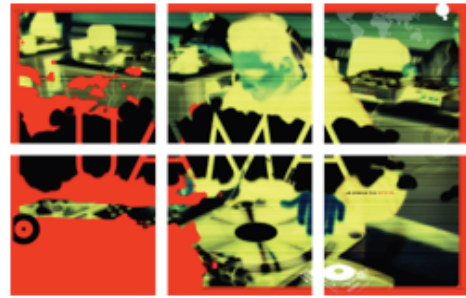


# Weekly Parent Newsletter

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**Urban Assembly School of Music and Art**  
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## Join Our PTA

Hello UAMA Families!

We encourage you or a family member to make every effort to attend our upcoming PTA meetings. Our next PTA meeting is December 14, 2020. We will be hosting a workshop on **Tips for Maintaining Student Engagement**. Please bring your questions and concerns with you, as we will be covering several topics that are important and relevant to the upcoming months. There are endless possibilities in the ways you can help! Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time and your talents are truly needed!

Please contact our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Copeland at Copeland1@uamusicandart.org or 718-858-0249 ext. 8073 to confirm your attendance. We look forward to seeing you!

## Dates to Remember

### Upcoming PTA Meetings

- December 14, 2020
- January 11, 2021
- February 8, 2021
- March 8, 2021
- April 12, 2021
- May 10, 2021
- June 14, 2021

### Winter Recess- Schools Closed

- December 24, 2020 – January 1, 2021

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Schools Closed

- January 18, 2021

### Professional Development – Schools Closed

- February 1, 2021

# Class Updates

*Below you will find weekly updates of the projects students are working on in their classes.*

## Student Updates:

Our community school directors hosted spirit week for our students. Students submitted their photos via email and those who participated were showcased on the school's instagram! The schedule is below:

Spirit Week Schedule  
Tag @uamusicandart to participate

Monday 11/30	 <b>Pajama Day</b> Wear pajamas for the day
Tuesday 12/1	<b>Sports Day</b> Wear a jersey or something from your fav team or sport! 
Wednesday 12/2	<b>Ugly Sweater Day</b> Wear an ugly sweater 
Thursday 12/3	<b>Throwback Thursday</b>  Dress like you're from a different decade
Friday 12/4	 <b>School Pride</b> Wear black and red or school gear

## Teacher Updates:

In order to meet the instructional challenges before us, in August a small group of UAMA teachers and admin staff began working collaboratively to prepare for a responsible and adaptable instructional focus for this year. Through remote meetings and Google Classroom we engaged in what we ask our students to do: genuine, relevant, and personalize reading, writing, and discussion.

Through this process we developed what we are calling, ID MAP (Interdisciplinary Mastery Project), which is a curricular approach that is flexible to withstand the uncertainty of this school year and can provide a foundation for our staff and students to take a journey together as co-learners that will better help us understand ourselves and each other during these difficult times. This work culminated in the creation of one interdisciplinary project that all students will be engaged in exploring titled, **“What does it mean to be educated?”**

## Important Links

[Pupil Path](#)

[UAMA Website](#)