

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

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

17 Mar: Mid-Semester Reports live on MB

22 Mar: Understanding the Adolescent Brain with Dr. Nate Balfanz @ 10-11:30 in C212

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

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We cannot thank you, our fabulous parents, enough for your appreciation of us this week. We felt like royalty! We are certainly fortunate to be a part of such a wonderfully supportive and caring parent community and we thank you so much for entrusting your child to our care.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We will have Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) on the 14th and 15th of March between 12:30 and 4pm on both days. 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. Your children are excited to share their learning with you. Some parents ask us for advice about what to say to their children during SLCs so I have included some sample questions and comments for you.

MESSAGE: DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Re-Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is officially

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

**Carpet Auction Benefit--
Saturday, March 18**
Please see attached flyer for more info and scan the QR code to buy tickets

Teacher Appreciation Week was a huge success! Thank you to all the parents that volunteered and helped to show gratitude to all our great teaching staff.

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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.

UPDATE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Over the past week, we have had several cases of lice in the Middle School. We know that this can be frustrating for our students and for you. I have included a letter to offer you guidance as our Health Office continues to follow our protocol for when cases are identified and below is a link to further information.

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/lice/factsheet_head_lice.htm

CHINA TRIPS: May 8-12



If you have not yet done so, 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>

Thursday, 23 Mar: MS/HS
Parent Information Session on understanding our policies related to learning and our academic program @ 10:30-11:30 in the Forum

This session is 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.

SCIS CAREER DAY: APRIL 26th

Our list of Guest Speakers for our High School Career Day is impressive but we could still need your help to fill up the spots. As a guest speaker, we will want you to share your passion, profession and industry trends with small groups of high school students. **The theme for the week is “If you are not willing to risk the unusual, you will have to settle for the ordinary.” – Jim Rohn.**

If you are interested in sharing your experiences with our HS students or if you can recommend someone who is passionate about her/his profession, please contact skrigsman@scis-china.org



Poster designed by Julia Ku

SHANGHAI LITERARY FESTIVAL

SCIS is proud to announce our continued support of the Shanghai Literary Festival. For those families new to Shanghai, the Literary Festival is an opportunity to meet and speak with world renowned authors at M on the Bund. This year guests include Amy Tan author of *The Joy Luck Club* and Witi Ihimaera author of *Whale Rider*. SCIS students will support the festival by volunteering as ushers, bussers, and support people for the authors. We will also host a visiting author at SCIS, more info on that visit to follow. If you'd like to attend an event at the Lit Fest, tickets and the schedule are available at the link below. The festival runs from March 10-22. We hope to see you there! <http://www.m-restaurantgroup.com/community/m-literary-festival/>

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

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 @ 7:00 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)

MESSAGE: ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (March 13-17)

- **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 (No games Conference day)**
 - C1 girls will practice 4:00pm – 5:00pm
- **Thursday: Boys VB and 6th grade games**
 - 6th grade co-ed VB Home game vs YCIS 3:30-5pm US Gym (Coach Lawless)
 - C1 boys VB (coach Clouthier) away game @ BISS dismiss at 2:50pm bus leaves at 3:00pm
 - C2 Boys boys VB (Coach Forbes) away game @ WISS dismiss at 2:50pm bus leaves at 3:00pm
- **Friday: 7/8th grade girls VB pract. 3:15-4:30**
 - 6th grade VB practice 3:15-4:30
- **Saturday**
- CRE VB tournaments Buses leave between 7-8am and return between 2 – 4pm
- **C1 Girls and Boys @ Concordia (Coaches Clouthier and Kirwin)**
- 6th grade teams @ SSIS-SH (Coach Lawless)
- **7/8th grade C2 girls @ SAS PD (Coach O'Conner)**
- 7/8th Grade Boys Home (Coach Forbes) we host

Carpet Auction Benefit--Saturday, March 18

Carpet preview: 6-7:30 pm; Auction: 8:00 pm
Marriott Hongqiao, 2270 Hongqiao Rd., near Jian He Rd.
Cost: RMB 200 in advance; RMB 250 at the door
Auction will help support a grieving mother with 3 children.
This is a fantastic opportunity to bid on hundreds of beautiful carpets.
Even if you don't buy a carpet the night will be great fun. Ticket includes:
appetizers, 1 soft drink or water; free flow beer & wine; Lucky Draws

 Carpet		Help a grieving mother with 3 children in need. Hundreds of beautiful carpets will be liquidated to give this family a fresh start. When: March 18, 2017 Where: Marriott Hongqiao, 2270 Hongqiao Lu, near Jianhe Lu, 虹桥路2270号近剑河路. 3 rd floor, Function Room VI (6). Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m. carpet preview; 8:00 p.m. auction. Payments: Credit Cards, WeChat, UnionPay, bank transfer, cash. Cost: 200¥ in advance, 250¥ at the door Ticket includes: dinner appetizers, one soft drink or water; free-flow wine & beer. Lucky Draws all evening, including a carpet! 
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RSVP

- 1) Scan to WeChat Yasmeen
- 2) Register and pay for tickets.
- 3) Upon receipt of payment you will be added to the Carpet Auction guest list.