



# SCIS Middle School Dragon Bulletin



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**Principal's Message** ~Tina Santilli

## **Celebrations!**

Congratulations to our **ACAMIS Champions!** This weekend our swimmers had a meet in Nanjing and SCIS came out on top! Our swimmers train very hard and their dedication paid off this weekend! Thanks to our parent chaperones and our coaches!

Congratulations to our cast and crew of a **Midsummer Night's Dream!** What a magical performance! As one teacher shared, "it was such an honor to be sitting in the audience taking in every word and every movement."

Congratulations to all of our students for **Student Led Conferences (SLCs)** last week! Our students not only presented their learning, but also were in charge of explaining their progress, reflecting on their accomplishments, and sharing short and long-term goals with you!

## **6th Grade Math Competition in Qingdao**

Last year SCIS took five Grade 6 students to Qingdao to participate in the first ever ACAMIS MathQuest and Rubik's Cube Challenge. We came back with first places for both the individual and team categories. It would be great to send another team or two of 6th graders to the tournament this year on April 10th. Students interested in participating should send an email to Mr. LaLonde at [rlalonde@scischina.org](mailto:rlalonde@scischina.org) before Monday February 23rd. More information can be found on the [Grade 6 Math Website](#). Go Mathletes!!

## **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. You should have received an email from Bret Olson requesting you to send a **copy of your child's passport** (just the page with their picture and information) to school. This can be turned in to the MS secretaries. If you would prefer to scan a copy then you can email it to Sunny Jiang at [sjiang@scischina.org](mailto:sjiang@scischina.org). You should also have received information registering your child. If you have not received this information, contact your trip leader (see below).

School expectations will still adhere to all students this includes the use of mobile phones. After Spring Break, you will be invited to attend a parent information evening. I will share that date as soon as it is confirmed with the company organizing the trips, Insight Adventures. This year we will travel to the following destinations:

**Grade 6 – Nanbeihu, trip leader Robbie LaLonde, [rlalonde@scischina.org](mailto:rlalonde@scischina.org)**

**Grade 7– Yangshuo, trip leader Jason Mott, [jmott@scischina.org](mailto:jmott@scischina.org)**

**Grade 8 – Hainan, trip leader Meagan Bergman, [mbergman@scischina.org](mailto:mbergman@scischina.org)**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **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)

### **April 25**

MathOlympiad @ SCIS

### **May 4-8**

China Trips

### **May 28 & 29**

Lipgloss Dance Show

### **June 1**

US Music Concert @ 6:30pm

### **June 2**

US Music Concert @ 6:30pm

### **June 4**

US Music Concert @ 6:30pm

**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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### 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.

### 2015 Shanghai Mathematics Olympiad

SCIS Hongqiao is hosting this annual event **on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, beginning at 9am**. During this event, Middle School students from schools in Shanghai are invited to represent their schools in a day of competition and mathematics problem solving. This event is designed to heighten student interest in mathematics by making math achievement as challenging, exciting, and prestigious as a school sport, as well as simply giving students a day to have fun with math!

### 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)

