



Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 8 Oct 2021

UMA Family,

Don't forget next week is Fall Break week so we will not have school Thursday and Friday. The rest of the week is a normal schedule. Wednesday is our Navy Birthday celebration – both our flight lesson and our formation will have some Navy elements. So, if you want to send Navy themed treats to your cadet's flight, or if you are a Navy veteran and would like to speak to cadets that would be awesome! Some parents also asked for a list of their cadet's flight birthdays so they could bring in treats. Flight teachers asked for permission to share this information and hopefully sent it out to all parents in that flight. If you want the list and didn't get it, please email your cadet's flight teacher(s).

Items for this week:

1. ATHLETICS

Cross Country Schedule:

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 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. UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURES:

- Fall Break 14-15 OCT

- Thanksgiving Break 22-26 NOV

4. **Picture retakes are scheduled for October 18.** This is your opportunity to redo pictures if you were not happy with the first one! Just like last time, cadets should be in soft uniform or in blues (seniors only) and within grooming standards (haircut, jewelry, etc.,).

5. **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!

6. **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.

7. **Credit recovery for SENIORS will be at the school tomorrow from 1000 – 1400 in room 205. Saturday School will also be tomorrow from 1000-1400.**

8. Saturday Oct 23 UMA will participate in **Trunk or Treat at Camp Williams.** We are expecting upwards of 900-1000 children at the event. If you would like to donate candy, stickers, or other

treats please drop items off at the front office by Oct 22. We will also need several cadets to help hand out candy so if you'd like to volunteer, please email the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

9. Speaking of treats... exciting news! Cadets will be allowed to wear Halloween costumes to school **Friday, Oct 29**. Costumes must be school appropriate and please no masks. Cadets are permitted to wear their COVID cloth face coverings. Should be a fun day!

10. We still have open slots for our military skills team time lessons. If you can't think of a military-specific skill – feel free to sign up for a broader professional skill like how to introduce yourself in a work environment, interview skills, etiquette...anything you think would help cadets. You can sign up for a date here:

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

11. Lastly, we received word today from the train conductor that there are cadets acting inappropriately on the train. If this behavior continues UTA will ban ALL of our cadets from using the TRAX. We are going to reach out to UTA for pictures or video and any cadet identified acting badly WILL lose their TRAX pass. You and your cadet signed a contract before the pass was purchased and we cannot let the actions of a few cadets ruin it for everyone. Additionally UTA complained that our cadets are not bringing masks with them to wear on the train and therefore UTA is giving them masks on a daily basis. Please send a mask to school with your cadet for wear on the train.

Enjoy your weekend,

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff