

# 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

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***Our Matheletes in action, and once again successful, in Qingdao, China to participating in Math Quest and Rubik's Cube 2017 at QISS***

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Many of you will have been aware that our visiting team from the MYP was here this week. I'd like to extend a special thanks to the many parents who volunteered their time to come in and speak with them about your experience with the program and how the school has been progressing with its implementation.

The visit was the culmination of two years of rewarding but challenging work. Writing down our action plan on a giant spreadsheet in August of 2015 was in many ways the easy part, but bringing it to life and now to fruition, could only have happened with the incredible dedication and professionalism of our teaching staff who embraced the challenge. They gave up countless hours of their time and energy to up-skill to program requirements by attending courses, collaborating with colleagues, asking difficult questions, and attending an uncountable number

## Important Links

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[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

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### **PAFA General Meeting**

May 18th, 11:00 am, in the Café (1st floor upper school building).

Come out to the meeting and then go to Market Day and grab some lunch.

### **Market Day--Last one of the year!**

May 18th, 11-2, in the Courtyard

### **Spring Picnic--Save the Date!**

Saturday, May 27, 1:00 pm  
HQ Main Campus field

### **PAFA Volunteers for the Executive Committee**

We are still looking for a Treasurer and an Events Coordinator. Contact your school representative for more information.

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of meetings!

The visiting team was very vocal in their praise of this talented bunch, commenting on how they rarely see this kind of dedication and enthusiasm towards change. And the highest compliment they paid had nothing to do with the unit plans and assessments and communication tools that had been developed (which they loved by the way!) but with the teaching and learning they observed in classrooms. They were amazed at how advanced and how complete the transformation from theory to practice was when they dropped in on lessons. They saw teachers who had created authentic learning experiences wading into the middle of the action, actively participating and providing feedback and guidance to students engaged in meaningful inquiry.

They were also very complimentary of their interaction with the parent community. They were amazed at how well you were able to articulate the changes that had happened and with the broad support for the direction the school was moving – in particular how you were embracing the way our students are now reflecting on learning by talking about skills rather than focusing only on achievement.

In short, we did spectacularly well, you were fantastic, and our students really sealed the deal. We won't have any official word on how successful our bid was for 6 to 8 weeks, but the report from today was glowing.

I wanted to take a moment to recognize someone very special who has done more for the success of our visit and our program than I could possibly articulate. Her unique ability to set challenging expectations of our staff and then to find the time to roll up her sleeves and work directly with every team at seemingly every collaborative meeting throughout the year, all the while providing a calm and sensible voice to a sometimes confusing process was remarked upon by the visiting team and echoed by the department teams they met with. We are so very lucky to have Maree Comerford as our MYP Coordinator. I hope you'll join me in extending our appreciation for everything she's done for SCIS.

## DRAGON JAZZ BAND

The SCIS Dragon Jazz Band will be performing at the Shanghai Family Fun Fair on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM. The event will be held at the Shanghai Centre, and is open to the public. There are also a lot of different performances and stalls to check out around the Shanghai Centre. 1376 Nanjing Xi Lu, near Xikang Lu 上海商城, 南京西路1376号 近西康路

## MESSAGE FROM BARCLAY LELIEVRE, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Grade 8 Parents:

We would love to have a chat with you regarding your child's transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9. We understand that with the MYP in place, the move will not be as dramatic as in year's past but we still recognize that developmentally this is a big step.

Please join us in the MS Plaza on Wednesday May 17 from 10-11am for some coffee and a brief presentation followed by a Q&A.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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09-Jun: HS Graduation

12 Jun: MS Activities Day

13 Jun: G8 Completion Rehearsal,

13 Jun: G8 Completion Ceremony & Reception

13 Jun: MS Farewell Dance @ 6:30

14 Jun: Talent Show/Jade Dragon Ceremony

16 Jun: Last day of school for students (dismissal 3pm)

## MESSAGE: ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (May 13th -20th)

- Saturday 13th May: Basketball Cross River Tournaments (**Times yet to be determined**)
  - C1 boys and girls at Concordia
  - C2 Girls at Suzhou
  - C2 boys at SAS Puxi

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls at BISS
- Basketball season is over for the boys
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May: 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls meet for team party with Ms. Connolly 3:30-4:30
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May: C1 and C2 girls will play together – fun day-3:30-4:30 in the upper school gym
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May: MS Play The Games People Play 6pm
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Home swim meet (SCIS Swimmers only)

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**GAMES**

*Where sports meets  
theatre and teachers  
cheer like crazy!!!*

**PEOPLE**



**PLAY**

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*Its time to  
BRING IT!!!!*

Friday May 19, 6:00pm  
NO LATE SEATING