

MS DRAGON BULLETIN

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The Mission of SCIS is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring learners who contribute positively to their communities.

Important Dates

03 Mar: MS Dance Company Showcase Assembly @ 1:05 in the theatre

09 Mar: Parent Evening on transition to Upper School Model for 17-18 @ 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Forum

14-15 Mar: Student Led Conferences; 11:30 dismissal at 11:30

17 Mar: Mid-Semester Reports live on MB

Important Contacts

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Friday House Games...Crab Soccer Excitement

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Many of you will have read the announcement earlier this week about the continuing evolution of SCIS into a Three-Programme IB World School and our move to an Upper School Model in 2017/2018.

The main difference for your child will be our expansion of the counseling department from two counselors to three and the addition of a second Vice Principal - Dr. Amy Valerio - who will be helping us run our pastoral program which includes student life, student welfare, and student support. In this way we are confident we can continue to improve our services in terms of our already strong academic offerings, social-emotional welfare, and college/career counseling. We are also committed to maintaining as much of the diverse middle and high school experience as possible while removing any unnecessary impediments to our unifying Middle Years

Important Links

[MS Parent Student Handbook](#)

[Weekly Menu](#)

[1617 School Year Calendar](#)

[Events Calendar](#) - this is a link to the events calendar

[Communitas](#) - Our Community Magazine

PAFA Connect

Teacher Appreciation Week

Desserts and Baked Goods Needed!!!

Friday, March 10, 7:45 am

We need baked goods and sweets for the dessert bar. Please deliver items by 7:45 am, room number to be determined.

The ECE would like to thank all who attended the K/G1 Valentine's Day dance. And, a big thank you to Austin Wellman and the LS Student Council; Fiona Sherwood and the MS Dance Group; and DJ Herman Thalen for all their hard work in making this a great event.

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Programme from Grades 6 to 10.

The leadership team of Katherine Brewer, Tina Santilli and Barclay Lelievre would like to invite you to a community meeting on **Thursday March 9th at 6:00pm -7:00pm in the Forum** where we can give you some further details about our plans moving forward, our expansion of services, and our continued commitment to fulfilling our mission statement.

It would also be a great opportunity for you to bring any questions or concerns so that we can respond to your specific needs more clearly and with transparency. We look forward to seeing you.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

We will have Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) on the 14th and 15th of March between 12:30 and 4pm on both days. Your child's Advisory teacher will contact you to arrange and appointment. Conferences will take approximately 30 minutes. The aim of these conferences is for you child to reflect on their skills development on the following key approaches to learning areas: Thinking, Communication ,Organization and Collaboration.

We had about 50 parents join us for our session this week. I have attached a PDF copy of the presentation for your reference.



CHINA TRIPS

May 8th-12th If you have not already done so, please send a copy of your child's passport (just the page with their picture and information) to school. This will be turned in to our MS secretary. If

you would prefer to scan a copy, then you can email it to Sunny Jiang at sjiang@scis-china.org.

You also need to complete the sign up links for our trips below. Click on the appropriate link and complete the information. If you have questions, please let us know.

Grade 6 - Nan Bei Hu

STUDENT SIGN UP - <https://yopay.cn/event/201605SCISHQ6NBH>

Grade 7 - Yangshuo

STUDENT SIGN UP - <https://yopay.cn/event/201705SCISHQ7YS>

Grade 8 - Sanya

STUDENT SIGN UP - <https://yopay.cn/event/201705SCISHQ8SY>

UPCOMING PARENT EVENTS

**Thursday, 23 Mar: MS/HS Parent Information Session on Policies
@ 10:30-11:30 in the Forum**

A chance to hear about how we have updated and brought some of our major policies into better alignment with the IB, including Assessment, Academic Honesty, and Language.

PARENTING WORKSHOP



Confident Parenting Workshop for 11-18 Year olds 自信家长学习班. 适合11-18岁孩子的家长

Suitable for both English and Chinese Speakers 中英文家长皆可参加

Nick and Sila Lee are the Founders of Relationship Central and over the last 16 years have developed and produced resources to help support family life. Their marriage and parenting workshops are running in 116 countries. Now a parenting workshop is brought to SCIS parents who have children aged 11-18.

Nicky和Sila是两位英国的家庭关系和亲子教育方面的专家。他们在全世界许多国家开设课程，帮助各国的家庭。今年SCIS的妈妈把他们11--18岁的亲子课程推荐给大家。

The workshop will focus on different areas of parenting, during which we will watch a video and discuss some questions from a guide book. You will be sure to pick up some helpful tips and skills, and gain some confidence through it. Discussion will cover aspects such as:

课程为期五周。每周一次课程。期间主要通过观看录像、互相讨论的形式为大家提供探讨和学习的机会。内容涵盖：

- Keeping the end in mind 记住最终目标
- Meeting our teenager's needs 满足青少年的需求
- Setting boundaries 为青少年设立界限
- Developing emotional health 培养健康的情绪
- Helping them make good choices 帮助青少年做好的选择

The Workshop is FREE.

Time: 10am-12pm, Mondays March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and 10th April 2017.

Place: HQ Campus, Room to be advised.

Spaces are limited to 35 parents.

If you are interested, please email PAFA_hq_msrep1@scis-his.org or PAFA_hq_msrep2@scis-his.org by 2 March 2017.



Visiting speaker: Dr. Mate Balfanz, Senior Clinical Psychologist from the American Medical Center Presents:

Wednesday, March 22nd from 10-11:30am in Rm C212

Understanding the Adolescent Brain

On Wednesday, March 22, we will focus on the chemical and structural changes that occur in the adolescent brain and how it can have a profound impact on the behavior and approach to learning that we see in our teenage children. Dr. Balfanz will open with a 45-minute presentation followed by a Q and A period where parents can ask questions related to the presentation as well as general inquiries regarding how we can better support our teens and their learning styles.



Wednesday, April 19th from 10-11:30am in Rm C212

Helping Our Children Manage Their Mental Health and Stress

Our second session on Wednesday, April 19, will address how we as parents can help our children with managing their mental health as it relates to the various pressures of being a teenager. Dr. Balfanz will open with a 45-minute presentation followed by a Q and A period where parents can ask him questions related to the presentation as well as general inquiries regarding how we can better support our teens.

RSVP appreciated, not required to: MS Counselor, Catherine Geisen-Kisch at cgeisenkisch@scis-china.org

MESSAGE: DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Re-Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is officially underway! If your family has not received a re-enrollment email from the SCIS Admissions Department, please contact them directly at admission@scis-his.org.

MESSAGE: ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (February 27-March 05)

- **Monday:** Math Counts 3:15-4:15 in LaLonde's room
- **Monday:** 7/8th grade boys VB practice 3:15-4:30 (Coaches Clouthier and Forbes)
- **Tuesday: 7/8th grade girls VB games**
 - C1 and C2 girls home games vs Suzhou 3:30pm in Upper School Gym (Coach Kirwin and Coach O'Conner)
- **Thursday:** Boys VB and 6th grade games
 - 6th grade co-ed VB away game vs SAS, bus leaves at 3pm (Coach Lawless)
 - C1 and C2 boys VB home game vs YCIS 3:30-5:00pm (Coaches Clouthier and Forbes) away @ YCIS dismiss at 2:50 bus leaves at 3:10pm
- **Friday:** 7/8th grade girls VB practice 3:15-4:30
6th grade VB practice 3:15-4:30

SEMESTER 2 - LOOKING AHEAD

20-24 Mar: MS Spirit Week & House Game on the 24th
27 Mar: Sign-ups for Session 3 Clubs
30 Mar: Somebody to Love @ 6:30 in the Theatre
03-07 Apr: Holiday, no school
01 May: Holiday, no school
01 May: International Dance Festival
03-05 May: MYP Verification Visit
08-12 May: China Trips
29 May: US Strings Concert @ 6:30 in the theatre
30 May: Holiday, no school
31 May: US Band/Percussion Concert @ 6:30 in the theatre
01-Jun: US Choir/Guitar Concert @ 6:30 in the theatre
07-Jun: Games People Play @ 6:00pm in the theatre
09-Jun: HS Graduation
12 Jun: MS Activities Day
13 Jun: G8 Completion Rehearsal, Ceremony, Reception
13 Jun: MS Farewell Dance @ 6:30
14 Jun: Talent Show/Jade Dragon Ceremony
16 Jun: End of Year Assembly and Last day of school for students (dismissal 3pm)