



## Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 16 Sept 2021

UMA Family,

Hope to see you at parent-teacher conferences tonight. Remember that means **EARLY RELEASE AND NO TEAM TIME TODAY AND NO SCHOOL TOMORROW**, which is why this is going out a day early. Huge thanks to all the parents who signed up to bring treats and dinner items for the teachers. It is greatly appreciated!

This week's items:

### 1. ATHLETICS

#### **Cross Country Schedule:**

Sept 18 @ Vanguard Academy (2650 S. Decker Lake Lane, West Valley)

Tentative: Sept 25 @ Uintah River High School (998 E 7500 S, Fort Duchesne)

Oct 2 @ City Academy (555 E 7500 S, SLC)

Oct 9 @ Paradigm (11577 S 3600 W, South Jordan)

Oct 16 @ AAI (5410 S. Jordan Parkway, South Jordan)

Oct 30 State Championship @ Spectrum (867 S 800 W, Pleasant Grove)

\*\*Please contact James Taylor ([jtaylor@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:jtaylor@utahmilitaryacademy.org)) or Mike Bunko ([mbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:mbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org)) with questions.

#### **Girls Volleyball Schedule:**

Sep 16 @ Freedom Prep: JV starts at 4:15p and Varsity starts at 5:30p

Sep 17 @ home v Wasatch Academy: JV starts at 4:15p and Varsity starts at 5:30p

Sep 23 @ home v Rockwell: JV starts at 4:15p and Varsity starts at 5:30p

Sep 28 @ home v American Heritage: JV starts at 4:15p and Varsity starts at 5:30p

Oct 5 @ Merit Academy: JV starts at 4:15p and Varsity starts at 5:30p

Oct 7 @ Maeser Prep: JV starts at 4:15p and Varsity starts at 5:30p

Oct 12 @home v Freedom Academy: JV starts at 4:15p and Varsity starts at 5:30p

Oct 19 @ Wasatch: JV starts at 4:15p and Varsity starts at 5:30p

Please contact Kira Van Reusen at [kiravanreusen@gmail.com](mailto:kiravanreusen@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Girls Soccer Conditioning:** Team Time Tuesday on the Soccer Field; Thursday in the Weight Room

**Baseball:** Baseball practice is held M/W/Th and games are T/Fr at 4pm at Patriot Park. Baseball questions should be directed to MSG Graham at [mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org).

**Basketball:** The boys basketball team has open gym sessions on Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. These are open to grades 7-12. If you have any basketball questions, email Coach Taylor [jtaylor@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:jtaylor@utahmilitaryacademy.org) or follow the team's Instagram @umacwbasketball. **Conditioning: M/T/W during Team Time**

2. **The Team Time** labelled "Military Skills" will have a different topic and instructor every Tuesday (providing we have someone sign up). Cadets can participate in any one or all of these. The activities are listed (and you can also volunteer) at this link. We will continue to update these throughout the year:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yp06UPD-Eybz9CYqC6FfyfuuyPmrUgA/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108770188794733916450&rtpof=true&sd=true>

3. Our first **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** is scheduled Nov 4 at 0815! The ASVAB is not only used to explore what military careers cadets are qualified for, but it is also an excellent test to determine strengths for college majors and civilian careers as well. This test is mandatory for all 11<sup>th</sup> grade cadets and optional but highly encouraged for sophomores and seniors. Once the test is complete, we will schedule a test interpretation at the school. The test interpreters are incredibly good at walking cadets through their scores, state job projections and potential growth careers, as well as guiding cadets toward a college or program that best fits their goals.

Please encourage your cadet to study! There are free study materials at:

<https://www.asvabpracticetests.com/asvab-free-online-study-guide/>

<https://www.npsk12.com/cms/lib/VA02208074/Centricity/Domain/4432/ASVAB%20Study%20Guide.pdf>

<https://www.march2success.com/>

<https://uniontestprep.com/asvab>

If you have questions, please contact Karen Paris at [theekarenparis@gmail.com](mailto:theekarenparis@gmail.com)

4. An **ARMY NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITER** will be at the school Sept 21 at 0925 and will meet with interested juniors and seniors during flight and formation. If you would like to be included in this meeting, please email the commandant at [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org).

5. **UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE** <https://www.uti.edu/> will visit the school Sep 23. UTI specializes in vocational programs such as automotive, motorcycle, diesel, marine, collision repair, welding, and more. If you would like to meet with the admissions advisor, please contact the commandant at [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org).

6. Our School Safety Officer, Sgt Lily Southwick, will be at the school to introduce herself and speak to cadets from 0940-1000 Sept 23 in the gym. Parents are welcome to stop by if they have questions or would just like to meet Sgt Southwick.

7. A **NAVY RECRUITER** will be at the school Sep 27 at 0925 and will meet with interested High School cadets. If you would like to meet with him, please email the commandant at [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org).

8. We will be administering the **Air Force Fitness Test Friday October 1** after school (2pm) for all seniors applying for an ROTC scholarship. This test includes a 1.5m run and as many pushups/situps as you can do in one minute each. Please email Lt Col Bunko at [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org) if you plan to take the test.

9. We will be administering the **Military Service Academy Cadet Fitness Assessment (CFA) Friday Oct 8** after school (2pm) for all seniors applying to an appointment to a service academy. All service academies use the same assessment, which includes a basketball throw, pull-ups/flexed arm hang/shuttle run/situps/pushups/one mile run. Instructions for the CFA can be found here: <https://www.gainserviceacademyadmission.com/candidate-fitness-assessment-score-calculator/> and there is additional information on each academy's admissions site.

10. Speaking of fitness tests... we will conduct a **running clinic at the school Sept 21**. This would be a great opportunity for any cadet who even THINKS they might want to apply for an Academy or ROTC scholarship in the future. They all require running!

11. **Girls Self Defense Course!** The Lehi Police Department will hold a FREE girls self-defense course at the school Sept 28-Nov 4. The 11-session course is open to the first 20 female cadets who sign up. **Cadets MUST be able to attend all 11 sessions.**

Dates/Times are:

Sept 28, 30 (1530-1630)

Oct 5, 7, 12, 19, 21, 26, 28 (1530-1630)

Nov 2, 4 (1530-1800)

12. KSL teacher nominations: Parents can nominate their cadet's amazing teacher(s) for KSL's weekly teacher feature at <https://kslnewsradio.com/teacher/>

### 13. Essay Contests/Scholarship Prizes:

- **VFW Voice of Democracy:** This year's theme is "America: Where do we go from here." Grand prize is \$30K paid directly to the US college, university or vocational/technical school of their choice. Open to grades 9-12. Entry deadline is Oct 31. [Entry Form](#)

Mail entry to: Kraig Thorne  
301 South Cherry Hill Dr.  
Pleasant Grove Utah 84062

- **VFW Patriot's Pen:** Open to grades 6-8. Each first place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000. This year's theme is "How can I be a good American." Essays are 300- to 400-words and are due Oct 31. [Entry Form](#)

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- **Fleet Reserve Association:** This year's theme is "Why I am Proud to be an American." Cadets 7-12 grade are invited to submit an essay of up to 350 words before Dec 1. Local winners are forwarded for competition at the regional level, regional winners compete for national prizes. The grand national winner will receive \$5000 with additional prizes for the top three essays in each grade category. Website: [www.fra.org/essay](http://www.fra.org/essay)

14. **Spirit Week is September 27th - October 1st.** There will be competitions between the grade levels to see who has the most spirit. There will be a capture the flag contest, a relay race, and a trivia tournament. Theme days are:

Monday: Crazy hair day

Tuesday: Sun's out Guns out--roll up your ABU sleeves (correctly) and showcase your school appropriate temp/fake tattoos.

Wednesday: Sunglasses Day

Thursday: Spirit face paint – SBO will be applying this in the morning.

Friday: 'Merica Day—wear your red, white, or blue patriotic shirt!

**\*\*Come out and support your Marauders at the Homecoming Game on September 28th, when the Girls Volleyball Team plays American Heritage.**

15. The Homecoming Dance will be Saturday, October 2nd, from 7 PM to 11 PM. **The dance is open to CURRENT high school cadets only.** Tickets are \$10 for singles, \$15 for couples - payable

at the front office. If you would like to volunteer to help set up or tear down for the dance, please contact Ms Nacde Bobadillo at [nacde@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:nacde@utahmilitaryacademy.org).

16. The next **Parent Involvement Meeting is Oct 5 at 7pm**. Participants will be voting for leadership positions for this year's PIC. If there is another agenda item you would like to have addressed in the meeting, please email [kkhorinek@gmail.com](mailto:kkhorinek@gmail.com) and let her know!

17. We are looking for two volunteers Wednesday Sep 22 who can help Graham and I issue boots to cadets – one per shift. We plan to have two shifts to accommodate a lunch break and call cadets down in groups until they are all issued. First shift is 0800-1100 and second is from 1300-1515. If you can help please email Lt Col Bunko at [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org).

18. If you would like a copy of last year's yearbook we have them in the front office for \$10.

Happy (not quite) Friday Marauders – hope you enjoy the long weekend with your cadets!

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff