

US WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Important Dates

2017-2018 School Year

- **August 8th-14th:** All Faculty In-service
- **August 14th:** New Family Orientation, Returning Family Open House
- **August 15th:** First Day of School
- **August 31st:** Back to school Night 6pm
- **September 11th-15th:** China Go! Trips
- **October 2nd-6th:** Fall Break

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

Click on the following link:

[Master Calendar](#)

Yearbooks

This year we sold out of yearbooks. If you reserved and prepaid for a yearbook, it is waiting for you in the office. If you forgot to pre-pay but wish to have a yearbook, you can reserve one by emailing Kathy Yu at kyu@scis-china.org by June 23. We are printing more and you can pick your yearbook up next August.

2017-2018 School Year



The Teacher Rock Band Playing for Students at the End of Year Assembly.

Principals' Message

Dear SCIS Families,

Congratulations to students and teachers on a great school year! The accomplishments and memories of this year have been amazing. Today's events honored those experiences and the accomplishments. The day started out with the International Breakfast. Parents, students, and teachers enjoyed the time to reminisce about the year, share plans for the coming summer, and say goodbye to those leaving.

Following breakfast in the cafeteria students and parents gathered in the theater to honor the accomplishments of our students. The ceremony started with a thank you to the PAFA for all of their efforts and support over the course of the year. Academic, athletic, and character awards were handed out to students in Middle School and High School for their outstanding achievements. Subject award winners and Honor Roll students were recognized for their hard work and persistence. The athletes of the year who were named at the Sports Banquet were honored in front of the entire student body and character trait award winners were celebrated for their accomplishments. The celebration was rounded out with student and teacher musical performances.

Thank you to those who attended today's events and to all of the students and families for another memorable school year. Have a great summer!

Kind Regards,

Frank Volpe, PhD

Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks

Upper School Vice Principal

2017 China Go! Trips

September 11th-15th

Dear SCIS Students and Parents,

This is the first of what is sure to be a good deal of communication coming concerning the 2017 China Go! Trips. Last year's expeditions went extremely well. As part of the review process that we complete at the end of the year with the input of students, teacher chaperones, and guides, we will be making some changes this coming school year. We are pleased to continue our partnership with Insight Adventures (www.insight-adventures.com). The company is extremely well organized, provides a well-planned, meaningful, student-centered experience, and has high standards of safety. We are very pleased to be working closely with a company that shares our same values concerning education and safety standards.

The dates of our trips have been set for the week of **September 11th, 2017**. 6th grade students will return on Thursday, **September 14th** and will be expected to attend school on Friday **September 15th**. Students in grades 7-12 will return on **September 15th**.

Below you will find next year's destinations. We are confident that students will be pleased with the itineraries we have planned.

Grade 6 – Nanbeihu Camp (4 days) – Getting Your Feet Wet

Grade 7 – Shaolin (5 Days) Activity-Based Cultural Experience

Grade 8 – Beijing (5 Days) Discovering China

Grade 9 – Inner Mongolia (5 days) – Cultural Expedition

Grade 10 – Yangshuo (5 days) – Adventure Learning

Grade 11 – Kanding-Sichuan (5 days) – Community Service

Grade 12 – Greater Shanghai Area (5 days) – Senior Scholars' Retreat

As you can see, next school year will be starting with a bang. Since these trips incorporate the school curriculum, it is required that all students attend. Therefore, we ask parents and students to consider the proper preparation necessary. Between now and August, consider a few preparatory items to expedite the process of collecting necessary documents and payments in the short time frame between the first day of school and departure. *Please ensure that SCIS has all up to date documents including visa info and health insurance info.* These can be submitted to Ms. Jelly in the office. Also, though we will only be traveling within the country, *please ensure that student passports do not expire within 6 months from the departure dates.* If you have your student's passport renewed over the summer, we will need photocopies of the new one ASAP. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me Dr. Volpe, Ms. Shanks, or Coach Vic.