

# US WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue #2 | August 12, 2017 | Frank Volpe & Naomi Shanks

## Important Dates

- **August 26<sup>th</sup>:** Welcome Back BBQ
- **August 30<sup>th</sup>:** Varsity Boys and Girls Volleyball (Home vs DCS)
- **August 31<sup>st</sup>:** Back to School Night 6pm
- **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 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>:** China Go! Trips
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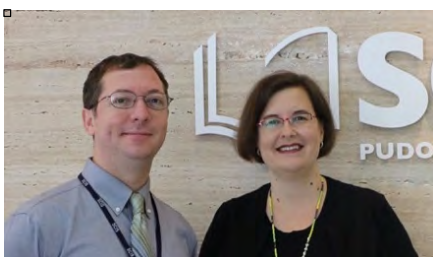
Visit the SCIS calendar for the most up-to-date information.

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:

**"Show me what your current unit is in ManageBac."**



*Back to school night*

## Principals' Message

Dear SCIS Families,

Academics and extra-curricular activities are in full swing on campus this week. Students have settled into classroom routines as they start their first units of study. A great way to stay informed about what is happening in class is to ask your children to log into ManageBac and show you around their courses. ManageBac is your one stop shop for finding out what students are learning in their classes and how they are doing.

Outside of class HS boys and girls volleyball teams are now in their second week of practice as they prepare for their opening games at home next week against Dulwich. Middle school rugby has had a great turnout so far. Students and coaches are upbeat despite having to relocate practice to the gym on Thursday because of the heat. We encourage parents to come out campus and support these teams in their upcoming games.

Families will have the chance this coming week to join us on campus for our annual open house on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Open house is designed to familiarize parents with important school information and provide a chance for parents to get to know teachers. Parents will be provided students schedules on arrival. Following a short address by the administration in the theater, parents will meet with advisors and teachers. Finally, we hope to see everyone at the Welcome Back BBQ tomorrow.

Kind Regards,

Frank Volpe, PhD  
Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks  
Upper School Vice Principal

# 2017 China Go! Trips

## September 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Excitement is building on campus for our upcoming China Go! Trips. Students will be meeting with trip leaders and chaperones in the coming weeks to prepare for these amazing experiences. As in past years, we are pleased to continue our partnership with Insight Adventures ([www.insight-adventures.com](http://www.insight-adventures.com)) in planning and supervising these trips. The company is extremely well organized, provides a well-planned, meaningful, student-centered experience, and has high standards of safety. You can find detailed information on each of the trips on our web page: <https://pd.scis-his.net/content/china-go-trips-2017-2018>

All trips run the week of **September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Grade 6 students will return on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and are expected to attend school on Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 7-12 will return on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The medical release forms and the conduct agreement form should be returned to advisors no later than Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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



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

- Trip Leader: Josh Vanta [jvanta@scis-china.org](mailto:jvanta@scis-china.org)

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

- Trip Leader: Suzanne Byerly [sbyerly@scis-china.org](mailto:sbyerly@scis-china.org)

### **Grade 8 – Beijing (5 Days) Discovering China**

- Trip Leader: Andres Lopez [alopez@scis-china.org](mailto:alopez@scis-china.org)

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

- Trip Leader: Mark Thomas [mthomas@scis-china.org](mailto:mthomas@scis-china.org)

### **Grade 10 – Yangshuo (5 days) – Adventure Learning**

- Trip Leader: Chris Demas [cdemas@scis-china.org](mailto:cdemas@scis-china.org)

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

- Trip Leader: Etienne Bilz [ebilz@scis-china.org](mailto:ebilz@scis-china.org)

### **Grade 12 – Suzhou (5 days) – Senior Scholars' Retreat**

- Trip Leader: Dave O'Reilly [doreilly@scis-china.org](mailto:doreilly@scis-china.org)

Parents, please help us prepare for these trips by ensuring that all student forms have been submitted along with a copy of their passports. You should have received an email from Ms. Jelly Ling ([jling@scis-china.org](mailto:jling@scis-china.org)) within the past two weeks with further details. If you did not receive the information, please email Jelly and request a copy. Please contact your child's advisor regarding trip specific information as they will have the most up to date information. Please direct any general questions regarding China Go! trips to Dr. Volpe ([fvolpe@scis-china.org](mailto:fvolpe@scis-china.org)).

# 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**

All US students should now have their final schedule for the first semester. If there are any further questions about your child's course selections, don't hesitate to contact us.

## **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 Mr. 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.

# *SCIS-Pudong's Welcome Back BBQ and celebration of their newly-renovated campus*

*Saturday, August 26th, 2017, 11:00am-3:00pm*

*All Shanghai community members are welcome to come out to the event and enjoy an afternoon of socializing with food, entertainment and water games! Write to Laurie Luebbe at [lluebbe@scis-china.org](mailto:lluebbe@scis-china.org) for more information.*



## **Welcome Back BBQ**

**Saturday  
August 11:00am  
26<sup>th</sup> to  
3:00pm**

