



Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 1 Oct 2021

UMA Family,

Can you believe September is over? As crazy as it was – especially toward the end – it really did go fast!

First the good. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with our Spirit Week events and to those of you who were able to come out and watch the Volleyball Homecoming Game! We're looking forward to a nice event tomorrow night for the HS Homecoming Dance. The dance is from 7- 11 PM and is open to high school cadets only – cadets can bring a guest who attends another high school. If you would like to chaperone the dance, help run the refreshments table or help with set up or tear down, please contact Ms Nacde Bobadillo at nacde@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

AND the not good. As many of you are aware, there is a nationwide problem right now with students of all ages vandalizing their schools in response to the Devious Licks challenge on TikTok. The problems continue even though TikTok is now removing the videos from their site and criminal charges are starting to surface across the US in response to this behavior. <https://kjzz.com/news/local/tiktok-trend-leading-to-damage-theft-from-utah-schools>

As much as we want to believe our cadet honor code and our core values would insulate UMA from these criminal activities, we are not immune to this trend. In recent weeks we have seen an alarming amount of damage to school property, specifically the boys bathrooms, which for privacy reasons are out of range of our security cameras. We have completed most of the repairs necessary, but for now 3 of the 4 boys bathrooms remain locked to prevent cadets from immediately vandalizing them again. The 4th bathroom is being unlocked during transitions and monitored by male teachers. I don't have to tell you this is not just an inconvenience – it is a drain on resources and manpower in a school where both are already stretched thin. On a positive note, several cadets have come forward with information on who is committing these acts of vandalism and that investigation is ongoing. **If you watched the above video you saw that some are using the SafeUT app to send in tips. A lot of our cadets have downloaded this app and it is a way to submit information while remaining anonymous.**

The sad fact is, it is likely these challenges will continue – through TikTok or some other means. We will continue to investigate all activities that violate school policy, and where there are

violations of the law we will work with local law enforcement to prosecute those found responsible. The October challenges in particular could result in assault charges. Please help us by having serious conversations with your cadet(s) about this problem. It is not a joke. It is not a prank. It needs to stop.

Other items:

1. ATHLETICS

Cross Country Schedule:

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) or Mike Bunko (mbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org) with questions.

Girls Volleyball Schedule:

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 with any questions.

2. We will administer the **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** Nov 4 at 0815 in the cafeteria. This is a paper test so cadets cannot access it online. They need to be in place no later than 0815 so the testers can read through the instructions etc., in time to administer the test before the cafeteria is needed for lunches! 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 11th 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>

3. We will be administering the **Military Service Academy Cadet Fitness Assessment (CFA) Friday Oct 8** 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/sit-ups/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.

4. 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 and let her know!

5. UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURES:

- Fall Break 14-15 OCT

- Thanksgiving Break 22-26 NOV

6. **Picture re-takes are scheduled for October 18**. This is your opportunity to redo pictures if you were not happy with the first one!

7. **WE NEED SUBSTITUTES!** While some of our needs are planned ahead of time (vacations, surgeries etc.), we often need last minute substitutes due to teacher illnesses. Ready to Teach is not keeping up with the demand for subs, therefore we are creating our own pool of subs we can contact when the need arises. If you are certified to substitute teach – or are willing to get certified – please call the front office at 385-498-6167!

8. **Cyber Patriots:** We have lots of cadet interest in forming a Cyber Patriots team, but unfortunately have not been able to find a coach. Here's some information about the program and even some new coaches tools for you to check out!
<https://www.uscyberpatriot.org/Pages/About/What-is-CyberPatriot.aspx>

If you are interested in leading this team, please contact the school at 385-498-6167.

9. Credit recovery will be at the school next Saturday the 9th from 1000 - 1400 and Saturday School will go from 0900 - 1300.

Good luck to the Baseball and Cross Country teams tomorrow...and have a great weekend!

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff