

# US WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## Important Dates

- **March 1<sup>st</sup>:** PSAT
- **March 1<sup>st</sup>:** Varsity Soccer Girls @ NAIS, Boys vs. NAIS 4:30
- **March 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Upper School Field Trips (grades 6-11)
- **March 1<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:** IB Mock Exams (grade 12)
- **March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Dragon Cup Soccer, Hongqiao Campus
- **March 7<sup>th</sup>:** PAFA General Meeting
- **March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Principal's Coffee Morning
- **March 8<sup>th</sup>:** HS Boys JV Soccer vs CISS
- **March 10<sup>th</sup>:** JV Soccer Boys @ SMIC, Girls @ SMIC
- **March 14<sup>th</sup>:** MYP Science Expo
- **March 15<sup>th</sup>:** College Fair
- **March 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>:** Student led conferences
- **March 17<sup>th</sup>:** end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>:** Spring Break

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

**"What questions did you ask at school today?"**



Ms. Williams' ESOL class practiced their table manners and small talk on Tuesday at their class luncheon.

## Principals' Message

Dear SCIS Families,

This week we saw a flurry of sports activities. The excitement started last Saturday with the strong showing by our Swimmers at the Shanghai Swimming Championship. Our Varsity and JV soccer teams demonstrated their skills on the pitch against NAIS and Dulwich and our Middle School volleyball boys took on YCIS. If you missed the action this week, you'll have a chance to make up for it in the week ahead. Next week's featured event is Dragon Cup Soccer which will take place on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a great chance to support the Pudong campus teams as they take on our sister schools at the Hongqiao campus.

The week ahead will bring a number of exciting classroom related activities. Students will be gearing up for their curricular outings around Shanghai on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Grades 6-8 will be exploring the exhibits of the Urban Planning and History Museums around Peoples Square, while Grades 9-10 will be spending the morning at the Natural History Museum followed by a walking tour of the Bund and Binjiang Park. Grade 11 will be kicking off the start of their IB Group 4 Science Project with a trip to the University of Michigan's program at Jiao Tong University where they will have a chance to meet with science professors and tour the facilities. Finally, we wish our grade 12s luck as they start their IB exam journey with the start of their IB mock exams.

Kind Regards,

Frank Volpe, PhD  
Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks  
Upper School Vice Principal

# Notes

**Re-enrollment:**

Re-enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is officially underway! If your family has not received a re-enrollment email from the SCIS Admissions Department, please contact them directly at [admission@scis-his.org](mailto:admission@scis-his.org).

**Volunteers Wanted:**

As a reminder from the most recent PAFA meeting, Mr. Luebbe is seeking parent volunteers to serve on two different groups. Each group will be made up of parents, students, and faculty. The two groups will work towards:

- Improving Schoolwide Communication
- Prioritizing Facility Enhancements Over the Next Three Years

To learn more, please contact Mr. Luebbe at [dluebbe@scis-china.org](mailto:dluebbe@scis-china.org) by Monday.

**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.

**Semester 2 Final Exams:** Upper School final exams will be held June 9<sup>th</sup>-June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jling@scis-china.org)