UNIVERSITY YES ACADEMY

WEEK OF
SEPT. 28

THE LION'S WEEKLY • 2026–27

ONE TEAM • ONE MISSION • CONSISTENCY CREATES EXCELLENCE

WELCOME BACK, UYA FAMILIES!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK — MR. HINES

Welcome to another great week at UYA! As we close out September, I want to thank our families for continuing to partner with us as we build a strong start to the school year. Our scholars are settling into their classrooms, instruction is underway, and now our focus is on **consistency, quality work, and continued academic growth**.

This week, scholars who need to complete **NWEA make-up testing will test September 28–30**. NWEA provides us with important information about where our scholars are academically and helps our teachers determine where additional support, intervention, or enrichment may be needed. Please continue making sure your scholar **SHOWS UP every day, on time, well-rested, and ready to learn**.

As instruction continues, we are challenging scholars to **LEVEL UP the quality of their work**. At UYA, completing an assignment is not enough—we want scholars to think deeply, explain their thinking, use evidence, respond to feedback, and produce work that demonstrates their very best effort. Families can support us by asking your scholar each evening: **"What did you learn today?" "Show me something you are proud of." and "How can you make your work even better?"**

We also want our scholars to continue to **SHOW OUT** by making positive choices, demonstrating integrity, following school expectations, and contributing positively to our UYA community. Academic excellence and strong character go hand in hand.

As we enter a new week, our challenge remains simple: **let's be 1% better than we were the week before.** When our scholars, staff, and families remain consistent and work together, excellence becomes our standard.

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Let's SHOW UP, SHOW OUT, and LEVEL UP!

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER DATES

SEPT. 28–30
NWEA Testing Make-Ups
Testing window

THIS WEEK AT UYA — ATTENDANCE & DATA

ATTENDANCE MATTERS — SHOW UP

UYA Attendance Goal: 95% ADA
Week of 9/8 coded attendance: 93.42%
Class Attendance Celebration: Comer 6a and Vinluan 6b 100% Attendance last week
Family Challenge: Have your scholar in school Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for 100% attendance this week.

NWEA TESTING

September 28–30

Our NWEA testing window begins September 28 and continues through September 30. Daily attendance is especially important so scholars are present and ready to do their best.

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CULTURE CORNER — Integrity

WHAT SHOULD IT LOOK LIKE, FEEL LIKE & SOUND LIKE?

This week's focus is Integrity: doing the right thing when no one is watching.

LOOKS LIKE:

Returning something that does not belong to you.
Completing your own work without cheating or copying.
Following school expectations even when an adult is not nearby.
Cleaning up after yourself without being asked.
Making the right choice even when your friends are making the wrong one.

FEELS LIKE:

Being proud of the choices you make.
Knowing you can be trusted.
Taking responsibility when you make a mistake.
Having the courage to do what is right—even when it is difficult.

SOUNDS LIKE:

“I made a mistake, and I take responsibility.”
“That doesn’t belong to me.”
“I’m going to do the right thing.”
“I’ll tell the truth, even if I might get in trouble.”
“No one is watching, but I know what I’m supposed to do.”

FAMILY CONVERSATION:

Ask your scholar:
“What does integrity mean to you? Tell me about a time when you did the right thing even though no one was watching.”

Family Challenge:
Look for one example of your scholar demonstrating integrity this week. Recognize them for making the right choice **without having to be told.**

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FAMILY CONNECTIONS & WEEKLY ACTIONS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Breakfast ends at 7:55am
- Doors open at 7:30am daily
- Scholars use their regular entry doors.
- Uniform expectations remain the same; shoes must be solid black.
- CurbSmart dismissal will be followed. Returning families will use the same process as last year; new families reviewed the process during orientation.
- If you do not know your scholar's CurbSmart number, you will learn it when you pick up your scholar.

HOMEWORK & LEARNING

No assigned homework this first full week.

READ 20 MINUTES EACH NIGHT

Have your scholar read the same passage for 20 minutes each night. If they finish before the 20 minutes is up, have them read it again and again until time is up. Have your scholar read aloud to you, then ask a question about what they read.

This repeated reading practice builds fluency, comprehension, and inferencing skills.

CONNECTIONS CORNER

SAVE THE DATE — MATH-O-WEEN

October 29 • 5:00–7:00 PM

More information will be shared as the event gets closer.

FAMILY CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

100% ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

The challenge is simple: make sure your scholar is at school all Five days this week — Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Our goal is for your scholar to finish Friday with 100% attendance for the week.

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New Paradigm for Education
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) – Request to Withhold Directory Information

FERPA allows the release of certain pieces of "directory information" without the prior written consent of a student's parent/guardian. The parent/guardian (or student if over 18 years of age) has the legal right to "opt out" of the directory so that no information is released to anyone at any time unless written consent is granted.

- Directory information includes, but is not limited to, the student's name; address; telephone listing; email address; photograph; date and place of birth; grade level; dates of attendance; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; honors, and awards received; and the most recent educational agency or institution attended; and student ID number that standing alone cannot be used to access educational records.

From time to time, the school may publish charter school student directory information in the following ways:

- **Photo or video of student in a school newsletter, publication, or social media post**
- **Name of student in a school newsletter, publication, or social media post**

Instruction to Withhold Directory Information

Please do not release any of my student's directory information.

_____ _____

Student's Printed Name /Grade Student's School Name

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date: _____/_____/_____

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TRIPLE CROWN OF EXCELLENCE

SHOW UP • SHOW OUT • LEVEL UP

This week's SHOW UP recognition includes only scholars whose class-list attendance entries for 8/31, 9/1, 9/2, and 9/3 contain EN/P with no UE.

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