



# UASGC Family Update

## From the Desk of Ms. Gehant

Dear UASGC Families,

Winter Break is quickly approaching! As we begin to wind down 2014 and prepare for a new year in 2015, we are reaching out to share some exciting opportunities that will be available to your students in the coming weeks and months.

As a school preparing your student for rigorous college and career pathways, we believe in the value of enrichment activities outside of the regular school day. These opportunities range from basketball to art to chess, but regardless of the activity we believe that these activities will help students develop critical skills..

Not only will these activities help students develop their personal interests and discover their passions, but they are critical to helping students build impressive resumes and attractive college applications.

Check in with your student and see which enrichment activity is the best fit!



Coding club at Google HQ



## Enrichment at UASGC

### Coding—Mr. Colon: Mondays & Wednesdays @ 2:45pm

In addition to learning hard skills like computer programming, product design, students also experience entrepreneurship and gain confidence, and build a sense of community.

### Art Society – Mr. McAndrew: Thursdays @ 2:45pm

We will use a variety of media to create awesome artistic pieces that we will regularly hang in our hallways, share with partners, and post on Facebook. This is for our sketchers, our painters, and photographers who want to continue to explore the visual arts.

### Step Dance Club – Ms. Silva: Thursdays @ 2:45pm

This student-led group will choreograph dances that will be regularly featured at school assemblies and other events. Students will be able to select music, assign roles, and learn techniques to develop dance skills.

### Sing Your Heart Out – Mr. Kaminsky & Ms. Fry: Thursdays @ 2:45pm

Students will show off their vocal talents in our Glee club Using arrangements which incorporate all different pitches of voices and feature backup and solo opportunities, members of Sing Your Heart Out will be frequent participants in school showcases and other public opportunities.

### Self Defense – Ms. Mahool: Thursdays @ 2:45

This club empowers young people with the skills and mindset to stay safe in any situation. Through this program, young people will develop self-respect, self-confidence, and self-awareness, which will help young people protect themselves from most dangerous situations.

## Important Dates

- December 12th—Winter Bash Dance, 5pm-8pm
- December 17th—ROTC Inspections
- December 18th—PTA Breakfast with the Principal, 9am-10am
- December 20th—Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC, 11am-3pm
- December 22-23—Logistical Thinking Projects
- December 24-January 5—No School for Winter Break



Ernesto Quinonez at UASGC