

DRAGON BULLETIN

SCIS Mission: To develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring learners who contribute positively to their communities.

Important Dates

Market Day - Aug 22, 11-2

Back to School BBQ! Sat, Aug 24, 3-7 PM

Back to School Night -Thur, August 29, 6 PM, HQ-Main

Important Contacts

Principal: Kevin Haggith
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Vice Principal: Kristie O'Brien
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HQ Campus transportation: hq-transportation@scis-china.org.

Cafeteria:
<https://hq.scis-his.net/content/lunch-menu>



Teacher Mr. Marotto welcomed SCIS students the first day of school

SCIS Lower School had a wonderful first week of school full of building our community and learning! Ask you children about their favorite activities!

Back to School BBQ

Our Back to School BBQ is Saturday, August 24 from 3 -7 PM. It's a fun family event!

Back to School Night

The Lower School Back to School night for parents is Thur, August 29, at 6 PM. Come learn about how students learn in the SCIS Lower School!

Our First Two Week Unit

For the second year in a row, all students from Nursery to Grade 5 in the Primary Years Programme (PYP) have the same two-week unit of inquiry to start our school year (see below). The aims of this school-wide unit include providing multiple opportunities for students to build relationships by getting to know each other, their teachers and the school community. We also want students to begin developing their

PAFA CONNECT

Welcome! The PAFA Board would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families - new and returning - for the 2019-20 school year! We have some great events lined up to help you connect with other families in our SCIS community. The Parents and Friends Association (PAFA) is a volunteer organization made up of all parents of SCIS students, friends of SCIS and interested community members. PAFA is run by an Executive Committee of parents that volunteer their time to plan and implement a variety of campus events that encourage parent and community involvement. Please join us in these upcoming events:

All parents are invited to our **PAFA General meeting on Thursday, August 22nd at 11am**. Meet the parents on the PAFA Board, find out about upcoming events, ways to get involved, and connect with other SCIS parents. Location: Hongqiao Main Campus, Upper School Building, in the café. Plan to stay after and eat lunch at our Market Day.

Market Day - August 22, 11-2, HQ Main Campus Courtyard. Market Day is a fun monthly event where students, faculty/staff, and parents can have lunch, goodies, and mingle with the SCIS community. There will be a variety of community vendors serving up delicious food. Plan to stay for lunch or take some items home.

Other upcoming dates for your calendars (more information to come):

Parent Social Night - September 19
International Food Fair - October 19 (PAFA's Major Fundraiser)

We look forward to having you join us at our events! Please contact pafa-hq-events@scis-china.org or your PAFA representatives with questions.



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agency (choice, voice and ownership) by helping design learning environments and participating in the creation of essential agreements for their classroom and learning spaces around the school. Finally we use this first unit to introduce the Learner Profile so that students can use it to guide their choices. It has been a wonderful beginning to our school year and our students are already feeling a real sense of belonging and are establishing classroom routines that will continue throughout the year. -Janette Haggith, Primary Years Programme Coordinator

School-Wide Unit of Inquiry – August 13 -23

Central Idea: Our choices define who we are as individuals and as a community.

Lines of Inquiry:

- Our diverse community
- The design and use of our learning environment
- Using the Learner Profile to guide our choices

Uniforms in the Lower School

Uniforms are required in the Lower School. The uniform is a light blue polo top on music days, the red PE top on PE days, and navy bottoms every day.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Dear Parents, If you would be interested in substitute teaching for SCIS, you may apply by sending a simple resume to the Lower School Vice Principal, Kristie O'Brien: kobrien@scis-china.org and secretary Lisa Ni: lni@scis-china.org. SCIS will hold a substitute teacher orientation and training session on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the US Plaza for all new and returning Lower School and Upper School subs.

Assemblies

Parents will be invited to all assemblies when their children share. Occasionally we will bring the students to the auditorium to speak with them as a group. This is for information only and

parents will not be invited to those events. We fill the whole auditorium!

The English as an Additional Language (EAL) Program

EAL teachers assessed many new students' English Language Proficiency (ELP) before school began and will finish the remaining assessments the 3rd and 4th weeks of school. EAL teachers will be co-teaching in the classrooms for the first two weeks of school, and then will complete (ELP) assessments. If your child is a new student and qualifies for EAL program enrollment, you will receive a detailed EAL Parent Report from your child's EAL teacher the second week of September that will inform you of your child's English language proficiency assessment results and explain EAL Program services. The Beginning EAL classes for new learners of English begin the middle of September, and EAL co-teaching resumes at that time as well.

SWIM TEAM LOWER SCHOOL TRY OUTS

Monday 19th August 2019

3:15PM – 4:30PM *Please note that depending on interest try-outs may finish earlier or later.

Safety points and helpful tips:

All lower students must be accompanied by an adult and be brought to the pool hall by this adult. Swimmers who are not accompanied by an adult will not be permitted to participate in the try-out.

Parents must contact the transportation department with change in scheduling and inform your classroom teacher know that your child will attend try-outs.

Please sign-in at the spectator deck where a coach shall give you instructions.

What are the coaching team looking for?

- 2nd to 5th grade students
- Committed and responsible learners
- Kind and supportive learners
- Swimmers should be able to swim 3 of the 4 competitive strokes over 50m
- Swimmers should be able to perform a dive from the deck
- Swimmers should be willing to commit to 1-3x per week for the academic year of 2019-2020
- Swimmers who are committed to swimming not only within term time but shall continuously seek improvement on school holidays
- Swimmers should be willing to show SCIS pride and dedication by participating in all of our Shanghai based competitions (usually 1x per month)
- Parents of the swimmers should be willing to volunteer at our events that are hosted by our school team
- To attend try outs please sign up via our link below

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=mQvTtniLyUmpg1MczWLin3ZSeSLfowNMpTYV2EYhVzxUNo1PRUIBMlpTRDM4MEpJVUdN0rhKTiZGTy4u&sharetoken=EZWxjc9AeOP6qbnPRKpz>



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Alternatively scan the code via wechat OR Alipay to access our sign up:



*If you are unable to attend Monday 19th August please contact Aquatics Coordinator Cheryl Philp cphilp@scis-china.org and we shall attempt to organize an alternative date to try-out this fall!

Thank you for your interest in our competitive swimming team SCIS Dragons!