

# US WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## Important Dates

- **November 11:** Family Fun Day  
[Click here for more information](#)
- **November 13:** Varsity Girls Basketball vs SMIC
- **November 14:** MS Boys Soccer vs WCIS
- **November 15:** Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball @ SAS-PD
- **November 16:** Girls Soccer @ WCIS
- **November 18:** PAFA Bingo Night
- **November 24:** Teacher Professional Development (no school)
- **November 30:** Upper School Winter Arts Night
- **December 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>:** Semester Exams
- **December 15<sup>th</sup>:** International Breakfast and Awards Assembly Early Dismissal

Visit the SCIS calendar for the most up-to-date information.

Click on the following link:

[Master Calendar](#)

Still asking, "How was school today?" Changing the question may result in a more interesting answer. Next time try:

**"What was your high and your low today?"**



Grade 10 students prepare for their laboratory experiment on the Laws of Motion

## Principals' Message

Dear SCIS Families,

At this point in the semester, it is important to take a look ahead at what is coming up. The end of the semester will be here before we know it and there are important dates and events to prepare for. Our final exams this semester will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>. December 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> will be instructional days as well as students will review their exams and reflect on the semester. It is important that students plan to attend all of these instructional days to ensure the complete the semester requirements.

This week the poor air quality limited our outdoor activities. SCIS requires all students to stay indoors on days with an AQI over 200. Thankfully our school wide air filtration system combined with our ample space allowed students to stay active without exposing themselves to air pollution. Upper School students have stayed active by taking advantage of activities in the gym during poor air quality days. As a reminder, all after school activities including sports that take place outdoors are canceled on AQI days over 200. Please monitor your parent email for the most up to date information on poor air quality days.

We look forward to seeing those that will be joining us tomorrow as we take over 170 members of the cross-river SCIS community to see the UCLA vs. Georgia Tech college basketball game. If you were unable to join us this time, we hope you can join us for similar events in the future.

Kind regards,

Frank Volpe, PhD  
Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks  
Upper School Vice Principal

# Academic Honesty at SCIS

This week began a series of workshops with Upper School students to review principles of academic honesty and appropriate scholarly practice. As an IB World school, we are committed to developing our students as scholars who meet international standards of academic integrity. The following excerpts from our formal Academic Honesty policy elucidate the philosophy behind this approach, and also provide explicit guidelines for how parents can support their students' development as scholars. Please [contact Ms Shanks](#) if you would like to learn more about academic honesty, or contribute to our community's understanding.

## Philosophy

As SCIS students develop into “inquiring, knowledgeable and caring learners who contribute positively to their communities,” they have daily opportunities to read and write, to consider and create. They draw upon a broad base of shared information and ideas to construct and express their own understandings, support their own arguments, and articulate new ideas in their own unique voices. We are committed to supporting students in making effective use of the wealth of resources available to them as they make their own original contribution to the learning of both the SCIS community and beyond. We are committed to the practice of academic honesty in all aspects of teaching and learning, and expect that the conduct and work of all SCIS stakeholders will be consistent with Principled behavior described by the IB Learner Profile.

*We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. We take responsibility for our own actions and the consequences that accompany them.*

## Parent responsibilities

Students need support to uphold the principles of academic honesty wherever they do their work, and the role of parents is essential. It is natural and expected that parents will seek to monitor their children through the successful completion of school projects at home, or may make arrangements for another adult to do so. All adults who assist students with academic work must be familiar with the principles of academic honesty as they support students. Students must have full ownership of their own work, and be confident in explaining every aspect of their process.

Appropriate adult support may include:

- Collaborating with students to find and identify appropriate sources of information and ideas.
- Assisting students in identifying and citing sources of ideas and information.
- Discussing sources with students and helping to identify key information and ideas
- Asking open-ended questions to encourage students to go further in their critical thinking.
- Working with students on the organization and outline of ideas.

The following types of support are NOT acceptable:

- Writing text on behalf of the student.
- Revising a student draft to correct/change content, usage, and style.
- Providing students with additional information or ideas without an appropriate academic source.
- Selecting and using content from sources without collaborating with the student.

# Notes

**First Annual SCIS Winter Carnival on Saturday, November 25 from 11-4pm**

We are excited to announce that SCIS, with the support of our Hongqiao PAFA, will be hosting our First Annual Winter Carnival on the SCIS Hongqiao Main campus. We have partnered with the Community Center Shanghai who will host their Winter Bazaar full of great crafts, holiday gift items, and much more. This will be a magical afternoon for the entire family to enjoy, including festive foods, games, activities, student performances, winter shopping, and more! You won't want to miss this special community event. Please look for more information coming soon.

**ASA Buses and Post-Game Drop-off:** Parents' please note that ASA buses and game day return transportation is only scheduled to stop at the designated ASA drop off locations. Only our 3pm bus service is designed to take students from school to their compounds directly. Each year we readjust our ASA and competition bus pickup and drop-off locations based on the geographic locations for the majority of our ASA participants. We choose locations that best accommodate our families while trying to be as efficient as possible in the context of Shanghai traffic. The locations have been chosen because they provide optimal safety and convenience for all students. Please see our ASA drop-off locations on our SCIS-Pudong portal: <http://pd.scis-his.net/content/asa-bus-drop-point>

**Morning Bus Pick-Up Reminders:** Please ensure your child arrives on time for bus pick-up in the morning. The bus will not wait for students who are late in the morning. Doing so causes all the students on the bus to arrive late for school. To help keep us on schedule, I have instructed to drivers to leave the bus stop promptly on time. To prevent problems, please be sure that your child arrives at the bus stop prior to his/her scheduled departure. If you have any bus questions, contact our transportation coordinator Stu Ren at [pd-transportation@scis-china.org](mailto:pd-transportation@scis-china.org). Thank you for your help in keeping our bus times on schedule.

**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.scis-china.org> to create your email address, set your recovery email, and connect your children to your account. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Barry Johnson at [pd-technology@scis-china.org](mailto:pd-technology@scis-china.org).

**Attendance**

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

**Transportation**

Please contact Stu Ren with any questions or concerns regarding transportation. Stu can be reached at [sren@scis-china.org](mailto:sren@scis-china.org)

**Uniforms**

Please help to ensure your student is in uniform each day. We were flexible with students over the first week to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to purchase uniforms. Now that uniforms are in hand, we will be strictly enforcing the dress code in alignment with the Upper School Parent-Student Handbook.



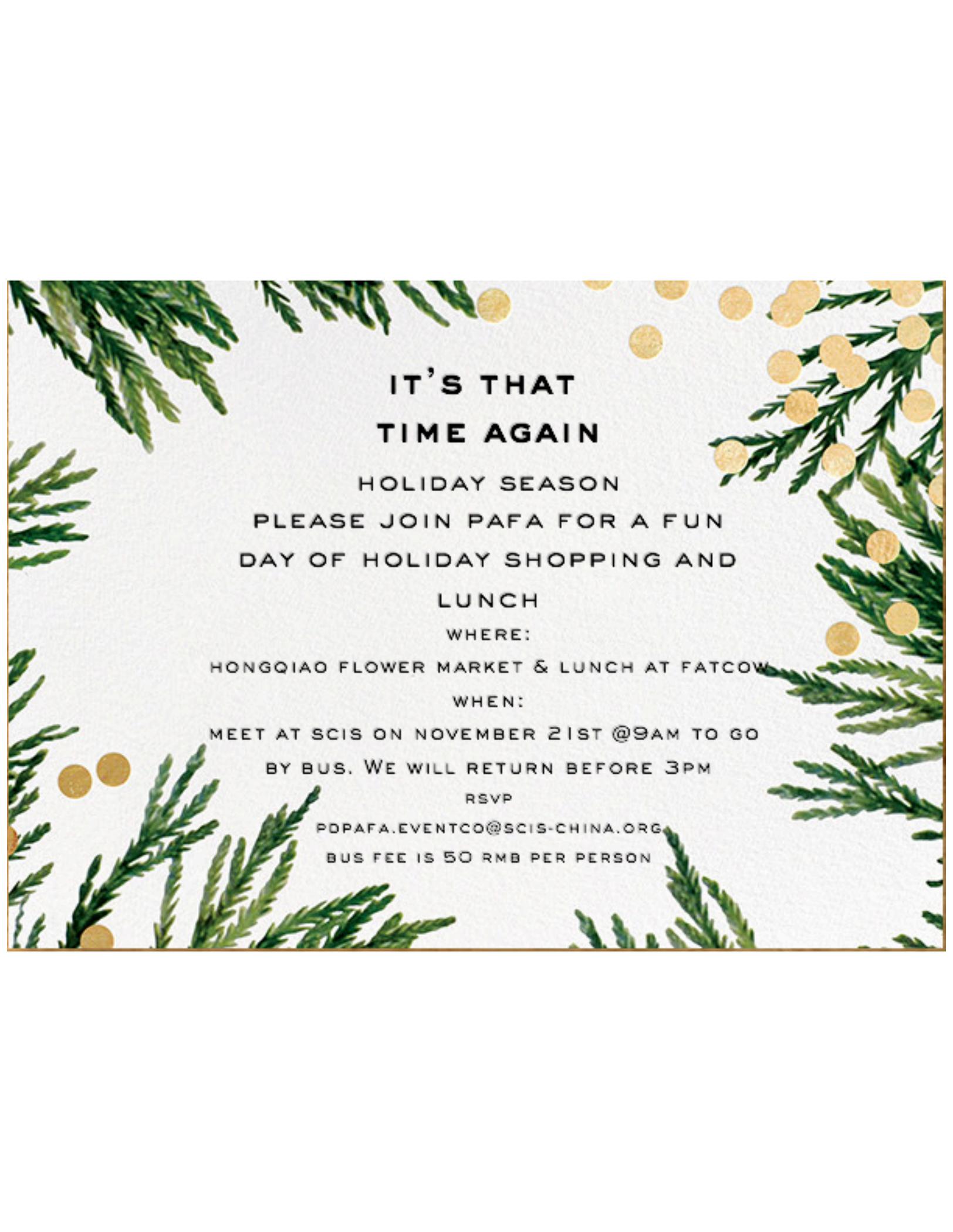
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SCIS Pudong Arts Department Presents  
WINTER  
ARTS  
NIGHT

November 30, 2017

Drama Performance at 4:30

Art and Design Gallery opens at 6:00

Music and Drama Performances begin at 6:30



**IT'S THAT  
TIME AGAIN**

**HOLIDAY SEASON  
PLEASE JOIN PAFA FOR A FUN  
DAY OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND  
LUNCH**

**WHERE:**

**HONGQIAO FLOWER MARKET & LUNCH AT FATCOW**

**WHEN:**

**MEET AT SCIS ON NOVEMBER 21ST @9AM TO GO  
BY BUS. WE WILL RETURN BEFORE 3PM**

**RSVP**

**[POPAFA.EVENTCO@SCIS-CHINA.ORG](mailto:POPAFA.EVENTCO@SCIS-CHINA.ORG)**

**BUS FEE IS 50 RMB PER PERSON**