

DRAGON BULLETIN

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

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Important Dates

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

Thur, August 29: LS Back to School Night, 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Sept 12-13: No School

Sept. 16-19: Student Photos

Sept. 16: ASAs Begin

Sept 17-27: LS NWEA MAP Testing

Important Contacts

Principal: Kevin Haggith
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LS community building this week: Grade 3 and Grade 1 students meet for introductions and buddy reading!

Back to School Family BBQ

Our Back to School BBQ is tomorrow, Saturday, August 24 on the HQ-Main campus from 3 -7 PM. We hope to see you at this fun family event!

LS Back to School Night for Parents

Please join us in the Lower School on Thursday, August 29 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm for a night of connecting with your children's teachers and other SCIS parents. It is a great opportunity to learn about

PAFA CONNECT

Back-to-School BBQ, this Saturday, HQ Main Campus, August 24, 3-7 PM. The first social event of the school year. This is a great time to connect with SCIS families new and returning. There will be food, drinks and activities for kids of all ages. Hope to see you all there!

SAVE the DATE! The First SCIS Hongqiao - Pudong Parent Social - September 19, 6-9 PM. This will be a joint event including parents from both SCIS Hongqiao (HQ-Main and ECE) and Pudong campuses. It will be an evening affair, adults only, at Kathleen's Waitan. The school will provide bus transportation to and from the event. Tickets are RMB 100 and include 1 drink and a variety of appetizers. Tickets will be on sale at the Back-to-School BBQ on Saturday at the PAFA table. Join SCIS parents for a relaxed evening on the Bund.

Upcoming PAFA Event Dates for your calendar -

Market Day - September 19, 11am-2pm
International Food Fair - October 19, 11am-3pm, HQ-Main Campus (PAFA's main fundraiser)

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



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the exciting plans for the 2019-2020 school year. This event is for parents only. Parents may arrive to campus and go directly to their children's classrooms for presentations with their homeroom teacher(s) and then take some time to visit their children's art, music, Mandarin, PE, EAL and student support teachers for an informal discussion. The counselor will also be available.

Boramy Sun, the LS Tech Integration Coordinator, will lead an information session from 5:45 pm - 6:00 pm in the LS Hub on using Seesaw and Managebac. The Tech Help Desk will also be open from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm for all SCIS parent tech support-related needs.

We'll provide teacher and location information lists next week as well.

LS Parent-Student Handbook

Please see the 2019-2020 Parent Student Handbook attached. It contains important information about our school and it is a helpful reference.

Taken From our Homework Policy

The SCIS Homework policy states that there is a maximum of 10 minutes per night per grade level for homework. For example, Grade 3s have 30 minutes of homework, Grade 4s have 40 minutes, etc. If your child is not completing homework in the proper time period, there is no negative consequence. Some students who struggle with homework completion have success using a timer and knowing a clear homework end time. Additionally, if your child is dreading homework, please speak to their teacher about it. We want to ensure home learning is a positive experience for everyone. If you wish for your child to have more homework, we suggest they increase their daily self-selected reading and family read aloud time with books in all your children's

languages.



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After School Activities (ASAs)

The first session of our after school activity program will start the week of September 16 and run for 8 weeks. A brochure detailing available activities and including information on how to sign up will be sent out at the end of next week. There will be activities offered by SCIS teaching staff as well as a select group of outside vendors. The activities provided by outside vendors come at additional cost, while SCIS provided activities are free of charge. For any questions, please contact Dan Zimmerman at dzimmerman@scis-china.org

SCIS Parent Email

You need to have a school email account to receive information from us, access reports and connect with the school. If you have not established this email address, please follow the directions below to do so. It is possible to set up your scis-parent.org account to forward to your personal email address. Please see the attachment for details. As of August 22, we will only be corresponding through SCIS Parent emails.

Please click <https://schoolid.scis-china.org> to create your account now. This account must be activated in order to access SCIS communications, progress reports and more. When you were accepted to SCIS, a scis-parent.org email was generated and sent to you. If you need any assistance please contact hq-technology@scis-china.org. All SCIS correspondence is sent through this email address. Please also email HQ-Technology for guidance on how you can set your SCIS parent emails to automatically forward to your preferred email address.

Library

We are off to a great start in the Library. Students will come to the library once every four days with their class. In addition, students are able to come to the library during recess to exchange books or read independently. The library is also open to parents. Our hours are 8:00 am -4:30 pm from Monday through Friday.

Counseling Services

Greeting SCIS, I am Jennifer Peters, the new lower school counselor. I am looking forward to getting to know all the students and families at SCIS. I will be providing social emotional support to students through whole class lessons, small groups and individual time. I have been in education for many years and I love helping children see their potential and becoming their best self! I have had a fantastic start to the year! I've had the opportunity to visit classrooms, read stories, participate in "Get to Know You" activities and meeting new friends. The students have been very caring in welcoming me to SCIS. It will be a fabulous year!

Individual Student Photos

Individual student photo days at SCIS are Sept 16-19. Homeroom teachers will communicate their homeroom date with parents and it won't be on a PE day. Please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform of a blue polo shirt and navy bottoms. Photos will be available for purchase at a later date.

SCIS Uniforms

Students at SCIS are expected to come to school in the SCIS uniform. Please make arrangements so that your child is properly dressed each day. Navy blue shorts, pants or skirts are required with our school polo top. All students wear PE uniforms on PE days.

NWEA MAP Testing

NWEA MAP Growth Testing for LS students in grades 2-5 will take place between Sept 17-Sept 27. Homeroom teachers will communicate the exact dates for the three tests your students will take: Reading, Math and Language. SCIS administers the MAP Growth twice a year, and we use the data to inform our students' growth and achievement.

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 have been co-teaching in the classrooms for the first two weeks of school, and then will complete (ELP) assessments. The Beginning EAL classes for new learners of English begin the second week of September, and EAL co-teaching resumes at that time as well.

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. Returning EAL program students do not take the English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessment in August/September. All SCIS students in the EAL program take ELP assessment every spring and parents will receive an ELP report in May.

