

# US WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## Important Dates

- **August 26th:** Welcome Back BBQ
- **August 31<sup>st</sup>:** Back to School Night
- **September 1<sup>st</sup>:** Upper School Picture Day
- **September 1<sup>st</sup>:** China Go! Trip Forms due to Advisors
- **September 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Dragon Cup Volleyball (SCIS-HQ)
- **September 4<sup>th</sup>:** NWEA MAP Testing
- **September 9<sup>th</sup>:** Varsity Boys and Girls Volleyball (Home vs NAIS)
- **September 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>:** China Go! Trips
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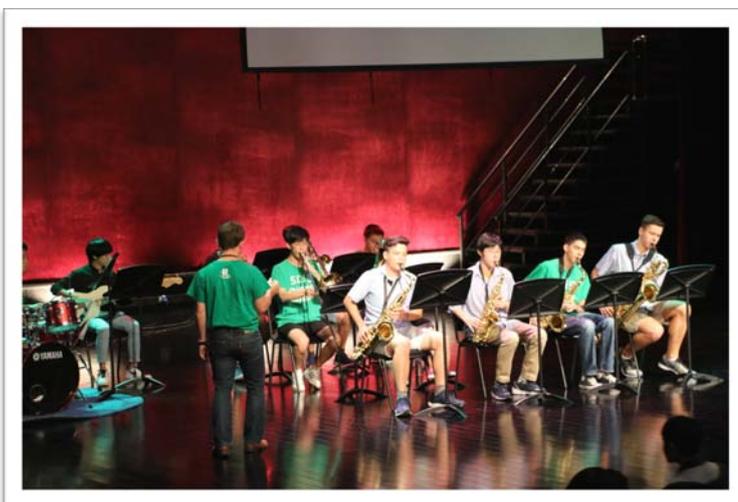
Visit the SCIS calendar for the most up-to-date information.

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 did you sit with at lunch today?"**



# Welcome to 2017-18 at SCIS

Dear SCIS Families,

Thank you for your help making this first week of school a success! It was great to see the halls filled with our students as our school year got underway. We are excited for the year of learning and growth ahead.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the Upper School teachers for welcoming and supporting new and returning students in our first week of school. We are lucky to have such dedicated caring professionals. We are also grateful to the returning students for the way they welcomed our new students with open arms. Whether showing new students to their classes or inviting them to eat with them at lunch, the returning students showed their caring side by supporting those new to our school. New students deserve congratulations as well for facing the challenge of their first day and successfully navigating new courses and making new friends.

This is the first of many weekly newsletters we will be sending throughout the year. These newsletters are meant to share the many wonderful things happening at our school as well as inform you of upcoming events. We will also include important details on those events, as well

This newsletter will be written jointly by Dr. Frank Volpe, Upper School Principal and Ms. Naomi Shanks, Upper School Vice Principal. While you should feel free to contact either one of us with concerns or questions, we will continue to serve distinct roles in facilitating the International Baccalaureate Programs. Dr. Volpe will be coordinating the Middle Years Program (MYP) and Ms. Shanks will be coordinating the Diploma Program (DP).

In closing, we want to thank you for entrusting us with education of your students. We will work diligently every day to ensure that your student has a world class academic program and opportunities to grow as an individual through our athletics and activities programs. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Welcome Back BBQ.

Kind Regards,

Frank Volpe, PhD  
Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks  
Upper School Vice Principal

# Notes

## **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. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Barry Johnson at [pd-technology@scis-china.org](mailto:pd-technology@scis-china.org).

## **Schedules**

Students who would like to request schedule changes should fill out a schedule change request form in the main office. Principals and our College Counselor Ms. Kelly are available before school, during breaks, and during lunch to help students make these change requests and advise students on their options. We will do our best to meet student requests. Students who have made a schedule change request should check back with Jelly to pick up their new schedules. Please note that we will also be balancing classes over the next week. This may require some students to change their schedules. We will do our best to ensure that those students who change classes are still assigned to the same teachers.

## **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.