



4th - 12th Grade Blazer Bulletin

What's coming up this week at Smith?

Monday 9/28	Tuesday 9/29	Wednesday 9/30	Thursday 10/1	Friday 10/2	Saturday 10/3
Volleyball vs Sipsey - SENIOR NIGHT 4pm	Volleyball @ Linden 5pm Jr High Football @ Holy Spirit 6pm	UA Admissions 9:15am Early Dismissal @ 1:10pm		Flu Shot Clinic Varsity Football @ RC HATCH 7PM Pay \$1 for Animal Print!	UWA HOMECOMING

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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NEED SOME GEAR?



TRAIL
BLAZERS



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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](#)**

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..... *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 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

Charleston Wrap
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.

THANK
YOU

for supporting
our Charleston Wrap
fundraiser!

WE MET
OUR GOAL



Continue to support our fundraiser online at
www.registercw.com

THANK YOU, TRAILBLAZERS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Charleston Wrap fundraiser! Because of YOU, WE MET OUR GOAL! ❤️💙

We are so grateful for the incredible support of our UCS families and community. Every order helps PTA continue supporting our students, teachers, and staff throughout the year!

Still want to support our fundraiser? You can order online using UCS ID #15924 at registercw.com.

Thank you for supporting UCS PTA! ❤️💙



Health Heroes will come to both campuses at UCS on 10/2/2026 for our FLU SHOT clinic. **This clinic is for all insurances except PEEHIP.** Our PEEHIP flu shot clinic will be at a later date. Consent forms will be coming home with students. Please sign and return if you would like for your student to get the flu shot. Flu shots can not be given to students without a completed consent form. If you have any questions please reach out to Nurse Kristen at kbeard@universitycharterschool.org or Nurse Shannon @ sbryant@universitycharterschool.org

HEALTH HERO Flu VACCINE CONSENT FORM		Scan QR code for Vaccine Information Statement	
ALL INFORMATION School Name			
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW - Please print using ink (computer forms will not be accepted)			
FIRST NAME OF STUDENT		MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME OF STUDENT
SEX	Male Female	DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	AGE GRADE
ADDRESS		SCHOOL/INSTITUTION NAME	
CITY		ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE (FACULTY)
EMAIL		PHONE	
The consent health care was required to fill your insurance company for the vaccine. The service is offered at no cost to you, however an always confidential. IF YOU HAVE HEALTHCARE WITH INSURANCE YES (Check if you have insurance) NO (Check if you do not have insurance)			
		MEMBER ID INSURANCE COMPANY NAME POLICY HOLDER'S FIRST NAME POLICY HOLDER'S LAST NAME POLICY HOLDER'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE YES (Check if you do not have insurance) NO (Check if you do have insurance)		MEMBER ID INSURANCE COMPANY NAME POLICY HOLDER'S FIRST NAME POLICY HOLDER'S LAST NAME POLICY HOLDER'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	
HEALTH QUESTIONS (mark with yes or no) 1. Will this be the first time your child has received a flu vaccine? 2. Has your child ever had an allergic reaction to any vaccine or the egg including Gelatin based products? 3. Does your child have a blood disorder such as hemophilia or sickle cell?			
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PARENT/GUARDIAN WITH AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE VACCINATION SIGNATURE FIRST NAME LAST NAME RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD			
IF YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S PHYSICIAN OR CALL US AT 202-698-1234 TO GET A FLU SHOT. PLEASE USE WWW.HEALTHHEROES.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION. STOP Do NOT return this form unless you want your child to be vaccinated. www.healthheroes.com 202-698-1234 info@healthheroes.com			

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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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



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



Alabama State Department of Education
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