Bits

Pre-K through 3rd Grade



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

Monday, August 31:

- AWAY Volleyball Game vs. Sipsy @ 4:00 pm
- HOME Jr. High Football Game vs. Holy Spirit @ 6:00 pm

Tuesday, September 1:

- HOME Volleyball Game vs. Demopolis @ 4:00 pm
- Title I and PTA Meeting in UCS Smith Cafeteria @ 5:00 pm (between the JV and Varsity Volleyball Games)

Wednesday, September 2:

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. McHugh! Everyone knows UCS would not be as awesome without you!!
- Student Dismiss @ 1:00 pm
- CMA Dance in UCS Lyon Auditorium
 - Boys Tumble @ 1:00-1:30
 - ALL Girls @ 1:30-2:30

Thursday, September 3:

- Book Fair at UCS Lyon!
- HOME Volleyball Game vs. RC Hatch @ 5:00 pm

Friday, September 4:

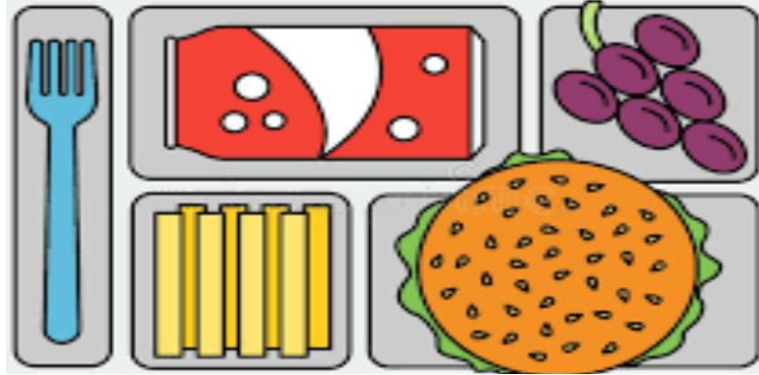
- Book Fair at UCS Lyon!
- Blaze the Bulldogs! Students can pay \$1 to wear red from head to toe to light up the stands OR a UCS t-shirt!!
- HOME Volleyball Game vs. Sweet Water @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 5:

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Webb! UCS is thankful for you!!

UCS LYON

Breakfast and Lunch

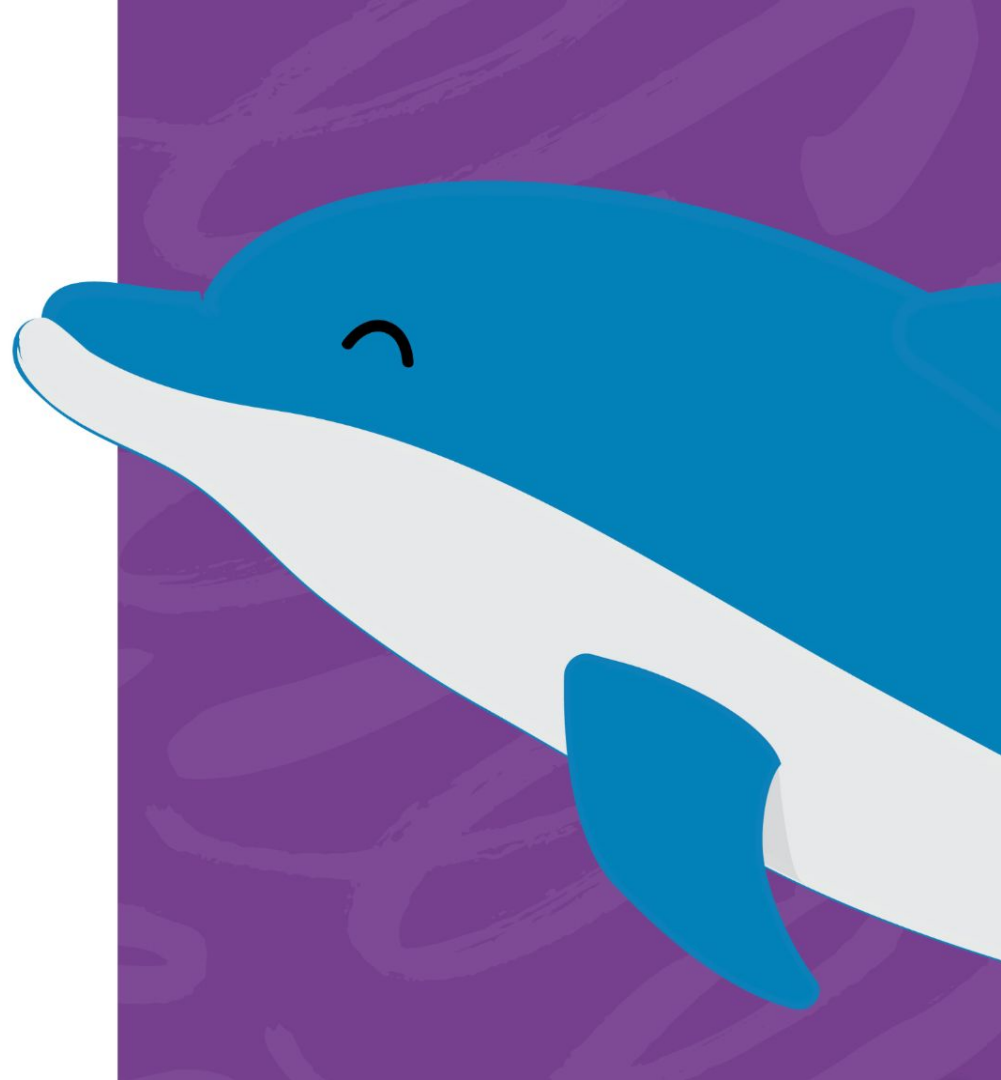


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SEPTEMBER 2026 | DOLPHIN

FRIENDSHIP

Using your words and actions
to show others you care



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Friendship SEPTEMBER 2026

SAY IT:

Friendship: Using your words and actions to show others you care

KNOW IT:

ASK A GROWN-UP:

- Has there ever been a time when a friend let you down? Explain.
- Share a story of a time you were a good friend to someone who was in a difficult situation.

ASK A KID:

- What are some things that your best friend does to make you feel special?
- Who are some grownups you know that are good friends?

SEE IT:

Discuss the movie *Toy Story* as a family (the theme song "You've Got a Friend in Me" says it all). Specifically talk about how Woody and Buzz look past their differences and make an effort to say or do something nice to show that they care.

BE IT:

A couple nights each school week, ask your child(ren) how he/she was a good friend to someone at school that day. Examples might be:

- Making an effort to welcome a new student and show them around the school
- Defending a classmate when they are being treated unfairly
- Letting an adult know when a student needs help and is in trouble
- Sharing a snack with someone who didn't bring anything



PHASE Friendship SEPTEMBER 2026

At every age, kids need significant relationships.

The significant relationships in a child's life include parents, teachers, relatives, coaches, and spiritual leaders.

As a parent, you can encourage these relationships as a way to ensure that other trusted adults are surrounding your kids with the same messages and advice that you would.

So don't miss it. This year, this month, today is just a Phase!

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.

WE NEED YOUR SHOES!

AUG. 17TH - OCT. 16TH, 2026

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET AND SUPPORT OUR SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER!

The funds will be used for competition expenses.

DROP OFF LOCATION:

UCS - Smith Campus
134 University Drive
Livingston, AL 35470



The shoes collected will also help support micro-enterprises in developing nations!

Every Pair Counts!



UCS-FCCLA Chapter

Group Name:

Donate your gently worn, used and new shoes today!

Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

Location	Dates	Contact
UCS Smith Campus Livingston, AL	Aug. 17 - Oct. 16, 2026	Julie Wright at jwright@universitycharterschool.org

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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.



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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The poster features a dark blue background with a yellow border. At the top, the word 'SCHOLASTIC' is in white on a red rectangular background. Below it, 'BOOK FAIR' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. In the center, a large yellow starburst shape contains the text 'IT'S COMING!' in bold yellow capital letters. The word 'COMING!' has a small starburst graphic inside the letter 'O'. To the bottom left of the starburst is a yellow megaphone icon. The bottom section of the poster is a solid yellow band containing black text and a QR code.

 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:



Scan the QR code below or click the link to sign up for Grandparents' Day 2026!

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

This special day will conclude with a visit to our Book Fair with your grandchild! Want a sneak peek at what's available this year or need to add money to your grandchild's eWallet? Simply [CLICK HERE](#) to explore the Book Fair and get ready to shop together!

UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL'S
GRANDPARENTS' DAY 2026

Tea and Tales



11 SEPTEMBER 2026

Pre-K: 8:15-8:45 a.m.
Kindergarten: 8:45-9:15 a.m.
2nd Grade: 9:15-9:45 a.m.
1st Grade: 1:15-1:45 p.m.
3rd Grade: 1:45-2:15 p.m.

If grandparents have more than one grandchild in grades pre-K through 3rd, they may choose the time listed above that corresponds with any one of their grandchildren's grade levels. Don't worry—we will make sure all of your K-3 grandchildren are able to join you during that time! Please be sure to scan the QR code above, so we can have an accurate head count and make this a special day for everyone!

Students are welcome to dress in **English Tea attire** for this special day if they choose, and grandparents are invited to join in the fun as well! Attire might include your Sunday best, a fancy hat, gloves, or other tea-party-inspired accessories. Dressing up is completely optional—just come ready to enjoy a lovely time together! We'll have a special photo booth to help capture this sweet memory together!

livingston first baptist church

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:30 – Doors open for kids/students

5:45 – Dinner served

6:10 – Classes Start

7:00 – Kids Dismissed

LIVINGSTON PUBLIC SAFETY NIGHT OUT TRUNK OR TREAT

A COMMUNITY EVENT CELEBRATING
SAFETY, CONNECTION & FUN!



DATE:
**OCTOBER
23RD, 2026**



TIME:
5:30 P.M.



PARADE LOCATION:
**DOWNTOWN
LIVINGSTON**



EVENT LOCATION:
**JAYCEE
PARK**

Come join us for some food and fun !



★ **THANK YOU TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS & FIRST RESPONDERS!** ★



175
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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UCS NEED SOME GEAR?

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

The advertisement features a collection of UCS Trail Blazers spirit gear. At the top, the UCS logo is prominently displayed in a red and white box, with the text 'UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL' above it. Below the logo, the text 'NEED SOME GEAR?' is written in large, bold, blue and red letters. To the left of this text is a stylized white horse head logo with a blue mane, labeled 'TRAIL BLAZERS'. Below the main text, four items of gear are shown: a navy blue hoodie with the UCS logo, a red t-shirt with the UCS logo and horse head, a navy blue baseball cap with the UCS logo, and a navy blue drawstring bag with the horse head logo. At the bottom, a banner reads '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](#)**



UCS Blazer Boosters **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Join now for the 26-27 school year

Individual All-Sports Pass: \$100

- Annual Booster Club membership
- All-Sports Pass for 1 person

Family All-Sports Pass: \$200

- Annual Booster Club membership
- All-Sports Pass for family (*only members of the household*)



Individual



Family



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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