

US WEEKLY BULLETIN

Weekly Bulletin 1 | August 19, 2016 | Frank Volpe & Naomi Shanks

Important Dates

August 18: Boys & Girls Volleyball
Tryouts: it's not too late to join!
August 23: Coed Rugby (6-8) Begins
August 30: Upper School Photo Day
August 31: Back to School Night 6:30pm
September 6: PAFA General Meeting &
Coffee Morning at 10:00am
September 10: Welcome Back BBQ
September 15: Mid-Autumn Festival,
No School
September 17: Dragon Cup Volleyball
@HQ
September 30: UNIDOP
October 10th-14th: China Go Trips

Important Contacts

US Principal: [Frank Volpe](#)

US Vice Principal/DP Coordinator: [Naomi Shanks](#)

US Secretary: [Jelly Ling](#)

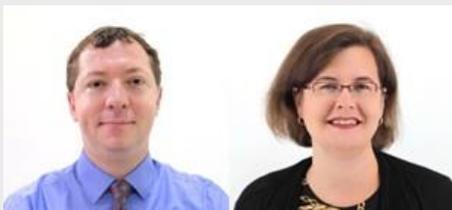
US PAFA Rep: [Trish Castillo](#)

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Principal's Message

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. Being new to SCIS, we were moved to experience the true community spirit SCIS has developed. Seeing all of our students from 1st grade through 12th grade in our welcome back assembly sing our school song together was a fitting way to start the year.

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 upcoming events, as well as information which will help you support your children in our programs.

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 our questions, we will also be serving 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). We will be conducting information sessions over the course of the year in these roles.

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 getting to know everyone.

Kind Regards,

Dr. Frank Volpe
Upper School Principal

Ms. Naomi Shanks
Upper School Vice Principal

Notes:

Communication: Please note that you should have received an e-mail address from our Technology department earlier this week regarding the use of new scis-parent.org email addresses; after September 1 school staff will only be able to communicate with parents through their scis-parent email account.

Schedules: Students who would like to request schedule changes should fill out a schedule change request form. These forms can be picked up from the Upper School Secretary Jelly Ling. Principals 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 each morning until they have received their new schedule or met with Dr. Volpe or Ms. Shanks.

Please note that we will also be balancing classes over the next week. This may require some students to change their schedule. We will do our best to ensure that those students who change classes are still assigned to the same teachers.

Attendance: Please email or call 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 will be flexible with students over the course of the first week or so as everyone has an opportunity to purchase uniforms. Once students have all had a chance to purchase uniforms we will be strictly enforcing the dress code in alignment with the Upper School Parent-Student Handbook.