

# US WEEKLY BULLETIN

Weekly Bulletin 2 | August 26, 2016 | Frank Volpe & Naomi Shanks

## Important Dates

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 12: Upper School ASAs  
Begin  
October 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: 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,

Academics and athletics are in full swing as we finish up our first week of school. The coming weeks will bring a number of opportunities for families to learn about SCIS programs and to meet other parents. These events are a great opportunity for you to participate in and strengthen the school community. Please take the opportunity at these events to introduce yourself to us.

We are looking forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming events.

Kind Regards,

Frank Volpe  
Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks  
Upper School Vice Principal



## **Back to School Night**

Get your questions answered:

- Who are my child's teachers?
- How will my child be assessed in the MYP?
- What do I need to know about the IB Diploma Program?
- What are the important upcoming dates for college applications?

## **Notes:**

### **New SCIS Parent Email accounts:**

By now, you should have received an invitation to access your new SCIS email account. If you haven't, first check your inbox and spam or junk folders and then contact Barry Johnson at [pd-technology@scis-china.org](mailto:pd-technology@scis-china.org) immediately for more information. If you've received this welcome letter, then please make sure you follow the instructions to sign in, reporting any issues you experience to Barry. After *Back to School Night*, all communication from SCIS will only be sent to your SCIS parent email account.

### **ManageBac:**

Another big change for SCIS this year is the move from PowerSchool to ManageBac. A welcome email with instructions on how to sign in was sent to your new parent email address so if you haven't seen it, contact Barry Johnson. ManageBac is a web-based software that will allow you to see your child's academic information like PowerSchool did, and it is widely used by IB schools worldwide.

### **ASA Signup:**

There is a new button on the SCIS Pudong school website (<https://pd.scis-his.net/>) called After School Activities. Clicking that will bring you to the ASA signup portal where you can enter your new SCIS username (sent to you along with your new parent email account) and password. If you are having difficulties accessing this account, don't worry, we've also set up a button to sign up without logging in. Just look for the dark blue button. We will also have a table set up in the office conference room with computers and tech support so you can come to school and sign up. See the attachment to this newsletter for the full range of ASA offerings for the first session.

**Student 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.

**Attendance:** Please email or call the Upper School Secretary if your student will be absent. Jelly can be reached at [jling@scis-china.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.