

US WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Important Dates

- **November 25th:** Boys JV and Varsity Tournament in Nanjing
- **November 27th:** Girls and Boys Varsity @ SMIC 4pm and 5pm
- **November 28th:** A4 Drama Performance "School Daze" 2pm in the Black Box
- **November 30th:** Upper School Winter Arts Night
- **December 2nd:** Boys Varsity Basketball Tournament @ SCIS 8-12
- **December 5th:** PAFA General Meeting 10am
- **December 6th-11th:** Semester Exams
- **December 9th:** Girls and Boys Dragon Cup Basketball at SCIS HQ
- **December 15th:** 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:

"Who made you laugh today?"



Teachers hard at work during today's professional development activities in the Black Box.

Principals' Message

Dear SCIS Families,

From sporting events to math competitions, there was a lot of excitement on campus this past week. We'd first like to congratulate the Middle School Soccer teams on a great season. A special thank you goes to the coaches who dedicated their time to making this season possible. Congratulations as well go to our swim program for the excitement of the Turkey Trot swim meet on Thursday. Thank you to the coaches and swim parents for making this special event possible. Finally, congratulations to the Upper School math students for their participation in the Waterloo Math Competition. This event is organized annually by Mr. Bilz to allow our students to show off their math skills.

Looking forward to next week we will be celebrating the Arts on campus. Our Drama, Music, Visual Arts, and Design students are looking forward to this opportunity to showcase their efforts. Ms. Riddle's A4 Drama class will kick off the week on Tuesday with a performance of *School Daze* which is being put on for Lower School students in grades 3, 4, and 5. Thursday's Winter Arts Night will feature the A3 Drama class at 4:30 with *Beauty and the Bee*. The night will end with the the A1 Drama class's presentation of *Pressure* at 7:00. Mr. Demas's Music students will be performing a program based on the story of Peer Gynt and the Trolls beginning at 6:30pm. Finally, you can stroll the gallery and view the work of our Art and Design students while listening to the beginning Winds students and Mac 5. We hope to see everyone on campus for these events!

Kind regards,

Frank Volpe, PhD
Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks
Upper School Vice Principal

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. 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.

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

Transportation

Please contact Stu Ren with any questions or concerns regarding transportation. Stu can be reached at 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

Semester I Exam Schedule

SCIS-Pudong Upper School

December 2017

	Wednesday 6 Dec A	Thursday 7 Dec B	Friday 8 Dec A	Monday 11 Dec B
8:00 - 8:55	A1	B1	A2	B2
8:55 - 9:10	Break			
9:10 - 11:10	A2 Exam	B2 Exam	A1 Exam	B1 Exam
11:10 - 11:55	Lunch			
11:55 - 12:50	A3	B3	A4	B4
12:50 - 1:00	Break			
1:00 - 3:00	A4 Exam	B4 Exam	A3 Exam	B3 Exam

Unless a teacher has made other arrangements, all exams are held in classrooms.

In the MYP, "Exams" are no more heavily weighted than other summative assessments for progress towards the criteria. Teachers are free to use this time for any form of summative assessment, and should not feel limited to formal examination approaches, though this may be appropriate in some subjects, particularly in Grades 9-10.

Grade 11-12 Exams should be based on IB assessment components and graded according to IB style markschemes. This may be one complete Paper, or combine components of multiple Papers.



IT'S
GONNA
GET
UGLY

OR CUTE OR FUNNY OR JUST PLAIN BEAUTIFUL
AT PAFA'S DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

IT'S POTLUCK TIME

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
AT 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

bring a dish to share and wear your favorite holiday sweater