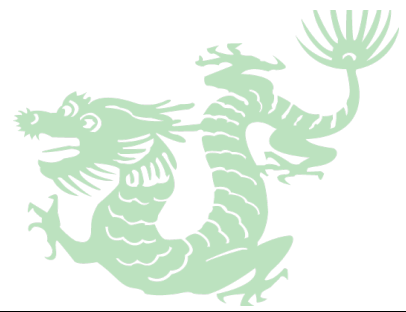




# SCIS Middle School Dragon Bulletin



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**Principal's Message** ~Tina Santilli

### Student Led Conferences (SLCs)

For our parents, this is an excellent opportunity for you celebrate learning with your sons and daughters and let them be in charge. You are encouraged to make positive comments, or ask clarification-type questions such as, "I am not sure what you mean by this; can you explain?" or "Could you just help me to understand this better?" I have attached a list of sample questions and comments to guide you during the process.

### Schedule during SLC Days (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Block 1: 8:00 – 8:50 (50 mins, 5 extra for announcements)  
Block 2: 8:55 – 9:40 (45 mins)  
Break: 9:40 – 9:50  
Block 3: 9:55 – 10:40 (45 mins)  
Block 4: 10:45 – 11:30 (45 mins)

### Midsummer Night's Dream

*On behalf of Fursey Gotuaco, Drama Teacher & Director*

Midsummer Madness is upon us. Shakespeare's classic comedy, A Midsummer Night's Dream, is coming to SCIS Hongqiao. Over 50 students from the upper school take this uproarious tale of love and mistaken identity to new heights and stranger territory in this uniquely SCIS international interpretation. Characters from the play include the mischievous Puck, the 4 impetuous lovers, and the clownish Bottom who is turned into a donkey. The SCIS Hongqiao production of Shakespeare's eternal comedy, **A Midsummer Night's Dream, is being presented on March 20 and 21 at 7:00 in the theater. Tickets are 50RMB and can be purchased from Renee Zhao in the main office.** Don't miss out on this updated international twist on an English classic.

### Creating a Culture of Prevention

Last week two Prevention Specialists from Freedom From Chemical Dependency worked with our Middle School students, teachers and parents. I have attached a copy of the parent presentation and I will follow up with this in a future bulletin.

### China Trips

From May 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, students will participate for 5 days/4 nights in our China Trip program. Each year students spend this time at an exciting new destination somewhere in China to learn more about our host country, local populations and the environment as well as participate in service learning. The overnight trips for Grades 7 and 8 require air flights. School expectations will still adhere to all students this includes the use of mobile phones. More information will be provided as the date approaches. This year we will travel to the following destinations: **Grade 6 – Nanbeihu, Grade 7 – Yangshuo, Grade 8 – Hainan.**

### Spring Music Concert

Get into the spring spirit next Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March @ 6:30pm in the theatre. The concert will feature Band, Choir and Orchestra. I have attached a flyer for your reference.

## Upcoming Events

### March 17-18

Student Led Conferences

### March 19

Grade 5 Parent evening @6:00pm-7:00pm in the High School Library

### March 20 – End of Quarter 3

### March 20 & 21

Midsummer Night's Dream @ 7:00pm in the theatre

### March 20-22

ACAMIS – Swim Meet in Nanjing

### March 24

MS/HS Music Concert at 6:00pm in the theatre

### March 26-April 3

Spring Break

### April 8

Quarter 3 Reports Distributed to Parents

### April 10

Math Tournament in Qingdao (for G6)

**Cafeteria Menu** can be viewed at:  
<https://hq.scis-his.net/content/lunch-menu>  
Contact Mandy for menu and other cafeteria related matters.  
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**Parent volunteers needed - Come and lend a helping hand!**

*On behalf of Christina Wang, MS Service Learning Coordinator*

Students have signed up to volunteer at a Senior Citizens Home and at a Primary School. They are excited and ready to spread their cheer but they need chaperones. If you are interested, **even just for one day**, please contact Christina Wang at [cwang@scischina.org](mailto:cwang@scischina.org). Here are the details:

**Senior Citizen House on Mondays**

March 9, 16, 23/April 6, 13, 20, 27/May 11, 18, 25/June 1

**What do students do?** Give performances (singing, dancing, music, telling jokes) to the senior citizens.

**What do you need to do?**

- At 3:20 – meet students in C010 who will prepare for their performances.
- Walk students to Senior Citizens Home (10 minutes).
- Supervise students during performances. They are not allowed to play with their cellphone or laptop during that time.
- Walk students back at 4:30 pm.

**Tianyi Primary School on Thursdays**

March 12, 19/April 9, 16, 23, 30/May 14, 21, 28/June 4

**What do students do?** Help Chinese 4th graders read English books and write reports.

**What do you need to do?**

- At 3:05, meet with students in C004 and take attendance.
- At 3:15, Travel by bus to Tianyi (I will give you all the information about the bus number, driver, student list, and my contact number)
- At 4:30 return to school on bus, arriving at **4:50**

**Girl Scouts Informational Session**

*On behalf of Dan Whitaker, Lower School parent*

In 1925, The Girl Scouts of the USA founded its first overseas branch here in Shanghai. Today, 90 years later, Shanghai has over 600 Girl Scouts aged 5-17 spread among 14 schools and 37 troops. SCIS Hongqiao is a key part of this tradition, this year we have over 60 Girl Scouts in the Daisies (grades K-1), Brownies (2-3), Juniors (4-5), and Cadettes (6-7) from dozens of different countries.

The Girl Scouts of the USA have a simple mission - developing girls (age 5-17) of character, confidence and courage who make the world a better place. Our SCIS Girl Scout School Coordinator, Kim Grimes, will be conducting a Girl Scouts Informational Session for parents on Thursday, March 19 at 10:00am in room 212. We hope to see you there!

**Updating Contact Information**

Please notify our Middle School Secretaries, Sunny or Lisa to update your contact information at [sjiang@scischina.org](mailto:sjiang@scischina.org) or [lni@scischina.org](mailto:lni@scischina.org)

**Music Interns**

Two teacher education interns from Queen's University in Ontario, Canada, Rosemary Skea and Shauna Furois, will be joining us from this week through to mid April. Both have degrees in music and bring with them diverse teaching experiences including instrumental music, wind ensembles, orchestra, choral ensembles, chamber ensembles as well as some conducting. We are delighted that they will be joining us to work with our outstanding music department. I am confident that their presence in our school will benefit our community.

