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1. **Labor Day-No School on Monday** Just a reminder that this is a long holiday weekend, there will be no school on Monday, September 2, we'll see you all back to school on Tuesday, September 3.
2. **Picture Retake Date HAS CHANGED:** Parents, Picture Retake Date has been changed to **September 25th**. Please make note of this. All Cadets will need to wear their Dress blues.
3. **Saturday school** will be starting on September 20. It will be from 8-12. Ms. Stander will start sending emails the week of the 20th. If you have questions about Saturday school, you can contact her at [astander@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:astander@utahmilitaryacademy.org)
4. **Homecoming Week:** Homecoming is the week of Sept 23-27. We will have different spirit week activities. Sept 27th come show off your school spirit at the baseball game (**spirit bus available: signup sheet in office**) Friday Sept 27th there will be a stomp and Sat 28th is the dance. A SIGNUP GENIUS will be sent out for volunteers/decorations/supplies. If you have not created an account for signup genius please visit [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). The theme for the dance is "Under the Sea" Please be watching for more details to come in upcoming newsletters and parent meetings.
5. **BBBS Fundraiser:** September we will be having a fundraising drive. Big Brothers and Big Sisters pay us by the pound for our donations. We accept clothing, bedding, shoes, toys, small appliances, books, magazines etc. NO FURNITURE or LARGE APPLIANCES PLEASE. Please start saving your items and place them in bags or boxes and be watching our newsletter for the week we will be accepting them in September.

- 6. PIC Parent Mtg/Store:** The Parent Involvement Committee(**PIC**) meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm. Our next meeting is Sept 10th at 6pm. At these meetings parents receive information on volunteer hrs and opportunities as well as tracking your hrs, fundraising events, signup genius, helpful links, resources and other activities. We also have a store that is operated by parent volunteers. The store hours are [M-F] 7:30- 8:00 am [M-Th] 3:00-3:30 pm. Donations for the store are accepted all year and count toward your volunteer hrs. Every \$10 donated = 1 volunteer hr More information on PIC and ways you can volunteer will be available during PIC meetings. If you have any questions or comments please contact [parent@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:parent@utahmilitaryacademy.org)
- 7. The National Youth Leadership Forum Medicine:** Cadets in grades 9-11 that are interested in a medical career and wish to participate in a summer program should sign up with Ms. Pemberton. The program does have a cost to it, but cadets are able to get college credit from the experience. Please see Ms. Pemberton by September 13th in order to be nominated.
- 8. AP Classes:** If your cadet is enrolled in an AP class, please make sure they enroll in their class online at [myap.collegeboard.org](http://myap.collegeboard.org) Cadets in the class will need to access the material on the site, as well as indicate whether or not they intend to take the AP exam. Cadets must enroll by September 6th. Exam decisions are due October 18th.
- 9. Seventh Grade SBO:** Seventh Grade Cadets interested in running for a Student Body Officer position should attend a meeting on Wednesday, September 4th during flight time in the cafeteria. Applications and information for those interested can be picked up beginning September 3rd outside CPT Curtis' room (Room 123). Applications are due September 9th to CPT Curtis by 4 PM. Campaigning starts September 9th and concludes September 13th, at which time elections will be held. Direct questions to CPT Curtis at [JCurtis@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:JCurtis@utahmilitaryacademy.org)
- 10. Last call for Reno Air Races:** Please reserve your opportunity asap to attend America's premiere air races. 11-13 Sep. Sign up in the office by 1 Sep. \$150, (\$80 deposit by 1 Sep, pay in full by 8 Sep), PAY IN OFFICE and get permission slips. Slots are limited. Parents interested in chaperoning should also contact the office. Cost is \$200 for a single room or \$100 per person if you share. Slots are also limited!
- 11. Boy Scouts:** UMA is strongly considering adding a Boy Scout Troop to our program. We are looking for interested cadets and adults. Currently we plan on it being a TEAM time event on Mondays. We will start in the Cafeteria and go from there depending on numbers. If you would like to help or desire more information, please contact Mrs Carmen Ciscomani-Obright at [carmenobright@gmail.com](mailto:carmenobright@gmail.com). Encourage your cadet to attend this monday
- 12. Service Academy Event:** Interested in applying for a Military Service Academy for college? West point is hosting an information night. No matter which Service Academy you are interested in applying to, you will get terrific information from this event, as well as meet representatives from the congressional and senate offices. When- Tuesday, September 17 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Utah National Guard Headquarters 12953 Minuteman Drive, Draper. All those interested in attending please RSVP to Col. Kevin Riedler by Sep. 10 at [riedler@yahoo.com](mailto:riedler@yahoo.com) Cadets who do not have parents able to take

them, please email Mrs. Horning (whorning@utahmilitaryacademy.org) so we can put together a car pool.

- 13. Josten's class rings and graduation:** Josten's will be at UMA on Wednesday September 25 during Reading Time to speak with all SENIOR cadets about ordering graduation caps & gowns and other graduation paraphernalia. They will return on Tuesday, October 1 during high school lunch to take orders for class rings and graduation stuff. Juniors and Seniors are eligible to order class rings, seniors only may order graduation paraphernalia.
- 14. ABU Name Tapes (All Grades):** If your cadet would like to purchase an ABU name tape please send them to the office with \$3. Deadline for purchase is 5 September. Send an email to Chief Martin, kmartin@utahmilitaryacademy.org if you have questions.
- 15. Close up with Congressman Bishop:** Great opportunity for top Jrs or Seniors to spend a week in DC with Congressman Bishop and staff. Dates are 27 Nov- 7 Dec. Experience up close and personal the Washington political Scene... See Maj Workman for details, deadline 6 Sep! There is a cost to attend.
- 16. Dry Cleaning:** There seems to be some confusion about dry cleaning. Dry cleaning should be dropped off on **Friday** mornings. Cadets **must** bring cash or a check made out to UMA. Dark blue items (pants, jackets, hats) are \$3 and shirts are \$2. **You can not pay for drycleaning with a card, nor can you put it on your Cadet's account and pay later!**
- 17. Checking Cadets out of School via Phone:** Parents, we have a lot of parents calling to check their cadets out over the phone, and wanting their cadets to sit in the office. Please note, we can not have Cadets sitting in the office because of two things. 1. There are a lot of private conversations happening in the office, that Cadets should not be overhearing about their peers. 2. They are missing class! Please do not call sooner than 1-2 minutes prior to arriving. If your cadet is waiting in the office for more than 3 minutes, they will be sent back to class.
- 18. A Note from Mr. Carroll - Academic Director**  
Cadets, (Parents, and all other UMA family),

Congratulations! We've made it past the first academic week!

This is the time of year when everything is fresh, new, and exciting. A week or two in, everybody begins to hit their stride: you will begin to feel like you know how to meet school and teacher expectations, and teachers begin to figure out your personality and needs. Especially once classroom rules are understood and followed, everyone will be able to charge ahead and begin to accomplish their educational goals. The first weeks of school are filled with anticipation, wondering what new books are going to be read, which teacher is going to be the hardest, and which of all of those strange people are going to become your friends. I love it!

But there will also be hard times. Before you stumble too often and lose your "rose-colored glasses," I want to share some foresight, and some encouragement.

This school year will be difficult. If I'm wrong, and everything comes easy for you, then you're not pushing yourself hard enough, and *you're not growing and improving*. As the old military adage says, "If you're not catching flak, you're not over the target." So take the challenges with that thought in mind. When (not if) you find yourself struggling somewhere, please talk to someone. Talk to a parent, a counselor, a teacher, a coach, a friend. Share how you feel so that we can help you overcome the obstacle. Even your scariest, "meanest" teacher wants you to succeed. Ask for help.

Additionally, my personal theme for this year is a simple one, but holds a powerful message. Go, Do, Be.

Go! Go to class on time, go to TEAM Time activities, go to sporting events and service projects and other extracurriculars. Be reliable! Volunteer for as much as you can handle, and you will have opportunities in your life that others only dream about. Remember, Service Before Self!

Do! Do your very best in everything that you try. You won't always succeed, and that's okay. As I said before, everyone struggles, and everyone fails. The difference between those who are remembered in the history books and those who are forgotten always comes down to what they *do* after they fail. Never stop doing your best! Excellence in All We Do!

Be! Be the very best version of yourself, or be the version of yourself that others think you are. If you pretend long enough, it will actually come true--with one caveat: you must be the best version of yourself in private as well as in public. In other words, make good choices even when there's no one around to witness it. Integrity First!

To recap: if you GO where you know you need to be, and DO your very best 100% of the time, you will eventually BE the hero that you've always admired. You will accomplish your goals and live your dreams.

I can't wait to see what you accomplish this year! Go Thunderbirds!