



Did you get that e-mail from the school? Text message? Phone call? The importance of School Emergency Communications

By Andrew Torris, Deputy Superintendent

When the 2009-2010 school year began, SAS was compelled to communicate to our community members for a variety of reasons. These communications are highly important to ensure that all members of our community have the same information at the same time. As you can imagine, this is a huge challenge for our school for a variety of

reasons. Thus we have taken a “layered” approach to our emergency communications for our school community.

E-mail Layer: 38.5% Read Rate

In a recent meeting, I shared with some of our parent community members that we have had a maximum read rate of only 65% on H1N1 messages to our school community while only having 1.1% “bounce rate”.

What this means is 1) our email list is 98.9% accurate and 2) *only 38.5% of the people to whom we sent the e-mail message opened it.* This includes messages that contained translated content for our community members who read Chinese or Korean. We know this because we have transitioned to a new mailing service that tracks “delivery and open” rates on all email campaigns that we send to our community by moni-

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focus on the development of a strategic plan, the Board also established a new Strategic Planning Task Force.

Furthermore, to facilitate enhanced communication within the SAS community, the Board established a **School-Wide Communications Task Force**.

Finally, the Board authorized the establishment of an Election Campaign Policy Task Force under the Trusteeship Committee to review and recommend improvements to the existing Election Campaign Policy.

As the Board strongly desires support from the parent community in achieving its goals and leading the school, an e-mail was sent to all SAS parents inviting them to volunteer to serve on one of the Board committees or task forces. An amazing number of parents responded with a willingness to serve. Given the Board's desire to ensure a broad range of perspectives and skills on each committee and task force, and the need to limit the size

of these bodies to maximize their effectiveness, not all who applied could be accepted. Nonetheless, as a result of the willingness of parents to volunteer, each committee and task force will be composed of members with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

The School-Wide Communication Task Force has already set in motion new initiatives that will provide enhanced opportunities for parents to share their perspectives with the Board and the school's administration. A parent Town Hall meeting will be held on October 21 (7pm, LMC, SAS Puxi campus), and on October 22 (7pm, Vizcaya Clubhouse, Pudong). The town hall meetings will not have a prescribed agenda and will provide parents with an opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification, or express an opinion on a variety of school related topics.

Later in November, the Board will also host a Parent Forum on school finances jointly with the Superintendent (on November 9, 7pm, LMC, SAS Puxi campus, and November 12, 7pm, location TBD, Pudong). These meetings will focus on school funding and other related school finance issues.

The Board will regularly report to the

parent community through articles in **The Eagle** and through e-mail as appropriate. Drawing on a committed Board of Directors, willing parent volunteers and a capable and dedicated professional staff, SAS is well-positioned to provide its students with an excellent educational experience throughout the current year and in the years to come.

On behalf of the SAS Board of Directors,

David Liu, Chair

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E-MAIL is one of several ways the school may contact parents, teachers and staff in an emergency

toring who has received the message and who specifically has opened it and when it was opened. Even when we assume that families may have two e-mail addresses, it would show that we are still missing a significant number of families in our e-mail campaign.

Text Messaging Layer- 2000+ phone messages sent at once

The text messaging system that we are now using has been in testing for some time. James Linder, our Safety and Security Manager has refined a process by which a message can be sent out to all members of our school community that has an updated mobile phone number with our school community. In my case, the message went to my wife's mobile phone as her number is our primary number listed for school emergencies. The latest message contained simple information and a link to our school's webpage.

School Webpage Layer—Connecting our online community

As many of you may have noticed the school's webpage has been updated. When you now go to www.saschina.org you will see a new look and feel to our webpage. In the upper right hand corner of the page "Latest News" is found and there will be updates and news for SAS.

Phone Tree Layer—Connecting our classroom community

Using the information in our school's information system, we have designated a list of "youngest children" to be called in cases of emergency. Classroom teachers will be

given a message to read or pass along to families and families should receive only one phone call.

Blog Layer—Connecting our divisional communities

In most cases updated information will be posted on principal and teacher blogs as well. In an attempt to be consistent with our emergency communications, the information will be posted there as well.

What Can Parents do to Help?

There are several things parents can do to help.

Make sure you contact information is correct! If you did not receive any email messages about Board Committees and H1N1 information this year, it is likely your e-mail address is wrong in our system OR your e-mail system is sending the messages to your SPAM/Junk mailbox.

Add the e-mail address communications@saschina.org to your

e-mail address book. This will prevent (in most cases) the school e-mails from being sent to you SPAM/Junk mail box in your e-mail.

If one of your family members did not receive a text message from the school on September 29, please contact the school to ensure that we have an accurate and updated mobile phone number.

When emergency or urgent information is sent out, share it with your friends. Word of mouth messaging is very important. Always refer your friends to the www.saschina.org webpage.

On September 29, we were able to post messages on our school webpage, send out and track a school-wide e-mail to both campuses (3000+ email addresses) and text message (2000+ numbers) our school community in less than 30 minutes thanks to the coordinated efforts of the Safety and Security Office, the Communications Office and The Educational Programs office. This is a significant upgrade in our ability to communicate in cases of emergency.

Student Programs Committee is looking for Parent Members

The SAS Student Programs Committee will be beginning its work in early November with the first of four retreat-style meetings to be held this year. The SPC is charged with the advisory level work associated with our Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation efforts, curriculum review processes, long-range educational programs development and student assessment review.

Meeting dates are currently planned for November 20, January 22, March 12 and May 4. Meeting will run from 9am-2pm and will alternate campuses. It is expected that members be able to attend all meetings.

We are looking for a minimum of one parent representative per division, but will certainly accept more volunteers.

If you are interested, please e-mail **Andrew. Torris@saschina.org** by October 30, 2009.



The School-wide Communications Task Force begins its work. **Back row:** Fred Rogers, Mary Lane, Katie Ferguson, Ron Roukema, Harlan Lyso. **Front row:** Mina Change, Connie Lowry, Stephanie Kao, Bing Li, Mery Montgomery, Jayelene Warner. (Not pictured: Karen Chow, In Young Lee.) For more about the Task Force, see page 16.

SAS High School, Puxi Campus presents . . .

Disney's MULAN JR.

Thursday, October 22 at 7 PM

Friday, October 23 at 3:30 PM

Saturday, October 24 at 7 PM

Performing Arts Center



Travel back to the legendary, story-telling days of ancient China with this action-packed stage adaptation of Disney's Mulan to be presented by the high school of Shanghai American School, Puxi Campus.

The Huns have invaded, and it is up to the misfit Mulan and her mischievous sidekick, Mushu, to save the Emperor! Mulan JR. is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and a fighting spirit. The score, sung by 38 of SAS's finest high school actors, includes favorites like "Reflection," "Honor to Us All" and "I'll Make a Man Out of You" as well as new songs.

In preparation for this show the students have taken additional workshops in Peking Opera movement from Maggie Tien and Xiao Jian, who have taught them the art of walking, hand placement, and stick work. Chinese Opera costumes and make-up will be also be used to enhance the production. The musical is directed by drama director, Debbi Fintak, the music is directed by Karolina Pek, choreographed by Ann Gould and Xiao Jian with set direction by Doug Hundley. A 25-meter watercolor back drop has been painted by the students of the art department under the direction of Ben Holder.

Performances are Thursday October 22 at 7pm, Friday October 23 matinee at 3:30, and Saturday, October 24 at 7pm. Tickets are 30 RMB each and can be reserved by e-mailing boxoffice@saschina.org. The performance will last for two hours and is appropriate for all ages.

Disney's Mulan JR., a musical production in two acts. Presented in the Puxi Performing Arts Center.

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PUXI CAMPUS

"Mondo Difficile" visits Puxi Campus

By Javier Castro, HS Spanish Teacher, Puxi campus

"Mondo Difficile" is a very popular television in Spanish the Basque country of Spain.

It works like this. A team from ETB (Euskal TeleBista = Basque TV) travels to different cities in the world, like New York City, Dubai, Athens or Shanghai. They contact with Basque residents in those cities, and the Basque expats show the city to the crew so that they have an idea of the destinations from the perspective of Basque residents living there.

Last April, 2009, the television crew visited Shanghai, and they spent time with a cook, a business woman, a journalist, a college student — and with me, a teacher. I took them to a Formula One race, and to our school: SAS, Puxi campus.

In the video that was produced as a result of their stay, you can see this part of their visit. After SAS, you will see another local school, Hong Wei. It is one of the migrant schools that we travel to with the Community Service Group, on Thursdays.

To see the video, go to http://portal.saschina.org/video/media/6387/Mondo_Difficile_-_Shanghai_-_SAS/.

The program was broadcast on August 10, 2009. If you want to see the whole program — it is in Spanish — I have downloaded it in four files, and you can get them from this folder: P:/SASF.S. PUXI&PUDONG/ALL SAS/Mondo Difficile

October 16, 2009

Puxi Campus Elementary School to hold its ... Second Annual Book Fair

The children are all very excited about the Book Fair, coming to the Puxi campus from the 2nd of November through the 6th of November. We will have our usual, wonderful collection of books to sell this year. We'll also have some Chinese children's books (excellent quality!) and some good bargains for everyone.

The venue will be the Upstairs Cafe and the hours are 8.30 am to 4 pm. All parent volunteers will receive a one-time 20% discount on books! Please sign up in the Library to help us.

We'll send out further information later!



The Million Tree Project



by Carson Lam, G???, Puxi Campus

Shanghai American School's Puxi Campus is located in Zhudi Town, roughly 30 minutes from the bustling metropolitan area of Shanghai. Being situated next to one of the world's most polluted cities, we are given the opportunity to witness the impact of environmental damage first hand.

The Roots & Shoots club at SAS, Puxi campus, works toward making our school more "green" through a number of projects and goals such as the eradication of paper cups from the high school in 2007 and instituting a school-wide paper recycling program, saving thousands of sheets of paper that would otherwise have been thrown out as trash. And, in our ongoing battle against global warming and desertification, we have been participating in a mission known as the Million Tree Project.

The Shanghai Roots & Shoots' Million Tree Project aims to raise community awareness of the Earth's precious environment while focusing on steps individuals can take to reduce their negative impact in the natural world. The project gives individuals and organizations an opportunity to fight global warming by planting trees in Inner Mongolia, China. It is designed to improve both ecological and humanitarian conditions of Tongliao, Inner Mongolia, which suffers from severe desertification and its consequential sandstorms. We have participated in this project since its birth in 2007 by undertaking its 1000 Tree Challenge, where we sell over 1000 trees that would be planted in Inner Mongolia.

Throughout the past two years, we have advocated our Tree Campaign by selling trees to students, parents, and faculty members through a variety of products, ranging from ceramic tree ornaments and hemp tote bags to genuine, 100% bamboo towels. In addition, Roots and Shoots members were given the chance to travel to Inner Mongolia and plant trees with local farmers.

Jenny Lim, currently a senior at the west campus of SAS, had the privilege of going on the trip in her sophomore year. She reflects, "Digging was not easy. Two people worked on each hole; one person dug, usually the stronger of the two, and the other person placed the tree in the hole. It was teamwork. When we left, although we had been planting for three days, there were still many trees to plant. The trees we planted were merely sticks with roots, and I wondered how they were ever going to grow in the desert. Two years later, the Shanghai Roots and Shoots representative showed

me a picture of our trees: the bare sticks were gone, and they were replaced by massive green trees. What an accomplishment! We've made a difference."

With the dedication and effort from each and every member, we were able to fulfill the 1000 Tree Challenge in both the 2007-8 and 2008-9 school year.

On September 16, 2009, SAS Roots and Shoots was presented with an award for its ongoing success in the 1000 Tree Challenge by Shanghai Roots & Shoots representative, Elizabeth Jenswold and Million Tree Project manager, Heather Wigmore. As one of the eight schools in Shanghai to complete this task, we have a small forest in Inner Mongolia which continues to impede desertification, obstruct the spread of global warming, and improve our environment as a whole.

This year, we have been presented with the 1000 Tree Challenge once again and we plan to ensure that our trend of success continues into the 2009-10 school year. Many of the funds raised this year by the Puxi campus HS Roots & Shoots will be used to purchase trees that will be planted in Inner Mongolia as a part of the Million Tree Project.

Our accomplishment in the 1000 Tree Challenge and our participation in the Million Tree Project could not have been achieved without the support of all SAS students, parents, and faculty members and especially the SAS Puxi campus high school swim team and the Habitat for Humanity club who counterbalanced the carbon footprints for all of their trips. SAS Roots & Shoots plans to continue to work hard toward goals such as offsetting the carbon output of all flights in school trips, reducing our school's carbon footprint and making our school a greener place.

As one of our former members once said, Roots & Shoots is "saving the world, one cup at a time."

PHOTO: Roots and Shoots club members meet with Elizabeth Jenswold from the Shanghai Roots and Shoots organization who came to the Puxi campus to make a presentation applauding the club's efforts in raising enough money to plant 1000 Trees in Inner Mongolia and the forest which has been named after our school. With the students and Jenswold are high school Vice-Principal Ed Kidd (on extreme left) as well as faculty advisors for the club. **EAGLE** photo taken by Michael Sheehan.

MYG NYTE features Fear Factor, Hodge Podge, BBQ

By Cody Messick, Eagle Ambassador, Grade 6.

Woo hoo that was fun! fun! fun! The first MYG NYTE of the year was held on September 18 and was planned by the PTSA and Eagle Ambassador students. Most of the middle school was there, and experienced the "Fear Factor," dancing and sports.

The first activity was "Fear Factor." The group leaders assigned stickers to people on each team to do the activities. The people who did "Fear Factor" were under pressure as their group watched with anticipation and gross looks. The activities in "Fear Factor" were flag matching, capital



finding, food fright, orange pass, and so forth — or if you were not up for the challenge, you could be a spectator.

The dance and sports were the activities everyone was waiting for. People started crowding in the gym active and ready to go. At first, the two games you could play were soccer and basketball, and then people gathered together to play capture the flag.

After the BBQ, people filed into the gym to play floor hockey or to continue playing soccer, whilst others socialized with their friends in the dance being held in the Library Lecture Hall.

This awesome MYG NYTE event could not have happened without the teachers who helped chaperone the event and the PTSAS.

The next MYG NYTE will be held on Friday, October 30.

PUDONG CAMPUS

Pudong Campus to observe United Nations Day

The Pudong Campus of Shanghai American School will celebrate United Nations Day on Friday, October 23.

This is a very special day when representatives of countries from all over the world get together to share information on their beautiful country, people, culture, language, craft, traditions, food and so much more.

If you are as excited about sharing your home country with the SAS Pudong campus community as we are to learn about yours, join our representatives from China (including the regions of Hong and Taiwan), Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa, Scandinavian countries, United Kingdom and United States of America,

The objective of this event is to provide the students an opportunity to learn how people from diverse backgrounds can be part of one big community as they are at SAS.

VENUE: The UN Day event will be held in the HS Gym's Grand Hallway. It is located on the 2nd floor of the HS building.

TIME: The event will begin on October 23rd from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

More information has been posted at the Pudong PTSA Portal "teachers.saschina.org/pudongptsa" PAGES: UN Day.



Pinky Hsia and friends demonstrate the dress of the home countries at last year's UN Day.

Eagle Ambassadors lead opening MS assembly

By Jason Caruana,
MS Counselor, Pudong Campus



2009-2010

Eagle Ambassadors — First Semester

Grade 6: Min Sang Kim, Peter Huang, Linnea Bengtsson, Kyung Min Yoo, June Shin, Cody Messick, Jordan Moldenhauer, Trinidad Montero, Tiffany Xu, Isabelle Lao.

Grade 7: Karina Chhabra, Michelle Wen, Jenna Wang, Ariel Lee, Amanda Li, Ivor Huang.

Grade 8: India Atkin, Angela Shao, Belle Zhang, Ivory Loh, Cassandra Chumley.

On Wednesday, September 16, the Eagle Ambassadors organized and led the first middle school assembly of the year in the auditorium. With activities including student recognition for exemplary demonstration of EAGLES qualities, an audience participation activity combining math and drama, and a guest appearance by THE EAGLE, the assembly put smiles on the faces of audience members and was a great success for the Eagle Ambassadors.

The assembly was another step in the growth of our Eagle Ambassador program focusing on student leadership and keeping kids at the center of extra-curricular and co-curricular activity planning and execution. As Laura Cowan — who has spearheaded the development of the Eagle Ambassador program — says “I was very proud of how much work the students (and Angie Nall) put into preparing for the assembly. All of their efforts paid off as the assembly was a fantastic display of student leadership, and addresses one of

EAGLES directly — being Empowered.”

This year for the first semester we have 24 Eagle Ambassadors who have done a superb job of fulfilling their expanding role in our school community. “The Eagle Ambassadors never cease to amaze me with their enthusiasm and work ethic when it comes to promoting SAS and activities for their peers,” says Angie Nall, staff advisor for the program.

“They didn't hesitate to put in some 'overtime,' whether it was staying after school for a rehearsal or working on a script at home and e-mailing each other for feedback to ensure that what they put forward was their best effort. It was with pride that I watched their nervous energy turn into confident smiles on stage. They truly reflect our EAGLES!”

In the second semester, a new group of Ambassadors will take over the program. Thanks to the dedication of staff advisors Laura Cowan and Angie Nall, and the efforts of this semester's group, the middle school Eagle Ambassador's program on the East Campus of Shanghai American School will be in great shape for continued development and contributions to our school community.

PHOTO: Eagle Ambassadors Cody Messick (6), Amanda Li (7), and Jenna Wang (7) listen in to host Ariel Lee (7) while THE EAGLE looks on.

2009-2010 ACAMIS Chinese Talent Show is coming to Pudong!

High school IB Science students explain experiments to kindergarten kids

By Sue Goruk, HS Science Teacher, Pudong Campus

Grade 12 IB year 2 students (Pudong campus) were involved in their Group 4 project September 24 and 25.

The Group 4 project is a collaborative activity where students from the different sciences work together on a scientific or technological topic. The emphasis is on interdisciplinary collaboration and the process involved in scientific investigation, rather than the products of these investigations. This year's theme was "Using Science and Technology in some aspect of the 2010 World Expo – Better City, Better Life."

On the first day, the students worked in their groups, discussing, planning, performing and in some cases, building their ideas and/or experiments. They were also shadowed and helped by students from a local school, Shangde Experimental School Shangde School, which is applying for IB accreditation in the future and asked if 12 of their high school science students could come and watch the Group 4 process at our campus. We also benefited as it forced our students to explain their ideas and reasoning to students not involved in the pre-planning process. I also heard at the lunchtime break that the Shangde School boys played "not bad basketball."

Friday brought deadlines. All aspects of the students' projects had to be completed by 2:20pm because that was when "they were coming." "They" were Lorraine Chao's kindergarten class. Our students had to figure out some way of translating their results so that a five-year-old would understand and be interested.

Questions flew as they prepared: "Do you think they will understand that light is made up of colours?" Or, "How can we explain the importance of clean water?" And, "How do I explain a greenhouse gas?" Or, "How tall is a five-year-old?"

Groups of kindergarten students rotated through the different Group 4 projects: throwing trash in recycling bins, being a light wave and watching dirty water they had poured become clean.

At the end of the day, waving good bye to Chao's class, the IB 2 students hoped to have learned how to plan and collaborate with students from other science disciplines to achieve a product that all have contributed to and acquired a deeper appreciation of kindergarten teachers.

Parents are encouraged to check out library books

Parents are welcome to check out library books, magazines and DVDs from the libraries on the Pudong campus. The libraries are open to parents for material checkout. All parents are invited to utilize the libraries' world-class collections.

To check out materials all that is required is your SAS ID Badge.

The HS Library has many contemporary titles to match your reading tastes, and the elementary library is a great place to borrow books for your families reading pleasure.

Visit either library today!

—Mark Laske, HS Librarian, Pudong Campus

BELOW: Mery Montgomery (left), a Pudong campus parent, at the checkout desk with Lina Lek, a substitute teacher and also a parent at the Pudong campus.



ALUMNI ACTION

Madany gets through Basic and begins life at West Point

Nothing can prepare you fully for R-day. Or Beast Barracks. Or Plebe year. Either you learn to embrace The Suck and love it, or despise the weeks of field training that make Basic what it is. Keep the end in sight and the ultimate goal in mind.

Ironically, seven weeks of what some call hell were some of the most amazing weeks of my life. Comfortable? No. Enlightening? Yes.

Why? I cannot attribute my (relative) success during the summer to any one cause or area because successive layers of faith,

family, and school developed the values and traits that helped me through. Shanghai American School certainly prepared me because it gave me opportunities to lead, serve, and explore. Yes, these sound like cliché/leadership words often thrown around, but let me give you several examples of traits gained at SAS applied during my training:

Cooperation, from acting in shows = passing difficult obstacle courses with the squad.

Confidence and responsibility, from student council = handling



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College, University or Academy: United States Military Academy (West Point)
Activities while at SAS: National Honor Society, Drama, Student Council

loaded weapons on the firing line.

Perseverance, from those 80-minute long class periods = waking up at 0300 with my feet in an ocean of rainwater, poncho leaking and blanket soaked, uniform muddy, and legs sore with the thought, "I love this."

Warrior spirit, from rugby = being "developed" (hazed) standing "on the wall" by upperclassmen.

And yes, SAS did prepare me academically for West Point. Case-in-point: I'm pulling a 3.73, which is quite good for here, especially at the beginning of Plebe year.

Life at West Point as a Plebe is not easy. But the rewards are many: Self confidence, tight bonds with classmates, physical fitness, and last but not least, HEAVY WEAPONS!

Actually, the best thing about USMA is that I am working hard toward a very important goal, and the drive to become the best was fostered in part by Shanghai American School.

LEFT: Madany in dress whites on the banks of the Hudson river in New York.

Nico Nissl key contributor for Cornell Men's Soccer team

ITHACA, N.Y. Freshman Nico Nissl, a native of Shanghai, China, and a former student at the Shanghai American School, has been a key contributor early in the season for the Cornell University men's soccer team.

Cornell is off to a 3-3-1 start to the season after going just 1-15 during the 2008 year. Nissl has been a big reason for the team's turnaround, as he has started in six of the team's seven games and scored his first career goal against nationally ranked Monmouth on September 18.

Cornell plays in the NCAA Division I and is a member of the Ivy League, a group of eight elite academic and athletic institutions

in the northeastern part of the United States.

—Kevin Zeise,
 Assistant Director of
 Athletic
 Communications,
 Cornell University

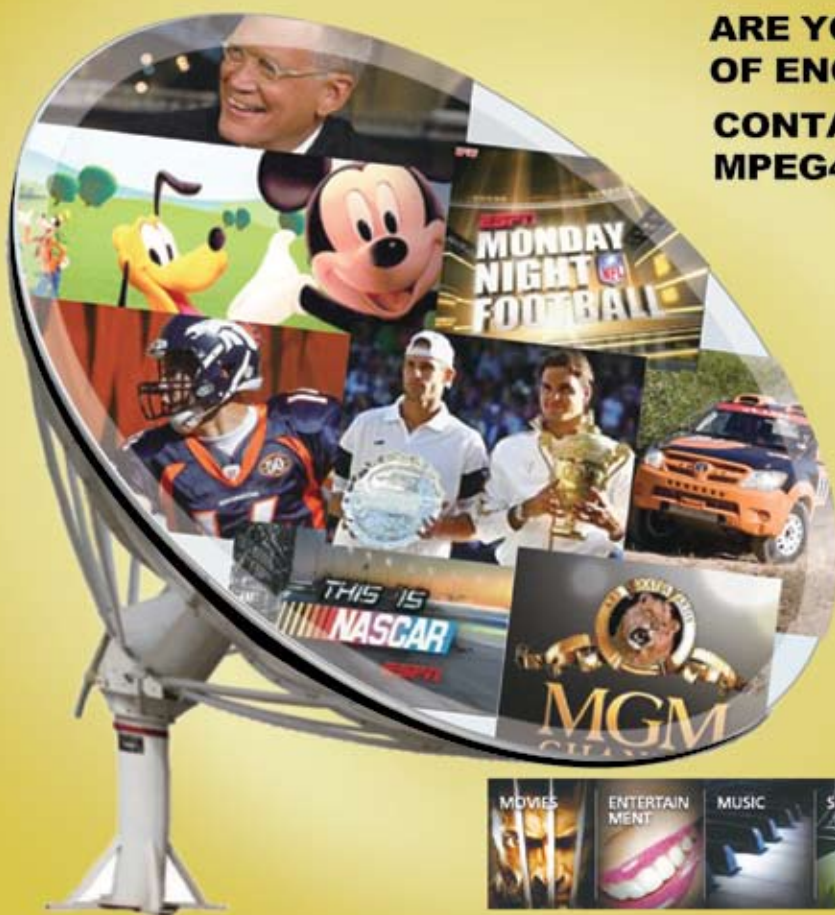
NAME: Nico Nissl
Graduation date: May, 2009
College, University or Academy: Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Activities while at SAS: National Honor Society, 3-time Athlete of the Year, Captain Varsity Rugby, Captain Varsity Soccer, Habitat For Humanity



LEFT: Nissl in action at Cornell; **RIGHT:** Nissl on the campus of Shanghai American School



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Tennis team prevails over Concordia

By Emily Li, G11 (Girls team captain) and David Huang, G12 (Boys team captain)

Last week's win over Concordia International School Shanghai (CISS) was huge for SAS. The boy's team defeated their opponents in a convincing fashion, winning six out of six matches. The girl's team rolled through the competition and came out on top in six out of eight matches.

After weeks of practice, the players were excited to finally play a team match against their local rival. The Saturday morning started off sunny and bright, a perfect day for a tennis match. As the temperature rose, so did the level of play as the Eagles fought hard for their victories. Due to limited court space, the boy's team played their match at the Ramada Hotel in Jin Qiao, while the girls played at the local courts a block away.

There were a total of four singles players, three doubles teams and one mixed doubles. On the boy's team, David Huang and Erik

Barns played singles, both earning themselves "bagels," 6-0 and 6-0. The doubles teams consisted of Jeff Lai with Levin Huang, Charlie Shin with Kenneth Zhou, and Frank Wu with Kevin Jou. These doubles pairs all showed wonderful teamwork on their way to earning strong victories.

On the girl's side, Emily Li and Joy Lai played singles. The doubles teams included Isabelle Lee with Jae-A Park, Katie Chang with Jordan Ji, and Lily Feng with Joy. Jessie Schroeder and Kevin Jou paired up together as the only mixed doubles team earning yet another victory for the SAS Pudong campus Eagles. The team's match against CISS ended in high spirits, starting the season with a solid win and confidence builder. Players and coaches are all anticipating their next match against our sister campus, Puxi, on the September 29.



FRONT (left to right): Emily Li, Jessie Schroeder, Jordan Ji, Katie Chang, Lily Feng, Jae A Park, Joy lai, Coach Cole; **BACK (left to right):** Coach MacIntyre, Frank Wu, Jeff Lai, Levin Huang, Charlie Shin, David Huang, Kevin Jou, Kenneth Zhou, Erik Barns.

Infinitem Sports is hosting a 2009 Run and Walk against Breast Cancer in Century Park October 31

Shanghai has the highest incidence of breast cancer in China. Therefore, Shanghai Infinitem Sports & Quality of Life Management Ltd. together with China Breast Cancer Foundation will hold a "Run for Charity" event in this October in Century Park. There will be 2 different items for different: 5KM Run & 4.3 KM Walk. All funds raised will be donate for China Breast Cancer Foundation for helping the needy to be cured. Lets run/walk for Mom, Sister, Wife, Girl Friend, Daughter etc. (*—City Weekend*)

When: October 31

Where: Century Park, Shanghai — 8am to 11am

Events:

- Women's Run: 5k
- Women's Health Walk: 4.3k
- Men's Run: 5k

Registration Fee: 50 RMB

If you'd like to participate or sponsor our participants send me an email and I will do a group registration as a Team. I think I'll need your passport numbers when the time comes. You have to pay through the bank so I will do a single transfer and you can pay me back.

—Amy Hossack, ES Teacher, Pudong Campus





Back Row: Christa Kuebel, Eddie Roche, Tom Claassen, Lawrence Wang, Zach Barrons, JunHa Lee, Justin Goldman, Kristina Anderson; **Front Row:** Julian Zhao, Kevin Xu, Kevin Wu, Jesse Liu

Puxi campus varsity and JV volleyball teams take China Cup

The SAS, Puxi campus, **varsity boys volleyball team** won the China Cup Tournament for the first time in school history. After a tough loss on the Friday night of the tournament to their arch rivals, International School of Beijing (ISB), the Eagles regrouped to top HKIS and SAS (Pudong campus) on Saturday, giving them a second chance to play ISB in the final match. A nail-biting championship game showed the fire and skill of the Eagles as they beat the ISB Dragons in four sets 19-25, 27-25, 25-19, 25-22. Next, their sights are set on a repeat APAC championship win at the end of October.

The JV boys volleyball team took out the China Cup Final on Sunday, September 20, in convincing style, beating ISB 25-17, 25-15, 25-14.

After wins over HKIS and Puxi JV2, the team dropped to ISB in straight sets before defeating HKIS in the semi-final. This gave the team an opportunity for a rematch with ISB and SAS came out attacking strongly.

Serving at 95% for the game and with clean passing to the setters, there was some exciting hitting. SAS took early leads in all sets and ISB were unable to peg these back.

Middles: Rocky Juan (senior and captain), Chris Ng (sophomore), Jason Tu (freshman)

Libero: Zhi Hern Lee (junior & vice-captain)

Setters: Kevin Huang (junior), Fabien Ma (freshman), Lawrence Yuan (freshman)

Powers: Jason Chow, Daryl Kim, Daniel Lee (all freshmen)

The team now has a 9-2 record and looks forward to continuing its season in the SISAC Varsity League.

The team was especially grateful to all the moms and dads who came to support — and to feed them.

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Puxi Campus students prepare for China Alive

OCTOBER 26-30, 2009



The Yunnan Explorer Trip: This trip is for the student who seeks diverse challenges. This trip incorporates artistic, cultural, physical, vocational and pleasurable experiences. It includes multiple modes of transportation that encourage original and personal perspectives as well as a greater understanding of the beauty and opportunities available in China's Yunnan Province. Specific experiences on this trip include an architectural tour, tie dying workshop with local crafts people, plein air painting (painting on location) in the mountains, a local college visit, traditional musical performance and participation, and a three-course tea ceremony. Transportation experiences include an overnight train, boat, cable car, horse, and bike ride in addition to some hiking. This trip includes Chinese Kung Fu training and visits to ancient Markets and the largest Buddhist temple on Jizhu Mountain!

Fujian Hakka Culture: Yongding County is considered as "the Capital of Fujian Earth Buildings," "Hakka Hometown." Fujian Earth Building is the World Cultural Heritage. Xiamen, the second largest city in Fujian province. It is the island of Gulangyu, however, that nowadays most attracts Westerners to this area of Fujian, with its hundreds of interesting and quietly crumbling colonial villas. We will visit Tianluokeng Tulou, Yuchanglou, Taxia Village, Chengqilou, Heguilou, Changjiao Ancient Village, Xiamen city and Gulangyu island.

Lijiang (Culture): This is one of the most popular options within the China Alive program. During five days, we will explore culturally diverse Yunnan province. We will learn about Naxi culture while visiting the ancient town of Lijiang, with its picturesque and traditional architecture, its beautiful streets filled with handicrafts shops. The Jade Dragon Snow Capped Mountain's landscape is breathtaking and dramatic. This trip will put you in close contact with the thousand-years-old traditions and cultures of our host country, China. Plus, you will have time for shopping!

Inner Mongolia (Culture): The most attractive about Inner Mongolia is its natural beauty. Vast grasslands,



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We will stay in the yurt to feel the lively atmosphere of the grassland life. We will go visit Mongolian Equestrianism School, Learning horse riding and watching wrestling competition, learning how to make Mongolian BBQ and also visit the desert having Camel ride and sand slide. Middle Autumn is the best season to visit.

Cycling-Sichuan: Sichuan is one of the largest province in China, and famous for it's spicy cuisine, Sichuan opera (face changing) and panda. In this trip we will explore all these amazing things on your bicycle seat. This is a highly physically demanding trip, we will ride about 40k to 50km/day of the journey and one day hiking.

Guizhou (Hiking, adventure): Do you want an adventure in Southeastern China? Guizhou province is one of the most wild, geographically diverse and least explored parts of China. We will hike mountain trails and river valleys, explore hot springs and camp out in tents. We will base our trip out of Xijiang, a Miao village in a remote part of Guizhou. We will meet families from the village and explore the concept of eco-tourism as you learn about the impact tourism has on this unspoiled wilderness.

Yangshuo: This trip is a medium level activity outdoor adventure trip that includes a mix of experiences including biking, climbing, rock climbing and much more. We will combine hiking through beautiful rice terraces in conjunction with experiencing team building activities. We will swim in cool streams and enjoy simple interesting village scenes. The picturesque scenes of limestone outcrops will be in the background as we explore a very famous and exciting area of China.

SPORTS ...

at Shanghai American School

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Upcoming High School Activities:

October 17: PTSA Fall BBQ and lots of HS Sports Action Shanghai

- SISAC Tennis Championships hosted by CISS
- Varsity Baseball Games @ home 11:00am and 1:30pm
- SISAC Table Tennis @ SAS Puxi – Time TBA
- Varsity Volleyball Action @ home vs. SAS Puxi, CISS, and DCS

October 19: SISAC Cross Country Championships

Hosted by SAS Pudong @ The Shanghai Links Golf Club; 4:30pm start. Awards presentation to follow races.

October 20: SISAC Volleyball

DII Boys and Girls Volleyball teams travel to YCIS PD; Games start at 4:30pm.

October 21-25: Season One APAC Sports Teams competing around Asia

- APAC Baseball to Brent International School, Manila
- APAC Tennis to Hong Kong International School
- APAC Cross Country to Guam
- APAC Volleyball to Western Academy of Beijing
- APAC Rugby to SAS Puxi

October 26, 27 and 29: Basketball Try-Outs

- Girls meet in the MS gym no later than 3:10pm
- Boys meet in the HS gym no later than 3:10pm

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Upcoming Events:

October 22-24: 1st Season APAC

- Rugby @ SAS PX;
- Tennis @ HKIS;
- Volleyball @ WAB;
- XC @ Guam;
- Baseball @ Brent

October 17: SISAC Table Tennis Championship @ SAS PX

October 22-24: High School Musical, *Mulan*.

October 26: Season Two of School-Wide Swim Team (SWST) and the Main HS Swim Season begins. For more information talk with the following people:

- George Carpouzis – Pudong Aquatics Director
- David Cole – SWST Coach and Aquatics Coordinator
- Mark McVean – Head HS Swim Coach

October 31: ISB / SAS Swimvitational

Hosted at SAS Puxi; more details TBA

October 31: SISAC Volleyball Championships @ CISS

DII/DII Boys and Girls. More details TBA.

Please check out our new activities blog <http://teachers.saschina.org/pdactivities/>

Welcome to Shanghai American School


This school year, almost 50 new faculty and staff members have joined the SAS community. Here is another recent addition to the SAS staff:



Tracy Yin

Tracy Yin is our new high school nurse on the Pudong campus. Prior to being appointed to this position, Tracy had been a part-time After-School Activities (ASA) nurse on the Pudong campus. Yin completed her Ph.D. in Research Methodology in Nursing and a Master's in Medical and Surgical Nursing from the University of Maryland. Before coming to Shanghai American School, she held teaching responsibilities at the Jiao Tong University (Shanghai), Xavier University and Miami University (both in Ohio). She also worked as a staff nurse at Huashan Hospital in Shanghai and Drake Center in Ohio.

UPCOMING EVENTS

 Pudong Campus

 Puxi Campus

OCTOBER

17 PTSA Fall BBQ

19-23 Love of Reading Week

22 Town Hall Meeting
7pm, Vizcaya Clubhouse

23 UN Day

26-30 IOWA TESTING

27 Board of Directors' Meeting

29 SAS Connect's
9am @ Vizcaya

30 ES Halloween Parade

NOVEMBER

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5-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences/
Student half days

12 Parent Book Club Meeting

PTSA ES Meeting

PTSA EXCO Meeting

HS Musical Performance

Parent Forum on School Finances
7pm, location TBA

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TUITION DUE DATE MOVED UP: Second semester begins immediately after the Winter Break. Invoices will be mailed to parents on September 29, 2009. Due date for payment is November 16, 2009 (not December 1, 2009 as in previous years). Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions, please contact our Financial Controller, Rosanna Lee at 6221-1445 ext. 2120 or email her at rosanna.lee@saschina.org.

CORRECTION: In the September 25 issue of *The EAGLE*, the story about teacher assistants incorrectly labels a class and grade in the blue sidebar on page 7. Cindy Harder's 1st grade class described their TA, not Amy Hossack's 3rd grade class. We regret the error and apologize for the confusion.

OCTOBER

20 ES passport re-check

21 MS Principal Coffee
10am, Library Media Center

Town Hall Meeting
7pm, Library Media Center

22 HS Grade 10 Parent Networking Coffee

High school musical, *Mulan*
7pm, Performing Arts Center

23 Booster Spirit Day

High school musical, *Mulan*
3:30pm, Performing Arts Center

22-24 APAC Rugby

24 High school musical, *Mulan*
7pm, Performing Arts Center

26-30 IOWA testing week

27 Board of Directors' Meeting
Pudong campus

28 ES Principal Coffee
9am

PTSA meeting

29 MS Counselor Parent Coffee
10am, Administration Conference Room (1st floor)

ES PK2 Assembly
8:20am, Performing Arts Center

30 ES Halloween Parade

MS Halloween Dance
3-8pm

NOVEMBER

4 ES Grade 4 Concert Performance

5 HS Principal Coffee
10am, Performing Arts Center

5-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences/
Student half days

9 Parent Forum on School Finances
7pm, Library Media Center

11 MS Principal Coffee

12 HS Grade 11 Parent Networking