

US WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Important Dates

- **October 22nd** Parent Nights Out
- **October 27th-28th** ACAMIS volleyball in Tianjin
- **October 28th** Halloween Costumes Allowed (see details below)
- **October 28th** Halloween Fair 3:00-4:30
- **October 28th** Middle School Dance 4:30-6:00
- **November 4th** Java Jam
- **November 15th-16th** MYP Consultant Visit
- **November 22nd-23rd** *James and the Giant Peach* Auditions
- **November 25th** Professional In-service (no school)
- **December 1st** IB Music Recital
- **December 8th** Winter Concert
- **December 9th-14th** Semester Exams
- **December 16th** Last day of Semester One



Thanks to the help of an SCIS parent, Mr. Thomas's 7th and 8th grade MYP Design students were invited to IKEA's production design facility this week. Designer David Wahl gave students an inside look at the real-world applications of the design principles they are learning in class.

Principals' Message

Dear SCIS Families,

It was great to see so many parents on campus this week. We had great turnout for the Principal's Coffee Morning on Tuesday and Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended over the two days. Thank you to those who provided feedback regarding the Parent Teacher Conferences. We will be reviewing your comments over the coming week in an effort to make sure these conferences are as productive as possible.

This coming week students in the Upper School will have an opportunity to participate in Halloween activities. Students are allowed to come to school in costume all day on Friday. Please be sure to review the costume guidelines below. There will be a costume contest and we will be cheering on the Lower School costume parade starting at 2:15. Parent volunteers are still needed to help support the event. If you are interested in helping out with this event, please see the note from PAFA below.

Kind Regards,

Frank Volpe, PhD
Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks
Upper School Vice Principal

Notes

Flu Vaccinations Available at SCIS:

WorldPath clinic, our professional Nurse provider, is offering a special price of 100RMB per vaccination (Sanofi Pasteur vaccine). Vaccination will take place during school hours on Nov. 2nd, 2016 (1:00pm—2:30pm). Please see the attachment for further details and required documentation. Please feel free to contact our school nurse Lynn Fu with questions specifically related to the vaccination. pd-nurse@scis-china.org

Halloween:

Friday, October 28th will be an all school Halloween celebration. Upper School students are allowed to come in costume that day (Lower School has separate expectations). Halloween costumes should still meet dress code standards of modesty and should not include weapons. STUCO is sponsoring a costume contests, prizes will be awarded.

There will be a Halloween Fair held from 3:00-4:30 which will be primarily of interest to Lower School and Middle School students. Upper School students in all grades are encourage to volunteer to help run activities in the Halloween Fair. Please see Ms.Valenza (MS) or Ms. Murphy (HS) if you are interested in volunteering.

Students attending the Middle School Dance should be sure to have their permission forms back to Ms.Valenza by Wednesday, October 26th at the latest. Student activity buses will be running.

PAFA Seeking Halloween Volunteers

Our Parents and Friends Association is busy preparing for a spectacular Halloween carnival next Friday. They're looking for parents that are willing to run some of the games, role play in the Haunted Maze, or help with general set up needs. If you're available to volunteer some time, please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4eaaa829ab9-halloween1>

All School Principal's Coffee Agenda: October 24th 9am:

Interpreting NWEA MAP Assessment Results

NWEA MAP Results:

Students in Upper School grades 6-9 are assessed twice a year in Reading, Math, and Language in order to track their progress. Individual student results will be available for parents to collect during parent teacher conferences. The results will be accompanied by a letter from Mr. Luebbe explaining the role of NWEA MAPs testing at SCIS. Many parents will have collected these results during parent teacher conferences. If you was unable to attend or did not collect your results they will be sent home today with your child. A brief explanation of MAPS results and how to read the reports was provided at the Principal's Coffee on October 18th. If you attended on the 18th, this will be a repeat of similar information.

Honor Roll:

With our new grading system, we are introducing a new system for academic awards. Awards each semester will be based on the summative total of students' scores in all of their classes. For example, an MYP student who earned a final semester score of 7 in all eight of their subjects would earn 56 points.

Award Boundaries

Program	Points Possible	Honor Roll	Principal's Honor Roll
MYP (7×8 classes)	56	48-51	52-56
DP (7×6 classes)	42	36-38	39-42

SCIS Parent Email accounts:

Be advised that as of today, **official school communications will only be sent to @scis-parent.org email accounts** that are provided to all SCIS parents. If you, your spouse, or another parent you know has not yet set up your SCIS parent email account, please head to <http://schoolid.scis-his.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 new process, please contact Barry Johnson at pd-technology@scis-china.org.

ManageBac:

It was great to see so many parents at the Coffee Morning on Tuesday get into ManageBac and start exploring the rich information available to them about the different learning experiences that are going on across their child's school day and their individual academic progress. Attached is the handout for those who missed it, to help you get started at home. Like any new platform, the best way to learn about it is to get in and explore. Please don't hesitate to contact Barry Johnson pd-technology@scis-china.org if you encounter any difficulties.

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.

Substitute Teachers Wanted:

With a new year, the SCIS has many new faces. As a school, we are always on the lookout for quality individuals in our community who might be able to substitute teach at school for a day or two. If you are a certified teacher or have experience in the classroom (or even if you know someone we could contact), we encourage you to contact the Joanna Zhou at jzhou@scis-china.org so that we can set up an interview. With a high-quality bank of substitutes, we are able to better serve our students. Our Dragon Community is a great asset, and this is one way you can help make our school a stronger one in 2016-17.