

Blazer Bits

Pre-K through 3rd Grade



Monday, September 14:

- HOMECOMING WEEK!
- AWAY Varsity Volleyball Game vs. Pickens Academy @ 5:00 pm
- LifeWise Open House in Common Grounds @ 5:30 pm
- AWAY Jr. High Football Game vs. Pickens Academy @ 6:00 pm

Tuesday, September 15:

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen! We miss you!!
- HOMECOMING WEEK!
- LIFEWISE
 - E. Allen and McMullen @ 10:20 am
- AWAY Varsity Volleyball Game vs. RC Hatch @ 5:00 pm
- AWAY Jr. High Football Game vs. Pickens Academy @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 16:

- HOMECOMING WEEK!
- LIFEWISE
 - 2nd Grade @ 9:05 am
 - Dial @ 10:15 am
 - 1st Grade @ 11:00 am
- Students Dismiss @ 1:00 pm
- CMA Dance in UCS Lyon Auditorium
 - Boys Tumble @ 1:00-1:30
 - ALL Girls @ 1:30-2:30

Thursday, September 17:

- HOMECOMING WEEK!
- Homecoming Block Party at UCS Smith Cafeteria Parking Lot @ 5:00 pm
- Black Out Pep Rally in UCS Smith Gym @ 7:00 pm

Friday, September 18:

- HOMECOMING WEEK!
- HOMECOMING Varsity Football Game vs. Frances Marion @ 7:00 pm
- Students Dismiss @ 1:00 pm



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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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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



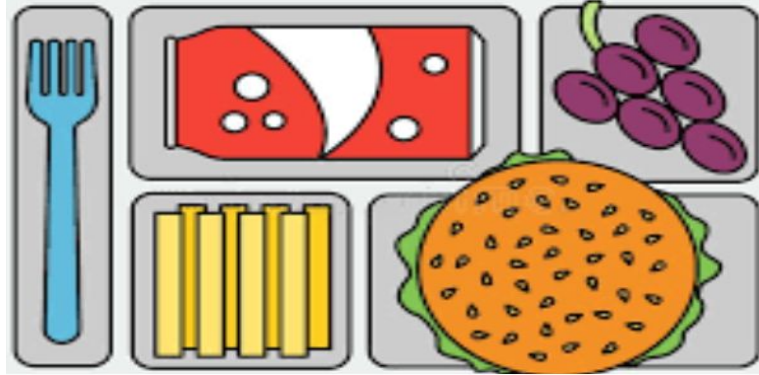
BE PRESENT. EVERY DAY. ALL DAY.

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



UCS LYON

Breakfast and Lunch

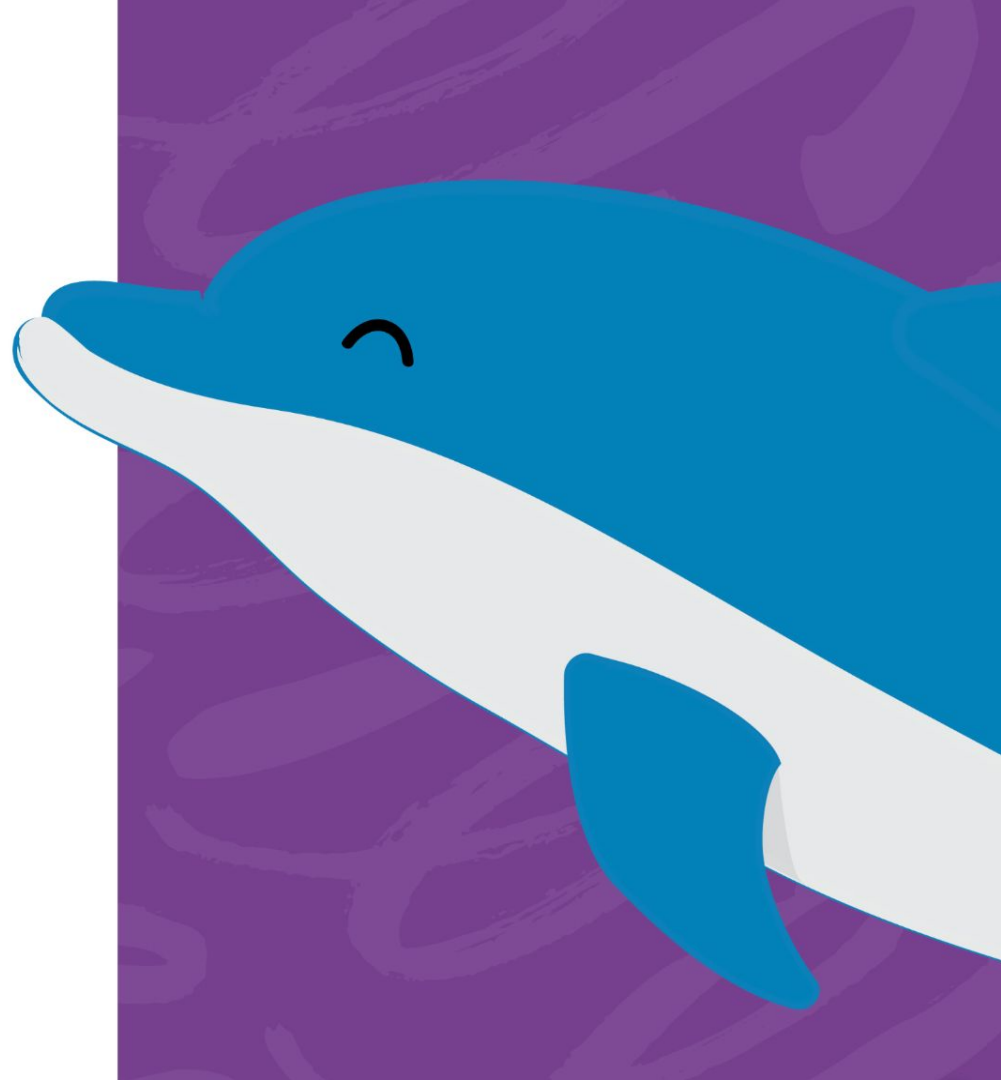


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SEPTEMBER 2026 | DOLPHIN

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!

Our Big Idea for August was CREATIVITY - Using your imagination to do something unique. Each PreK - 3 teacher was asked to select a student from her classroom that best exemplified CREATIVITY during August to be their Character Kid of the Month.

AUGUST 2026 | BOWERBIRD

CREATIVITY

Using your imagination to do
something unique



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CREATIVITY

Character Kids for August



Amilyah Coats
Emma Lake Reed
Marlei Miller
Cameron Baugh
A'Bella Eadie
Marie Weekley
Mary Mason Law
Patrick Smith
Harper Prine
Locke Baker
Honesty Austin
Atlee Howard
Saylor Hutchings
Madi Walker Briggs
AvaRose Goodwin
Reggie Hutchins

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.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Text, email,
and share
with 10
friends &
family!

Support your UCS PTA and our Charleston Wrap fundraiser: Shop now or spread the word to friends and family through email, text, and social media! Our fundraising goal is \$13,000. You can Register today at www.registercw.com and share our fundraising link to help us reach our goal. We need everyone's support! Thank you, TRAILBLAZERS!!

#charlestonwrap #fundraiser #charlestonwrapfundraiser

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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

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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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!** ★

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



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.**

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

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

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**Join
Today**



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NEED SOME GEAR?



TRAIL
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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](#)**



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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