

US WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Important Dates

- **September 11th-15th:**
China Go! Trips
- **September 18th:** University Fair @ SCIS
- **September 19th 9am:** PAFA Meeting Head of School Update
- **September 20th:** Boys and Girls Varsity @ Concordia
- **September 21-22:** Freedom from Chemical Dependence(FCD) Visit See letter attached
- **September 21:** FCD Parent Informational Meeting
- **September 22nd:** United Nations International Day of Peace
- **September 26th 10am:** Senior Parent Coffee

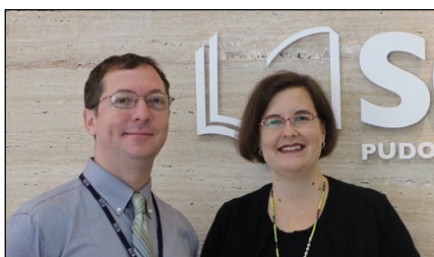
Visit the SCIS calendar for the most up-to-date information.

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:

"Tell me about your China Go! trip destination."



Mr. Demas, Coach Caban, and students enjoy a camel ride during our 2016 trip to Inner Mongolia.

Principals' Message

Dear SCIS Families,

Our China Go! trips are here. Students have been preparing in Advisory over the last month. They have investigated their destinations and have been doing research on the planned service and community engagement activities. These trips are designed to help students better understand and connect with our host culture while also providing opportunities for service and grade level bonding. Coach Vic and the trip leaders deserve a huge thank you for organizing these shared experiences which will strengthen and broaden the bonds of our school community. The China Go! experience won't end with the trips. Students will build on what they've learned and reflect on their growth during advisory in the weeks following the trips.

Looking ahead, the week students return will be a busy one. SCIS will be hosting a college fair on Monday the 18th followed by a visit from Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD). We've invited FCD to campus in order to support our prevention and wellness activities. Please see the FCD letter in this bulletin for further details.

Kind regards,

Frank Volpe, PhD
Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks
Upper School Vice Principal

China Trip Pick-up Information

Bus Pickup and Drop off (pick up point maps attached)

- 1 Please be to the pickup points 10 minutes before the stated time; we cannot wait for late arrivals.
- 2 Residents of Shimao will use the Yanlord Garden pickup point.
- 3 Students will be picked up, and dropped off, from the pickup points outlined below and on the attached maps. Students are not allowed to be picked up from the airport or the train stations.

Grade 6 (Trip leader, Mr. Josh Vanta)

All students will take their normal busses to school on Monday, Sept. 11. They will leave directly from school. The grade 6 students will return on Thursday, Sept. 14. They will return to school and take their normal busses home. Grade 6 students will report to school like normal on Friday.

Nanbeihu bus leaves Sept. 11, 8:15am from school

Nanbeihu bus leave from Nanbeihu 11am Sept. 14 Thursday

Grade 7 (Trip leader, Ms. Suzanne Byerly)

Grade 8 (Trip leader, Mr. Andres Lopez)

Grade 7 and Grade 8 will share buses as both have similar train departure times from Hongqiao Station. Pickups times will be according to train arrival.

Bus #01, Green Court 6:45, Hongqiao Train Station 7:45

Bus #02, SCIS 6:25, Holiday Inn 6:35, Emerald 6:45, Hongqiao Train Station 7:45

Bus #03, Seasons Villas 6:45, Hongqiao Train Station 7:45

Bus #04, Yanlord Garden 7:00, Marriot 7:20, Hongqiao Train Station 7:45

Grade 7 Train Information

11Sep. Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station/Zhengzhou G360 0844/12:45

15Sep. Luoyang/Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station G1921 11:55/17:33

Grade 8 Train Information

11Sep. Shanghai Hongqiao Station/Beijing South Station G2 0900/1349

15Sep. Beijing South Station/Shanghai Hongqiao Station G15 1100/1555

Grade 9 (Trip leader, Mr. Mark Thomas)

Bus #05, Yanlord Garden 6:30, Seasons Villas 6:50, Green Court 7:00, Pudong Airport T1 7:30

Bus #06, SCIS 6:30, Holiday Inn 6:40, Emerald 6:50, Pudong Airport T1 7:30

Grade 9 Flight Information

MU9437 MO11SEP PVGBAV 0925 1230 浦东包头 T1 -

MU9438 FR15SEP BAVPVG 1315 1550 包头浦东 — T1

Grade 10 (Trip leader, Mr. Chris Demas)

Grade 11 (Trip leader, Mr. Etienne Bilz)

Grade 10 and Grade 11 will share buses as both have similar departure times from Pudong Airport

Bus #07, SCIS 4:45, Holiday Inn 4:55, Emerald 5:05, Pudong Airport T1 & T2 5:45

Bus #08, Marriot 4:45, Green Court 5:15, Pudong Airport T1 & T2 5:45

Bus #09, Seasons Villas 5:15, Pudong Airport T1 & T2 5:45

Bus #10, Portman 4:45, Yanlord Garden 5:00, Pudong Airport T1 & T2 5:45

Grade 10 Flight Information

FM9379 MO11SEP PVG-KWL 07:35 10:15

FM9350 FRI5SEP KWL-PVG 15:45 18:10

Grade 11 Flight Information

CA1947 MO11SEP PVG-CTU DK2 0740 1100

MU5444 FRI5SEP KGT-CTU 1205 1305

CA4535 FRI5SEP CTU-PVG DK2 1645 1945

Grade 12 (Trip Leader, Dave O'Reilly)

All students will take their normal busses to school on Monday, Sept. 11. They will leave for Suzhou directly from school.

Bus leaves Sept. 11 8:15am from school

Bus leave from Suzhou 12pm Sept. 15 Friday

Thank you for all of your help and support during the China Go! preparations. We look forward to the shared experiences to come! If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Coach Vic at vcaban@scis-china.org or Dr. Volpe at fvolpe@scis-china.org.

Senior Save-the-Dates!

Save the dates! For most of the students in the Class of 2018, this will be the most productive, exciting, and busiest year of their lives. They are ready and able to complete the monumental tasks ahead, but they will benefit from family support every step of the way. Please mark your calendars and make sure that your plans support your students to success! Note that all subjects have their specific deadlines. Listed below are those dates that will affect the entire class.

11-15 September **Senior Scholars' Retreat**

Students will spend the week focused on their Extended Essays and college applications. With effective use of time, students will have their first draft ready for supervisor feedback by the end of the week.

13 November **Extended Essay Due**

Extended Essays are submitted to supervisors, who meet with students for a "viva voce" or exit interview, before the end of the semester. Extended essays for IB candidates are submitted for external assessment by the IB.

28 November **Theory of Knowledge Essay Due**

Students will begin their TOK essays immediately upon return from the Retreat, and writing will be the primary focus of TOK class for this semester. Final essays for IB candidates will be submitted for external assessment by the IB.

7-14 March **IB Mock Exams/SCIS Final Exams**

School for seniors will run on a special exam schedule and students will complete the full cycle of Papers for all IB subjects. These exams will serve as the final summative assessment for IB-DP students, supporting both final SCIS report card grades and predicted grades submitted to the IBO. They will also provide students and teachers with invaluable information for prioritizing review sessions during the final weeks before the external exams.

27 April **Last Day of Grade 12 Classes**

From April 30 forward, seniors will have an open campus, and are free to come and go at will. There are no Grade 12 classes after this date.

30 April-18 May **IB Exams**

Formal exam period fixed by the IB. All exam material is sent to the IB for final assessments. Those students who have opted out of the full IB Diploma will have SCIS Final exams set by their teachers during the same period. Seniors have an open campus at this time, and no G12 classes will run.

28-30 May **Grad Week**

Seniors are required to be on campus every day for grad preparation and special activities.

31 May 4pm **Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2018**

Invite your family and friends to celebrate with us!



Shanghai Community International School

上海长宁国际外籍人员子女学校

8 September 2017

Dear Upper School Parents:

As part of our Physical and Health Education program and ongoing commitment to prevention and wellness, we have invited Prevention Specialists from FCD Educational Services to visit our community on September 21-22. FCD (Freedom from Chemical Dependency) is a non-profit organization that provides substance abuse prevention education for schools. Since 1976, they have taught over a million students of all ages. Their mission is to:

- Encourage and support the non-use of alcohol and other illegal or illicit drugs during the growing years.
- Empower young people to make healthy, responsible choices regarding alcohol and other drug use
- Teach students and adults how to recognize the early warning signs of substance abuse and to intervene appropriately
- Educate students, parents, teachers, and administrators on the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and other drugs
- Promote awareness of drug addiction, including alcoholism, as a progressive, chronic, and often fatal disease
- Provide educational communities with the guidance and training necessary to implement comprehensive, effective approaches to substance abuse prevention.

FCD Prevention Specialists are highly trained professionals who have achieved long-term recovery from alcohol or other drug addictions. This unique perspective enhances the credibility of their message and provides students with role models for happy, healthy, drug-free living. Our special guests will present an Upper School assembly and lead grade level workshops throughout the school days. In addition, the FCD Prevention Specialist will also present a parent workshop on **Thursday 21 Sept 4pm in the Library**. The workshop will offer support and guidance in helping your children enjoy a drug-free adolescence. Some of the topics to be addressed include:

- Effective ways to communicate with your child about drugs and drug use
- Up-to-date facts about current drug use and trends
- What to say about your own experiences with alcohol and/or drug experimentation
- How to spot early warning signs of trouble and effective ways to respond.

This program presents a perfect opportunity for discussing alcohol and other drug-related issues with your children. Parental involvement is crucial to our efforts to reduce the risks teenagers face. We want our students to hear from both school and home that we are concerned about alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by adolescents, and that we are committed to keeping our children safe.

If you have any questions or concerns about the FCD visit, please don't hesitate to contact our Upper School Counsellor Maja Kelly, or myself.

Warm regards,

Frank Volpe, PhD
Upper School Principal

Notes

Morning Bus Pick-Up Reminders: Please ensure your child arrives ontime 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.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.

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.