



4th - 12th Grade Blazer Bulletin

What's coming up this week at Smith?

Monday 9/14	Tuesday 9/15	Wednesday 9/16	Thursday 9/17	Friday 9/18	Saturday 9/19
Volleyball @ Pickens Academy 5pm Jr High Football @ Pickens Academy 6pm	Volleyball @ RC Hatch 5pm 	Senior Tailgate 10:45am Early Dismissal @ 1:10pm	UCS Homecoming Block Party 5pm Black Out Pep Rally 7pm	Early Dismissal @ 1:10pm Homecoming Parade 2pm Varsity Football @ Keith 7PM Pay \$1 UCS t-shirt!	Homecoming Dance 7pm Lead Out @ 6:45pm 

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.

Core Values



THE **TRAILBLAZER** WAY

Respect YOURSELF
Respect OTHERS
Respect OUR PLACE

Be Excellent!

In the classroom...

In the hallway...

In the restroom...

In the gym...

In the lunchroom...

In an assembly...

With Technology...



Breakfast &
Lunch Menu
[Click Here](#)

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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 box, with 'UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL' written in smaller text 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. The background is white with blue and red diagonal stripes.

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](#)**

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— CHARTER SCHOOL —

..... *Every Day Counts.*

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS



BETTER LEARNING

Students are present for important instruction and activities.



HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT

Good attendance leads to better grades and test scores.



STRONGER HABITS

Showing up every day builds responsibility and life skills.



BRIGHTER FUTURE

Attendance today opens doors to opportunities tomorrow.

DID YOU KNOW?

Missing just
10%
of school
(about 18 days)
can make it harder
for students to succeed.



That's nearly 1 month
of learning missed!

WHAT ABSENCES CAN LOOK LIKE



EXCUSED ABSENCES

Illness, medical appointments, family emergencies



VACATIONS

Family trips should be planned during school breaks



TARDIES

Arriving late means missing valuable instruction



EARLY DISMISSALS

Leaving early adds up to missed learning time



UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Skipping school impacts grades, habits, and opportunities



**BE PRESENT.
BE ON TIME.
BE YOUR BEST.**

Every day you're here
is a step toward success!



**BE PRESENT.
EVERY DAY.
ALL DAY.**

Students must be present every day during the week to earn incentives for that week!



**YOUR FUTURE
STARTS WITH
SHOWING UP!**

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..... *Every Day Counts.*

SUCCESS STARTS WITH SHOWING UP!

BE HERE. BE ON TIME. BE YOUR BEST.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE AWARENESS

WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
7TH
★

Thanks for
CHIPPIN IN
on Attendance!



WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
14TH
★

Donut
MISS SCHOOL



WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
21ST
★

JEAN-IUS
Attendance



WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
28TH
★

NACHO
AVERAGE
Attendance



BE PRESENT. EVERY DAY. ALL DAY.

Students must be **PRESENT EVERY DAY** during the week to earn the incentive for that week!



UCS 2026

Once Upon A Homecoming

HOMECOMING WEEK EVENTS

MONDAY 9/14 	HOMECOMING QUEEN AND KING VOTING <i>during Homeroom</i> 
WEDNESDAY 9/16 	 POWDERPUFF GAME 8:30-9:15 9-12 GRADE STUDENTS ONLY 
THURSDAY 9/17 	BLAZER BLOCK PARTY 5:00 GLOW IN THE DARK PEP RALLY 7:00 
FRIDAY 9/18 	 PARADE 2:00 HOMECOMING COURT PRESENTATION 6:35 KICKOFF 7:00 

Once a Blazer, Always a Blazer

UCS 2026

Once Upon A Homecoming

HOMECOMING WEEK

Dress Up Days

MONDAY 9/14	Monsters University WEAR YOUR COLLEGE SHIRTS AND JERSEYS! 
TUESDAY 9/15	Tangled Tuesday CRAZY HAIR DAY! 
WEDNESDAY 9/16	WRECK-IT WEDNESDAY MISMATCH DAY! 
THURSDAY 9/17	Ohana Day WEAR TROPICAL TOURISTY OUTFITS! 
FRIDAY 9/18	Blazer Pride WEAR YOUR HOMECOMING T-SHIRT OR UCS SPIRITWEAR! 

Be part of the story. Make it magical!

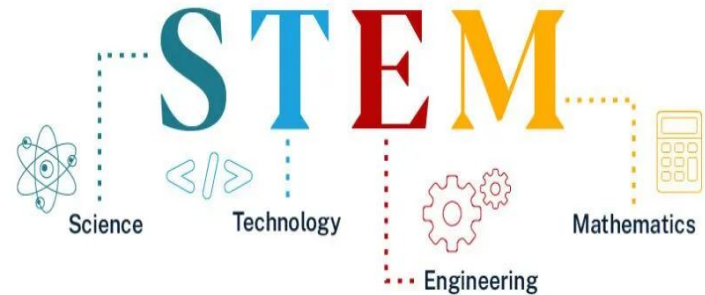


ASEF is the official fair for the State of Alabama and is an affiliate fair of the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (Regeneron ISEF). Regeneron ISEF is the world's largest international pre-college science competition and provides a forum for millions of students from over 50 countries, regions and territories to showcase independent research annually.

At ASEF, the winners of Alabama's four Regional Fairs listed below compete in either the Senior Division (grades 9-12) for an in-person competition. All participants are required to fill out additional ASEF-specific forms in STEM Wizard. For more information please contact Mr. Alsabrook.

For Seniors Only:

The [Regeneron Science Talent Search \(STS\)](#), the nation's oldest and most prestigious student STEM competition. The top 300 students receive \$2,000 each, and so do their schools—that's funding for more science research in your community. If interest or have any questions please contact Mr. Alsabrook.



UCS Newsletter

FALL 2026 PTA

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

2025-2026 PTA Achievements

- PTA New UCS Calendar Magnets
- Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
- Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
- Pumpkins provided for Class Submissions to the Fall Festival Contest
- Teacher Mini Grants
 - Haley Richardson
 - Madison Webb
 - Carla Egbert
 - Julie Stevens
 - Susan Sorrells
 - PTA also assisted other Submissions with locating resources for their needs
- Cookies & Milk with Santa
- Substitute Appreciation Gifts
- Coke Sale Fundraiser
- Supported Book Fair & provided volunteers
- Provided Inflatables for Field Day at Lyon
- ACT Incentives for Students
- UCS Talent Show Awards
- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Lemonade Bar & Koozies
 - Soup & Salad Bar
 - Bouquet & Snack Bar
 - Special Staff UCS Gift
 - Snacks & Treats all week

PTA Back to School 2026:

UCS PTA was honored to welcome our amazing staff back during In-Service Week with a Snacklebox Bar & Lemonade Bar! Each staff member received their very own UCS Snacklebox to fill with their favorite treats from our fully stocked snack bar. We followed that up with a refreshing lemonade bar for everyone to enjoy.

We loved kicking off the new school year by celebrating & supporting our UCS staff!



Remember!



Sept 1-16	Charleston Wrap
Sept 3-11	UCS Book Fair
Sept 14-18	Homecoming Week
Oct 14-Nov 4	Coke Fundraiser
Oct 29	Fall Fest at UCS/UWA
Nov 13	Fall Staff Soup & Dips
Dec 7	Milk & Cookies w/ Santa
May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week

JOIN 2026-2027 PTA TODAY!



Contact Us @ ucsppta@universitycharterschool.org
Kimberly Fendley, UCS PTA President

JOIN THE UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL **PTA!**



Join Today



There is no obligation to volunteer your time - but your membership makes everything we do possible!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



PTA Volunteer Spotlight



AMBER MARTINEZ

ERICA SIMMS



Join us in saying **"THANK YOU"** to our August Volunteers of the Month

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

Cleaning Out Your Closet?

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UCS-FCCLA Chapter



Drop-Off Location:

Smith Campus

Dates:

Aug. 17th - Oct. 16th, 2026

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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! ★

ONCE UPON A HOMECOMING BLOCK PARTY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
5:00 – 7:00 PM
SMITH PARKING LOT
(NEAR CAFETERIA)

LIVE MUSIC FROM
JOHNNY MINOR
5:30 – 6:30 PM

FOOD VENDORS
FROM THE EARTH VEGGIE BITES
RO'S KITCHEN
KONA ICE
TRIPLE H EATS
and more!

THE NIGHT DOESN'T END THERE...

GLOW IN THE DARK PEP RALLY

7:00 PM | SMITH GYM





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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.**

the Y | 175

UWA



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



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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