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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
16	17 7:00 – Parent Orientation (K3 – K5)	18	19 7:00 – Parent Orientation (1 st – 5 th)	20 BACK TO SCHOOL! Dismiss at noon After-School care will be provided. 7:00 – Parent Orientation (6 th – 8 th)	21
23	24	25	26	27 6:00 – Volleyball Game – UCA @ Cornerstone	28
30	31	1	2	3 7:00 – Football Game – Lions @ Mt. Olive (Athens)	4

From Your School Board:

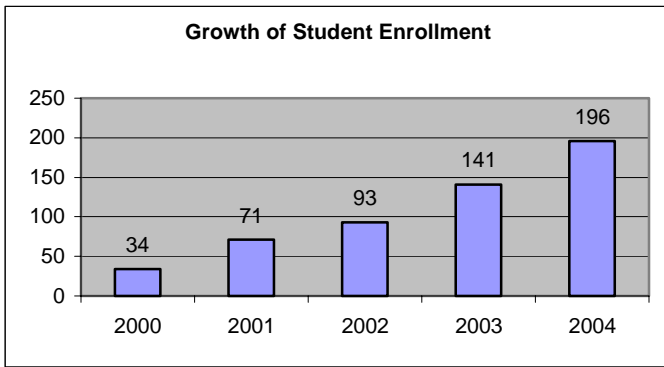
If the Spirit demonstrated this summer is any indication, we are completely thrilled with the exciting things the Lord will do this school year at UCA. Some highlights of Summer 2004:

- The renovation of “B” Wing was completed along with the addition of ten new air conditioning units, with six new classrooms eagerly awaiting our students’ return.
- The rear lot was paved in June. This will give our teachers easy access to their classrooms, enhanced P.E. options such as Basketball, Tetherball, and Volleyball for our kids, protection of our facility from mud and premature wear and tear on the floors and carpets, and ultimately, will give our parents a secure pick-up and drop-off point.
- Our front courtyard enhancements have begun, with a new sidewalk connecting the north and south porticos, meeting in the center with a prominent area to display our flags. Look for seasonal flowers and fresh landscaping inside the “Circle of Faith,” coming soon!
- Our Administrator, Brother Bill Ritz, continued his summer study program at ORU in Tulsa, Oklahoma, working toward his Master’s Degree.
- Our new faculty members had a wonderful trip to Pensacola Christian College for training, bringing back a contagious enthusiasm and fresh ideas for the school year.
- Over 30 members of the UCA family crowded our Watermelon Festival parade float in July. Our Parents’, Teachers’, and Children’s smiles and cheerfulness were great Ambassadors for our school, making our float a parade-goers favorite. Special thanks to all of you who helped with the signage, and gave of your time, energy, and resources on this tremendous event.
- The UCA Library, under the wonderful direction of Mrs. Susan Long, continues to welcome and catalog new books, learning and reference materials.
- Coach Shelley Sparks’ *Lady Lions* volleyball team took to the court early in August, opening the door for our young ladies to enjoy team sports.
- Coaches Ritz, Denney, and White are busy getting our football *Lions* ready for their first ever gridiron season. Both of our team sports programs will be competing in a newly formed “conference” of Christian schools in Camden and Crossett, Arkansas, and Athens, and West Monroe, LA.
- We anticipate opening the door to approximately 200 students this fall, again setting a record for enrollment for the 5th consecutive year.

As you can see, this summer has been incredibly busy and fruitful! There were many other milestones that occurred this summer, so many in fact, that we could probably fill up this entire newsletter with them. Hopefully, what I *did* mention will give you an idea of the exciting year that God has laid out in front of us.

One last thought I’d like to share: Get Involved. Whether it’s being a Room Parent, PTO member, or a fan of Lions Athletics, this is so important to our kids and our community. One of Union Christian Academy’s greatest strengths is our *families*. Moms and Dads, Mammaws and Pappaws, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins, who all love Jesus and each other, seeking a place where we can come together as The Body, and in one accord. That’s UCA. What a blessing He has given to us.

Chuck Kinnison
 President, UCA School Board



WELCOME NEW TEACHERS!

- Marianne Kinnison – K4
- Brenda Foster – K5
- Tammy Miller – 1st grade
- Andree’ Hall – 2nd grade
- Angel Morgan – 3rd grade
- Jean Albritton – 6th grade
- Charlotte King – 7th grade
- Jim Fordham – 8th grade

UCA now has all certified teachers for K5 through 8th grades.

PTO NEWS

The officers serving this year are as follows:

President: Dave Sanson

Vice President: Shane Abercrombie

Secretary: Kristy Scharf

Treasurer: Sharon Mashaw

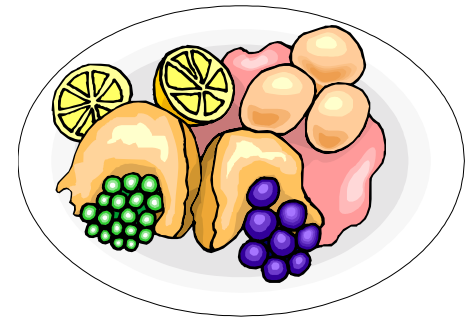
Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, September 7, at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you would like to have an item put on the agenda, please contact Dave Sanson at 368-4811.



TIPS TO START YOUR DAY:

- Load book bags and lay out clothes the night before.
- Go to bed early and get up on time.
- Start your day with breakfast.
- Buckle up on the way to school.
- School starts at 8 am! Be on time!

Sally Pace will be providing lunches this year. Give her home-



cooked meals a try! Please remember to submit the lunch order forms timely. Lunches are \$2.75 per day.

Welcome Back to School!!

I hope everyone had a great summer to relax and take vacations.

As we start this new school year, I am going to do my best to produce the newsletter each Monday. So please look for it in your child’s backpack. I will also send it via email to those of you having email addresses. If at any time you would like to have something published, please contact me!

This is our source of communication for all teachers, students and parents. Our newsletter will include:

- Recognition of our students and teachers
- Upcoming activities
- Athletic updates
- Fundraising events
- Renovation updates
- Prayer requests for our students, parents and faculty

So please feel free to submit information to be shared with the UCA family.

Kristy Scharf, PTO Secretary

Please submit information as follows:

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Please be in prayer about a school bus for the Spearsville / Bernice students.

