

US WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Important Dates

- **January 26:** Whole School Chinese New Year Performances. 1pm
- **January 27 – February 5:** Chinese New Year Holiday
- **February 6th:** First day of classes following Chinese New Year.
- **February 7th:** PAFA General Meeting and Head of School and Principal’s Coffee Morning
- **February 17th:** High School Winter Formal
- **March 14th-15th:** Student led conferences
- **March 17th:** endo of 3rd quarter
- **April 3rd-7th:** Spring Break and Qingming “Tomb Sweeping” Festival Day



Principals’ Message

Dear SCIS Families,

This is a week of celebration at SCIS. We are celebrating academic achievements, athletic excellence, artistic performances, and of course, Chinese New Year.

Academically, we received exciting news regarding the performance of our students in the University of Waterloo math competition. Congratulations to their sponsor, Mr. Bilz and to the students for their wonderful accomplishment! We are also celebrating the performance of our boys and girls varsity basketball teams in Nanjing at the ACAMIS tournament. The boys took second place, while the girls won the championship. Congratulations coaches and students on a great season.

Back here on our campus, the anticipation has been building all week for our Chinese New Year performance. This anticipation culminated in a wonderful celebration of our host culture with this afternoon’s performances. It was great to have so many community members on campus sharing in our celebration. A special thank you to the Upper and Lower School Mandarin Departments for all of their hard work in preparing for and executing a wonderful celebration.

We wish everyone a safe and prosperous year of the Rooster!

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Kind Regards,

Frank Volpe, PhD
Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks
Upper School Vice Principal

Congratulations to our University of Waterloo Math Competition Award Recipients



In the “top 25%” photo: front row (left to right): Hye-Seung, Sang-Yun, Steve; back row (left to right): Jessica, Chang, Anush, Benjamin, Brian.

SCIS Community,

The contests are created by the University of Waterloo, Canada. This is our third year participating in the contests. The students wrote on the morning of November 24. It’s a two-hour contest. More details about the contest can be found here:

<http://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/csimc.html>

We had a total of 19 student participate; 7 wrote the senior contest (students in Grades 11 & 12) and 12 wrote the intermediate contest (students in Grades 8 to 10). For the senior contest, 2 students scored in the top 25% worldwide (Sang-Yun Lim in Grade 12 and Steve Shin in Grade 11). For the intermediate contest, 6 students scored in the top 25% worldwide (in Grade 10: Hye-Seung Lee, Chang Ha, Benjamin Weng, Anush Anand, Brian Tam; in Grade 9: Jessica Zhao).

At SCIS-Pudong, we run Math Club as an after school activity every Tuesday. We use some of the meeting time to prepare for contests, such as the Waterloo contests and the AMC (American Mathematics Contest), which students will write on February 16. Please congratulate these students on their achievement

Kind regards,

Etienne Bilz
HS Math and Science



**VARSITY GIRLS
ACAMIS**

CHAMPIONS
AND SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS
DRAGONS BASKETBALL



**VARSITY BOYS
ACAMIS
2ND PLACE**



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Notes

2017-18 Calendar Change for the Class of 2018

Parents of current Grade 11 students, please make a note of planned changes in the calendar for Grade 12 during the 2017-18 school year. Beginning next year, the Grade 12 China Trip will be moved to the last week of May. During the former trip week in September, Grade 12 students will be on campus, benefiting from a carefully structured program focussing on the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, CAS, and college counseling. This bonus week will greatly relieve the pressures on our senior students in the winter and spring, put them in a much stronger position to achieve their fullest potential in the DP Program, and raise the quality of their college applications. As an added bonus, taking a school sponsored trip together as a class in celebration of completing high school will provide a final opportunity for the class to share a unified experience before going their separate ways, and relieve financial pressures on families who in the past have borne the expense of similar trips. The China Trip program for Grades 6-11 will not be affected.

Winter Uniforms

Winter is here! We encourage Upper School students to dress for the weather, while continuing to support the school identity and community-mindedness represented by the SCIS uniform. Long sleeve shirts and long pants are available in the uniform shop, as well as SCIS hoodies, cardigans, and blazers. Sweatshirts and jackets distributed through ASAs are also acceptable as long as the SCIS logo appears.

Honor Roll:

With our new grading system, we are introducing a new system for academic awards. Awards each semester will be based on the summative total of students' scores in all of their classes. For example, an MYP student who earned a final semester score of 7 in all eight of their subjects would earn 56 points. Students who are enrolled in ungraded classes will have Honor Roll boundaries in proportion to their number of graded courses.

Award Boundaries

Program	Points Possible	Honor Roll	Principal's Honor Roll
MYP (7 x 8 classes)	56	48-51	52-56
DP (7 x 6 classes)	42	36-38	39-42

SCIS Parent Email:

Official school communications are only sent to @scis-parent.org email accounts that are provided to all SCIS parents. If you have not yet set up your SCIS parent email account, please head to <http://schoolid.scishis.net/> to create your email address, set your recovery email, and connect your children to your account. Once finished, you will receive a confirmation message with your new School ID and begin to receive school communications. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Barry Johnson at pd-technology@scis-china.org.

ManageBac:

Use ManageBac to check in with your child's classes and observe their progress throughout the year. To log in for the first time, follow the link in the welcome email sent to your parent email address. If you haven't seen it, contact Barry Johnson at pd-technology@scis-china.org and a new welcome email will be sent to you. ManageBac is a web-based software, widely used by IB schools worldwide, that is specifically designed to facilitate IB planning and assessment.

Attendance:

Please use ManageBac, email, or call the Upper School Secretary if your student will be absent.
Jelly can be reached at jling@scis-china.org