

# Urban Christian Academy

Parent Newsletter - June 2025



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**JUNE 12:** LAST DAY OF CPS/UCA

**JUNE 13–JUNE 22:** UCA CLOSED

**JUNE 23:** FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL

**JULY 4:** NO SUMMER SCHOOL (INDEPENDENCE DAY)

**AUGUST 8:** LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL

**AUGUST 18:** FIRST DAY OF CPS/UCA

## HOW YOU CAN STAY UPDATED

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REMIND APP (USING YOUR PHONE NUMBER, YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR MESSAGES)

**SOCIAL MEDIA** (FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE, INSTAGRAM): FOLLOW US AT UCACHICAGO

**OUR WEBSITE** [UCACHICAGO.ORG](http://UCACHICAGO.ORG)

## SIGN UP FOR SUMMER SCHOOL SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

There's still time to enroll in UCA's Summer School Program! Running from June 23rd to August 8th, this 7-week experience offers a dynamic mix of:

- ✓ Core academics & enrichment classes
- ✓ Exciting field trips
- ✓ Provided meals
- ✓ Valuable preparation for the upcoming school year

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity—register today at [ucachicago.org/register!](http://ucachicago.org/register!)

## SHADOW DAY – EXPERIENCE UCA FIRSTHAND!

If your child would like to experience our after school program firsthand, we warmly invite them to shadow a current student for a day! Prospective students are welcome to visit during our After-School or Summer School sessions to explore our engaging learning environment. To arrange a visit, please contact UCA administration in advance. We look forward to welcoming you into our community!

## CALLING FOR RECYCLED MATERIALS FOR STEM PROJECTS!

We are thrilled to share that our 6th–8th grade summer class will be diving into exciting STEM projects during afternoon activities! To make these hands-on learning experiences even more engaging, we need your help gathering recycled materials that can be repurposed for creative experiments. Donations can be brought to the office, and we'd love your help in spreading the word! Your support means the world to us and helps nurture the young scientists and engineers in our program. Thank you for being part of this exciting journey!

### *Materials we're collecting:*

- Scratch paper
- Egg cartons
- Large milk/juice cartons (rinsed)
- Takeout containers (rinsed)
- Small boxes
- Large boxes (Mario Kart size, big enough to fit a student)
- Plastic containers (rinsed)
- Toilet paper/paper towel rolls
- Bubble wrap
- Plastic/paper bags
- Used AA batteries
- Newspapers

## EASTER

Our K–8 students celebrated Easter with our annual Easter egg hunt! Each student had the opportunity to collect six eggs filled with special prizes, candy, and UCA dollars. After the hunt, our younger students enjoyed a cross-themed craft activity, generously sponsored by one of our donors, while the older students had fun playing Easter Bingo. It was a joyful day as we came together to celebrate our risen Christ with our students.

## SPRING FEST

Spring Fest 2025 was a strengthening moment for our UCA community. We are so grateful to Living Water Evangelical Church (LWEC), our newest church partner, for hosting Spring Fest—a beautiful gathering that brought together our staff, their church community, and our students and families. It was heartwarming to see the kids connect with LWEC volunteers, playing games, making music, and creating crafts together. Meeting parents and sharing UCA's mission made the event even more special. We also had meaningful conversations about student progress, listening to parent concerns and fostering deeper connections. This event was a wonderful step toward strengthening our partnership with both LWEC and our families.



## 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Our 8th Graders Are Closing Out the Year! We congratulate our graduating 8th grade class! Your hard work, dedication, and accomplishments—both in academics and extracurriculars—have been truly inspiring. As you step into this next chapter, we celebrate not only your graduation but also the exciting high school decisions you've made. Each choice represents a new journey filled with opportunities for growth and success. Though we will miss your presence in our program, we are excited to see all the incredible things you will go on to achieve. May this milestone be the foundation for even greater success, and may your journey be filled with opportunity, growth, and joy!



## Moody Students

It's always bittersweet to say goodbye to our amazing college students. Each year, we're blessed to partner with Moody Bible Institute, whose volunteers and part-time staff become an essential part of our team. Day in and day out, they support us by helping with student pick-up, serving meals, leading gym activities, tutoring, assisting with homework, guiding devotional time, and helping keep classrooms tidy. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and heart for service—and we look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces again this fall.



## Saturday School

We wrapped up our final Saturday School session on May 17! Thanks to the leadership of our K-5 lead teacher, Miss Rachel, 12 students received one-on-one tutoring in math and language arts. As a result, we saw significant improvements in their academic performance, with many students making remarkable progress in areas they had struggled with throughout the year. It's a true joy to offer programs like this that meet students where they are and help them grow with confidence.



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