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*Pudong Campus Venue: High School Library Garden Room, SAS Pudong Campus, Shanghai Executive Community, 1600 Ling Bai Road, San Jia Gang, Pudong, Shanghai 201201		
*Kerry Centre: Shanghai Kerry Centre, 32F, 1515 Nanjing Road West, Shanghai 200040		

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**COVER:** On Friday, August 27, middle schoolers on the Puxi campus convened an "all-nighter" that was full of exciting activities and experiences. All of this is chronicled by our Puxi Campus reporters, Brian Li and Kendrick Tan, both in grade 6, who tell the story on page 17 and following. **PHOTO (L-R):** Karrina Xie, Amelia Lau, Frances Chen, Louise Miao, and Brittany Wang in a line dance at the middle school overnighter. *EAGLE* cover photo by Venus Chanpradith.

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Kerry Jacobson

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**Wise Planning Takes All Of Us**

True wisdom comes from many people, many places, many perspectives.

Plenty of years ago, Confucius stated: "A man who does not plan long ahead will find trouble right at his door."



The wisdom of Confucius was affirmed by the well-known American humorist (and lasso trick artist) Will Rogers not so long ago: "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Both of these thoughts are inspirations to our SAS community as we begin the very important task of planning our own future. We have not undertaken a formal process for several years. The face and substance of Shanghai have been altered. Our world constantly evolves and our school keeps changing, too. The necessity of our engagement in this process is evident.

Our school board is setting the pace by encouraging all of us associated with SAS to become active. At our first meeting of the year, our Board set the tone by pledging the "committed support of every member to this process and its outcomes." Our board members are enthusiastic. Our outside facilitators (Steve Barone, Teresa Arpin, Susan Hintz) and our internal coordinator, Fred Rogers, are ready to go.

Excellent schools—world-class schools—plan. The future does not simply happen to these schools. They envision, then bring into being, the educational future they desire for students and their families. This kind of planning is not focused on today, or even the current school year. Its aim is to establish a vision for Shanghai American School's next generation of students. It is a self-less activity. At the same time, while the results of planning will influence the future, the exercise of planning also can have an immediate impact on the understanding and outlook of the planners. It is above all a community-building activity.

So, let's get at it. Soon, each of us will be invited to participate in a series of community gatherings, called "World Cafés," that will gather our input, our thoughts, our dreams about what SAS can be. We will revisit our mission and establish our vision. We will create our goals for the future and the measures we will use to determine our progress along with time frames and responsibilities. We plan to be ready for our 100th year.

We are at an important juncture in our school's history. Together, we can heed the advice of Confucius and Will Rogers and provide solid evidence supporting the old adage "All of us are smarter than any of us."

I'm looking forward to being part of these ideals.

Shanghai American School has a rolling admission process. If you know someone who is interested in becoming part of our Shanghai American School International Community, please send an e-mail to: [admission@saschina.org](mailto:admission@saschina.org).

**Next Issue:** Sept. 24  
**Deadline for content:** Tuesday, September 14

## Taking on the New Mindset List for 2010

By Andrew TORRIS, Deputy Superintendent, Pudong Campus

Students continue to teach me and despite my role now working primarily with the teachers and administrators at SAS, I still slide out into the hallways and classrooms to interface with the students a couple of times a week and it is a rare day when I don't hear, see or do something new and interesting during those times.

Recently I was drawn to the annual report published by Beloit College called "The Mindset List." Each August since 1998, Beloit College has released a list of topics and events that provide a look at the cultural touchstones that shape the lives of students entering college that particular fall. The creation of Beloit's Keefer Professor of the Humanities, Tom McBride, and former Public Affairs Director, Ron Nief, it was originally created as a reminder to faculty at Beloit to be aware of dated references, but it quickly became a catalog of the rapidly changing worldview of each new generation. This list, of course can be applied to our students as well, and in my opinion crosses national and cultural divides to give us all some perspective on what we as adults can learn from the students- our children.

I won't reproduce the entire list here, but I have picked a few

interesting markers that our children's worldview is different from the generations before them. For example, No. 7—"Caramel macchiato" and "venti half-caf vanilla latte" have always been street corner lingo" for our students. Noting the number of students in Starbucks as I stop for my traditional coffee as I arrive at the Puxi campus during my trips over to west side of the city, I suspect this lingo has firmly arrived in Shanghai, as it has in my hometown of Portland, Oregon.

Our students have grown up in a world in which DNA fingerprinting and maps of the human genome have always existed (No. 20) while Czechoslovakia has never existed (No. 32). No. 3 which urges America's youth to "Go West, Young College Grad" has always implied "and don't stop until you get to Asia ... and learn Chinese along the way!" No. 41: For our kids, "American companies have always done business in Vietnam."

Finally on the health and wellness front No. 33 reminds us that "Second-hand smoke has always been an official carcinogen" for these students.

Yes, it does seem the world has truly changed while we, the adults, have been minding our own business with our jobs and careers. We have been working, toiling and making money for our families and that occasional vacation and trip to an exotic place on the globe or just around the corner. The point of all this is that the kids in our classroom now are in some small part reminding me that the world, while so different is still very much the same. We have children who still need some reminders on the important perspectives of life and the unique challenges that we as adults and leaders of the world have created for them to learn through and with. Guidance, thoughtful engagement and critical thinking are not just alternative

learning activities for the students of today. It is now a critical life long set of skills that will continue to morph and change.

Nief and McBride remind us that this generation of learners "digital" and has always had cell phones to tell them the time; thus there is no need for a wristwatch. The America they know is one of soaring trade and budget deficits; Russia has presumably never aimed nukes at the United States and China has always posed an economic threat. The authors of the list remind us that our kids "come to school armed with Smartphones, on which making a phone call will be only one of many, many functions they will perform. They have been awash with a computerized technology that will not distinguish information and knowledge." Thus, the authors urge that it will be up to their professors or teachers to help them.

*Our students have grown up in a world in which DNA fingerprinting and maps of the human genome have always existed while Czechoslovakia has never existed.*

One of the concerns brought up by some people about the technology initiatives that SAS has moved forward in recent years is that we give the kids too much access. I contend that when teaching a generation of students who are accustomed to instant access, learning to deal with this massive amount of information will be required course content; and that this generation of students will (in the words of Nief and McBride) "need to acquire the patience of scholarship."

Our students will need to learn that on-line resources are just one place to learn. They will need to be taught (as they have for generations) that books and journals and magazines and newspapers will forever be rich sources of academic content. To ignore the paper-based resources is just as foolish and misguided as it is to ignore the digital resources. This generation of students will need to be taught that only the best and brightest of scholars use a balance of content for a balance of learning, and like the rest of their lives, a digital interface is no replacement for human contact and "real" human relationships and the application of innovative, creative collaboration.

Back in 1986, I worked very hard to get to know the 32 fifth graders in my first teaching job. In 2010, I see our teachers working very hard to get to know their students as well, using technology to enhance learning and communications; requiring a balanced approach to research, communications, collaboration; and thinking critically to gain that deep level of engagement in every lesson, every day.

If you are interested in the full Beloit list you can find it at: <http://www.beloit.edu/mindset/index.php>



# Welcome Back BBQ 2010

## Saturday, September 18

### 11am to 3pm!

Pudong campus

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# SHANGHAI AMERICAN SCHOOL



PTSA presents

# WELCOME BACK BBQ

## Saturday, September 18, 2010

### 11:00am – 3:00pm

## Pudong Campus

Come for food, fun, games and shopping!  
Return your ticket order forms this week!

See the PTSA blog for details  
<http://teachers.saschina.org/pudongptsa>

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The Pudong PTSA cordially invites the SAS Community to the annual Welcome Back BBQ, at the Pudong Campus, on Saturday, September 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come see returning friends and make new ones! Join your family and friends for a great day on the Pudong Campus!

Come for food, fun, games and shopping and please do not forget to bring your picnic blanket!

dent performances on the musical stage!

- Preview of the Middle School Musical Performance of BATS.
- Middle School Rock Band.
- Middle School Jazz Band.
- Performance by the High School Dance Troupe.
- Performance by Nafisah Khan, SAS High School Senior.
- Performance by High School Jazz Band: EXPO Dixieland Band Plus.
- And a special contest!

### Games & activities

There will be many games and activities for the entire family, games of chance and games of skills for each age.

- Enjoy and win fun prizes!
- Enjoy the so popular Bouncy Castle from Santa Fe Relocation Services!
- Join the balloon making and face painting organized by PureSmile.

- And please bring skateboards and helmets as Iconx will run a quarter pipe ramp for skateboarders. Two coaches from Iconx will also give skateboard lessons.

### Shopping

More vendors than ever: we will have between 50 to 70 different vendors for you to shop!

- Eagle shop!
- Returning favorites such as: Bean Bags Chairs (bean bags & gift ware), DTL Michelle (furniture outdoor), Jeshier (ladies shoes), Long Art (hand painted art), the artist Peasant Painter, Steffanies (gifts & toys).
- Food vendors selling bagel & cream cheese (Spread the bagel), brownies, cookies, pies & cakes (Sweet Bon-O-Mine), Coffee (Yomo).
- Elegant fashion with Chic Collection, shoes Jeshier, bags Lolaiba, Pilar's studio, Vo2Max or jewelry with Amelia market place, Gwen Atelier, Julia Zhu, 5th Avenue Jewelry.

### FOOD

Delicious meals provided by Café du Monde, New York City Deli and Pistolera.  
**Menus of the day!**

- Café du Monde: Choice of chicken strips, hot dog, cajun chicken wrap or veggie wrap, served with fruit and a cookie.
- New York City Deli: Choice of ribs or sandwich (ham, turkey or veggie), served with chips, coleslaw and a cookie.
- Pistolera: Choice of a beef burrito, chicken burrito or cheese and bean burrito, served with chips and salsa.

All refreshments, water, soft drinks and ice creams provided by Glaceau Vitamin Water and by Nestle (Nestle Pure Life, Dreyers, Perrier, San Pellegrino).

International tables provided by our European and Korean friends

### FUN

#### Performances & entertainment

This year, the SAS Community will provide most of the entertainment. Enjoy our stu-

- Houseware retailers with furniture, accessories or art (Chapin House, DTL, The Elm workshop, Mu Gallery), with decorative items to enhance your home (Christmas ornaments Simply Very, frames Shanghai Peles-meles, hand-made or hand-painted art, candles or lamps from China Whispers, Long Art or Shanghai Lamp, tablewares The Art of Living, Indian tunics Vedic Life), with kitchen & home products (Shanghai Yipin Trading).
- Children's services and goods including The Learning Tree (education & learning), the photograph Barefoot Portrait, Sunovo Trading (toys & children education) or Minis Group (toys & 3D puzzles).

This is a very short list of the great vendors that we have so far! **Please note that cash is required.**

#### Thanks to our generous Sponsors!

- You may take care of your wellness with Puresmile and win one of their special prizes! Puresmile will host their own raffle at the Puresmile booth. The Grand Prize is a free Orthodontic braces treatment for two years!
- Meet the Citibank's experts! You will have the chance to ask all your questions, sign up for new accounts or credit cards and take care of your investments!
- Meet the Buick's team! Learn everything about such a company or about your new car!
- Enjoy the so popular Bouncy Castle from Santa Fe Relocation Service! Santa Fe Relocation Services provides also all the tents!
- Organize your next holidays with Country Holidays! Country Holidays will host their own raffle at their booth. Win their fantastic cruise: 3-night downstream or 4-night upstream cruise for 2 persons onboard the Yangzi Explorer, the only 5-star cruise ship on the Yangtze!
- Relax with the famous SPA Dragon Fly! Dragon Fly will offer 5-minutes massages.
- Discover the latest high-tech electronics from Best Buy!
- Enjoy the delicious meals from Café du Monde, New York City Deli and Pistolera!

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# PTSA News

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## International food for the International Fair

The International Fair is back again this year. Be proud to present the delicacies of your country in the International Fair 2010. We would like parents to bring forward food from Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, USA, Vietnam, the Booster Grill and Bake



Sale. In addition, we would like a representative from each respective country. The more the merrier! Please contact Simmi Singh at 13918324375 or e-mail at [simmisingh\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:simmisingh_2000@yahoo.com).

## Parent Information Fair offers parents resources for living in Shanghai

By Marilyn SU, Vice-President, PTSA Puxi Campus

Twenty-seven vendors and our PTSA representatives, PTSA Chinese parent and Korean liaison groups, PTSA Eagle Store, Booster Club and SAS Admission and Marketing teams were on hand to give information and assist parents at our annual PTSA, Puxi Campus Parent Information Fair held at the Performing Arts Center, Puxi campus on August 25.

The fair was organized to give parents an overview of various services, activities, goods and programs, from sports to travels,



health, academics, extracurricular activities, community service, etc. that are available in Shanghai. Parents, teachers and administration staff came to speak with vendors, gather information or take pamphlets.

A martial arts performance staged by one of the vendors, proudly presented our very own elementary students who are currently taking traditional martial arts lessons in their studio. The martial arts teacher hailed from the traditional center of kung fu, Shaolin shi.

A newcomer to Shanghai is FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology). This organization, in collaboration with Parametric Technology Corporation, is bringing the FIRST Tech Challenge to Shanghai international schools this year. The program encourage students to combine science, technology, engineering and math subjects with hands-on learning, critical and creative thinking, business, presentation and teamwork skills.

Another technology-oriented program is offered by Children's Technology Workshop and they also offer holiday camps, photography, video game design for children aged 3-14. Looking for academic support for English essay writing, SAT preparation, Math and the Sciences? New Horizons organizes group tutorials and it is always good to know that they are willing to discuss classes that can meet your needs.

Mandarin is the common language used in China and not being able to communicate with your domestic helper or the shop keeper and drivers can be very frustrating. Representatives of Mandarin language schools were available to introduce their lesson plans.

For many new families settling in to a foreign land, choosing the right healthcare facilities are daunting tasks. Having a chance to speak directly with representatives of such facilities give our families an understanding of what is available here. We have many representatives of such organizations at the fair to help answer ques-

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## Pudong campus Parent Information Fair held in conjunction with first PTSA meeting

On Thursday, August 26, an estimated 150 people attended the Parent Information Fair on the Pudong Campus. Twenty-eight vendors were on hand to offer helpful information to the parents. Some of these vendors included Best Buy, Community Center, Shanghai Daily, Country Holidays, PureSmile, Bio Farm, Citibank, and Bark Shanghai

The Pudong campus of the PTSA organized a Parent Information Fair held in advance of the year's first PTSA meeting. New parents, as well as veterans visited vendors showcasing their services. There were practical choices like dentists, doctors, eye clinics and food delivery businesses. Smiling vendors also shared information regarding sports activities, dog grooming, banking and holiday travel. Complimentary cupcakes and cookies were a special treat for parents as they walked through the fair. The room was alive with the sounds of families eager to learn about options available to them here in Shanghai. Please enjoy photos to the right.

—Kim Crawford, Pudong campus parent

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tions and to introduce their services to the community.

Having the peace of mind of the right insurance coverage is important for many of us. The chance to speak with a representative of such an organization helps tremendously and we were happy to have this vendor with us at the fair.

Living healthy lives is a must anywhere in the world. Shanghai is no different. Shanghai Organics, as the name suggests, provides an avenue for the purchase of organic vegetables and they provide delivery service that makes vegetable shopping a phone call away. A fitness company was also on hand to help plan exercise programs to help us stay trim and healthy.

Questions about pets and their nutrition were taken care of by one of our vendors who have many years of experience in this business.

Scouting has been a tradition for more than 100 years and for the Boy Scouts of America, their values-based youth development program helps young people build character, develop personal fitness and imbued in them qualities of responsible citizens. Not to leave his little Cub out in the cold, big brother Dave, shared his table space with his little Cub, Ted, who serves as the Cub Master for Shanghai.

Community service plays an important role in teaching our children compassion and helping others that are less fortunate. Stepping Stones, a community service organization that runs English teaching programs in approximately 15 migrant schools in Shanghai can do with more volunteers and support from the community. Another such charitable organization at our Fair, Half the Sky Foundation provides funding and support to help orphans receive the best possible care and attention in a nurturing environment, giving them opportunities that will help them lead normal, healthy lives.

The Community Center of Shanghai/Interkom, connects international residents through social, educational and charitable programs to the people, culture and energy of China. The center offers a variety of resources, including professional counseling, charity programs and social connections for youth.

It was altogether a fun and meaningful day for all present and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all participants, visitors, volunteers, parents and crews that made this event possible.

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## SAS Puxi Campus 16th INTERNATIONAL FAIR

Saturday, October 16  
11am-4pm

Games, food, shopping, raffle prizes and great family fun!

### FAIR LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

- Open to all ES 4th graders
- Winning design will be used on the 2010 Fair T-Shirt and publicity material
- Submit designs to ES Art teachers

**DEADLINE:** Wednesday, September 15

**T-Shirt Design Coordinators:**  
Sherry Liang, Kim Sajan and Misook Yie. Contact: [hexys@yahoo.com](mailto:hexys@yahoo.com)

### Don't miss the Used Book Sale at the Fair! Book donations needed

Parents, Faculty and Students time to clean out those shelves! Please donate: Books, Board Games and Puzzles. Drop boxes located outside the Elementary, Middle and High School Offices.

Help support one of the best and most profitable Fair booths! Used Book Fair Coordinator: Heather Hein, [jhkehein@gmail.com](mailto:jhkehein@gmail.com).

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD BAKE SALE, see page 6.

International Fair/PTSA Contact person: Maria Tree at [shanghaiptsa@gmail.com](mailto:shanghaiptsa@gmail.com)

### WELCOME BACK BBQ from page 4

- Devour the famous Krispy Kreme Doughnuts!
- Refreshments by Glaceau Vitamin Water and by Nestle! With all your favorites.

This is a very short list of the great items offered by our sponsors!

#### PROGRAM AND INFORMATION

The schedule of the events, the orientation map and all the information on the BBQ day will be presented in the program given to each participant on the BBQ day. More information will be posted on the Pudong PTSA blog at <http://teachers.saschina.org/pudongptsa>.

#### TICKETS

The BBQ is the biggest event sponsored by the Pudong PTSA during the school year and the most important from a fund-raising perspective. Please note that pre-purchased tickets are required. Over 1,200 people are expected so we encourage you to buy your tickets now!

- "Food" tickets can be used for any menu choice from any of the vendors Café du Monde, New York City Deli or Pistorera. You may purchase adult "Food" tickets (adult and MS/HS children) at 100 RMB and child "Food" tickets (5th grade or younger) at 75 RMB.
- "Star" game tickets can be used for games, extra meal or extra drinks. Each "Food" ticket will have a free "Star" game ticket for a drink. You may purchase a block of 10 "Star" game tickets for 100 RMB.
- Tickets can be purchased in advance until September 15, with the ticket pre-order envelopes sent home on August 20 with your youngest/one child. If you already pre-ordered before September 8, you will receive 5 extra tickets for each block of "Star" game tickets. These ticket orders will be held at school for you to pick up at the front gate on Saturday, September 18.
- Tickets can also be purchased at the front gate on Saturday, September 18. Please note that cash is required.



Send in your ticket order soon and join your family and friends for a great day at the Welcome Back BBQ! Please send your questions regarding tickets to [emilie.pan@gmail.com](mailto:emilie.pan@gmail.com) or to [mckenziemsc@aol.com](mailto:mckenziemsc@aol.com).

**TRANSPORTATION:** Buses will be provided by YEAP and SAS. The shuttle bus schedule will be posted soon with the different times, from/returning to each compound.

#### VOLUNTEERS

We always need volunteers, so if you are interested in helping, please contact [monica\\_omara@yahoo.com](mailto:monica_omara@yahoo.com).

The BBQ is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends! Please join us for a fantastic day for the whole family, with food, fun, games and shopping! We are looking forward to welcoming you at the Welcome Back BBQ! Saturday, September 18!

—For the PTSA BBQ Committee.



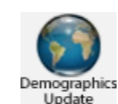
Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year and whether you are a new or returning family, you have no doubt used PowerSchool our Information Management System within SAS.

SAS's main communication tool, PowerSchool's Parent Portal allows access by all parents, to help you locate information from the school about your child(ren). Last

school year, SAS rolled out the Parent Portal and in March moved the re-enrollment process there, as well as a new way to update your demographics information on an as needed basis.

The following are the initiatives set in motion to continue to make the PowerSchool—Parent Portal the main communication channel.

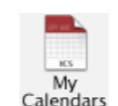
You can log into PowerSchool either through our Web site, [www.saschina.org](http://www.saschina.org) and then go to the PowerSchool tab and you can log in, or you can go directly to <http://powerschool.saschina.org>.



#### Demographics:Address changes and Emergency Contact information:

It is essential that we know this information and it's kept current as it is imperative that we are able to communicate important information to you and reach you easily in case of an emergency.

#### In our continued effort to GO-GREEN:



**Electronic Calendar:** iCal is your personal information calendar of all the activities, meetings and events at SAS. This useful tool is available on the Parent and Student Portals. Sign in NOW to check it out.



**Online Directory:** School-wide community directory currently in it's soft rollout phase, which gives you the option on the Demographics Update (upper left hand

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corner) Include in Online Directory; to opt in, click the check all box, you will see that all the boxes are checked then if you do not want certain information shown, unclick those boxes. Then click submit at the bottom of the form.

On October 11, 2010, we will open up the online directory to view address and phone numbers of all of our SAS families. Those of you who have already chosen to opt in will not need to update your information. Those of you who have not selected to opt in, all information will be shown unless you go to your Demographics and select information you want displayed. On October 11 those of you who have not gone into the demographics, all information will be shown. It's important for you to review your demographics prior to the rollout date and decide what you want all parents to view and note the Terms and Conditions of the Online Directory too.

If you have questions about the Parent Portal, contact the PowerSchool Administrators:

**Arlette Pimentel, PowerSchool Administrator:**  
Pudong Campus; 6221-1445 Ext. 3758

**Tim Chan, PowerSchool Administrator:**  
Puxi Campus; 6221-1445 Ext. 2528

Parents needing their username and passwords contact your child(ren)'s Divisional Secretaries:

#### For Pudong Campus:

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# Counselors' Corner

September's Theme: Friendship

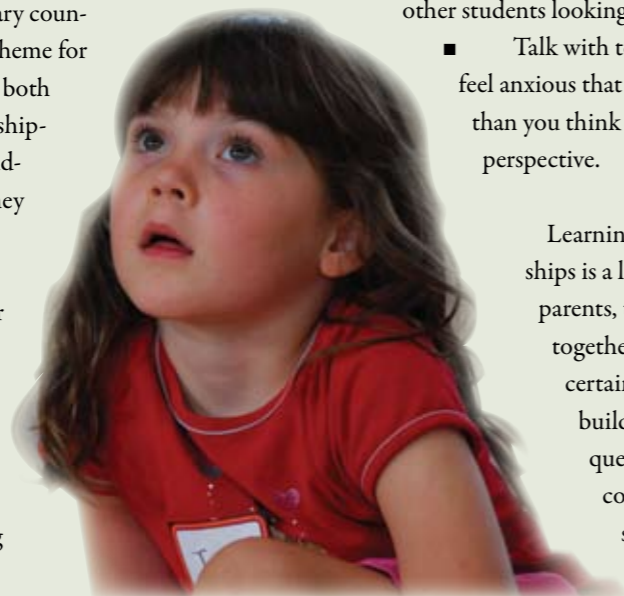
## Help your child build strong friendships

Parents know how incredibly vital healthy friendships are to a child's happiness and well-being. What they may not realize is that these relationships need to be in place before a child can give their full concentration to the academic challenges that they face each day in school.

It is for this reason, that the elementary counselors chose Friendship as the guidance theme for September. All elementary counselors in both Pudong and Puxi will be teaching friendship-making skills during their September guidance lessons. This will help students as they rekindle old friendships and build new ones.

But what can parents do to help their children build strong friendships? Try the following suggestions.

- Model how to be a good friend by sharing, listening to others ideas, taking turns, speaking kindly, and talking with others respectfully when they hurt your feelings.
- Arrange play dates for your child if they are younger and help them arrange play dates if they are in grades 3-5.
- Read books about how people make friends and how friends work through issues together.
- Speak to your child often about what it means to be a good friend.
- Ask questions about your child's social life such as what did you play at recess today? Who did you play with? Then be prepared to listen without being critical of your child's actions.
- Remind the child of previous successful friend making experiences.
- Give children time and space for unstructured play so they can practice the skills necessary to make and sustain friendships: communication, problem-solving, cooperation, and negotiation.
- Help prepare your child by showing them that you believe in them and help them identify their own strengths as a friend – i.e.



- funny, , kind, creative, or generous
- Help your child to understand that there isn't a perfect friend.
- Stay calm and be a support for your child when they struggle. Do not pick up on your child's anxiety. Normalize feelings that making new friends can be challenging. Remind them that there are other students looking for friends right now.
- Talk with teacher or counselor if you start to feel anxious that your child is having more difficulties than you think are typical; they can provide another perspective.

Learning how to make and sustain friendships is a lifelong process. However, with parents, teachers, and counselors working together to support our students, it is certain that, over time, they will learn to build strong friendships. If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor.

### Resources:

- <http://familyfun.go.com/playtime/helping-kids-make-friends-701344/2/>
- [http://www.education.com/magazine/article/Helping\\_Children\\_Make\\_Friends/](http://www.education.com/magazine/article/Helping_Children_Make_Friends/)
- <http://life.familyeducation.com/friendships/parenting/36480.html>

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## SAS READS! "Get Caught Reading Day" coming soon!

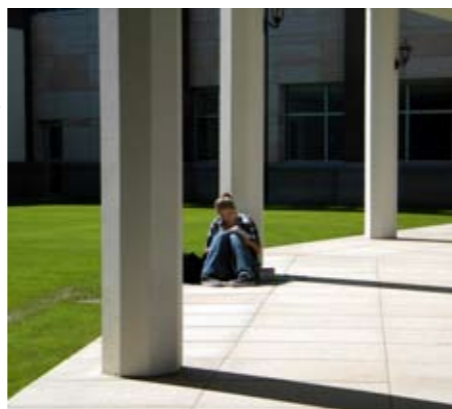
The SAS Libraries are happy to announce the next "SAS READS! GET CAUGHT READING DAY" Wednesday, September 29 from 9-9:15 am.

This wonderful event is a time when everyone drops everything, and reads! Joseph Addison once wisely said, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Everyone on both campuses, all divisions, administration, cafeteria workers, bus monitors, gardeners, maybe even the birds and the bees, will be reading

something for 15 minutes.

Parents can join us from their homes or offices. Try it! SAS honors reading and appreciates every opportunity to take time to read. Please join us on September 29 wherever you are.

—Rosemary Kinyanjui for SAS Libraries



September 10, 2010

## Pudong Campus: Middle school counselor coffee mornings

By Laura COWAN and Timber MONTIETH, MS Counselors, Pudong Campus

We look forward to meeting and working with you this school year as we help provide a balanced, nurturing, and supportive environment in which your children will thrive and learn.

We feel that it's vitally important not only that we get to know your children, but also that we get to know you too. It is with this in mind that we invite you to attend our Counselor Coffee Mornings which will be held four times throughout the upcoming school year.

The first coffee morning will take place on **Thursday September 16** from 9:30am-11:30am and will be held at the Mexican restaurant 'Pistolera' which can be found at the following address; Lane777 Biyun Lu Jin Qiao.

We will run two presentations that morning; the first is entitled 'The Middle School Years' AKA 'The Emotional Rollercoaster.' This presentation looks at many of the different changes that occur to your children as they go through grades 6-8, whilst providing some suggestions, advice and top tips.

The second presentation provides information and data gathered from the Search Institute Developmental Assets survey that our students completed last year. This survey focuses on the social and mental/emotional well being of our student body. The results show how the school, peer, and parent community all play a vital and integral role in helping develop healthy, happy, confident and capable students.

It is our aim to provide you with informative, authentic, up-to-date, interesting and useful information, to have an open dialogue about how we can best offer support and advice, and to ensure that we cover topics that you feel are relevant and pertinent to you.

Save the following dates for our future coffee mornings;

Thursday, November 25; Thursday, February 17; and Thursday, April 21.

We look forward to seeing you on September 16.

**Pudong Campus: Middle school counselor book club**

We cordially invite you to join our Pudong Middle School Counselor Book Club.

The book we have chosen to study this year has won the National Parenting Center Seal of Approval and was also the Winner of the Parents' Choice Recommended Award & NAPPA Gold/Honors award.

*Raising Children Who Think for Themselves* (by Dr.

Elisa Medhus, M.D.) offers a new approach to parenting that has the power to reverse the trend of external direction in our children and help parents bring up empathetic, self-confident, moral, independent thinkers. Filled with real-life examples, humorous anecdotes, and countless interviews with parents, children, and teachers,

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"Rich stories and examples from her own parenting experiences and those of her patients make Medhus's book a comprehensive guide for teaching our children to become honest, intuitive, and independent thinkers, using not only their heads but their hearts." —Jeanne Elium, co-author of *Raising a Son and Raising a Daughter*"

### When do we meet?

Thursday afternoons from 12:30-2:15pm in the Grade 6 commons area on the following dates: September 23, October 21, November 25, December 9, January 20, February 24, March 31, April 28, and May 26.

We have 20 copies of the book available to purchase on a first come first served basis. If you would like a copy please send an e-mail to [laura.cowan@saschina.org](mailto:laura.cowan@saschina.org). We look forward to having you join us.

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

## Teachers compete in Big Sky Games

By Timothy MERRILL, Editor, *The Eagle*

SAS Pudong campus teachers Michele and Jon Wrzesinski and their two children Cleet (G7) and Wrenzi (G5) enjoyed a summer holiday weekend in their home state of Montana competing in the Big Sky State Games.

The Big Sky State Games feature the sports of the Olympic and Pan American Games as well as a few local favorites. The Games attract participants of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels, bringing out former and future Olympians as well as athletes for whom the State Games are a real career highlight. The Wrzesinskis competed in Track and Field where they took home 13 medals and an invitation to compete in the State Games of America.

Jon and Michele, both former collegiate

athletes, feel that as PE professionals they should model a healthy, active, lifestyle and competing in Track and Field gives them an avenue to do just that while getting a chance to still compete at a certain level and enjoy training with their children.

Michele celebrated her 40th birthday by setting records in the 100 hurdles, 100m, 300 hurdles, 200m, and the 60m dash. Jon took home golds in the pole vault, shot put, and discus. Cleet won the 100 hurdles, 200m hurdles, and placed fourth in the triple jump, and third in the 400m. Wrenzi jumped to a gold in the triple jump, and placed second in the 400, fourth in the 200 and 60m.

For complete results: [www.bigskygames.org](http://www.bigskygames.org).



## AP biology students begin series of required lab work

By Timothy BOYER, HS AP Biology Teacher, Pudong Campus



The AP Biology students at the Pudong campus have started their race to the finish by diving into the required lab work. Students have 12 required lab exercise to complete before they take their AP Exam in May. The labs run from sub-cellular work, looking at diffusion and osmosis, to large scale labs that focus on Animal Behavior. Along the way students will gain important experience in the areas of cell respiration, molecular biology, population genetics, and circulatory system physiology. The pictures today show students working to complete their onion cell diffusion observation as well as beginning their look at the motion of molecules through membranes.



EAGLE photos by Timothy Merrill

## Student Mac rollouts met with excitement and anticipation

By Amanda DeCARDY, Technology Resource Facilitator, Pudong Campus

Macbook rollouts have been met with a heightened sense of eagerness and anticipation this year. The new students were the lucky ones in grades 8-11. They received their new Macbooks during New Student Orientation before school even started. Over the past several weeks, students in grades 6 and 7 also received their Macbooks during the "Meet Your Mac"

school calendar during the Macbook Rollout session. Later in the week, students subscribed to all of their teacher's iCals as well which gives them up-to-date information about upcoming projects, quizzes and tests right on their own computer. This was very useful to students after the Typhoon Day last week as students were



immediately notified through their iCal what the new schedule would be on returning to school.

One of the major fears to parents new to One to One Laptop Programs is breakage and loss of a computer by students. Last year numbers proved that breakage due to student carelessness and student mishandling was extremely low. Out of over 1500 Macbooks distributed to students, administrators and teachers on both campuses, fewer than 20 computers were subject to physical

damage not covered by AppleCare. Teachers take time to educate their students about how to take care of their Mac while at school and home. We appreciate parent support around care and use of the Macbook while at home. Take the time to set the boundaries with your child early on this school year. Openly discuss when they can use the computer at home, where they can use the computer at home, and what they can install on their computer.

sessions at school in the evenings and during the school day. It wasn't as easy as simply giving the students their computers and giving them "good luck" wishes as they bounced merrily away. Students and parents attended sessions on both campuses where we discussed the Acceptable Use Practices and provided tips and tricks for Macbook use at school and home. Some tips were silly; "Don't use

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your Macbook in the bathroom!" There is a reason we had to say this out loud! Most tips were serious; if your parents approve of you playing games on your Mac, keep them on an external hard drive so that you aren't tempted to play them at school. More tips and tricks will be given throughout the school year at PTSA meetings and special parent education sessions on both campuses.

In Pudong, parents in the middle school were immediately able to see the benefits of iCal as students subscribed to the middle

school calendar during the Macbook Rollout session. Later in the week, students subscribed to all of their teacher's iCals as well which gives them up-to-date information about upcoming projects, quizzes and tests right on their own computer. This was very useful to students after the Typhoon Day last week as students were immediately notified through their iCal what the new schedule would be on returning to school.

If you have questions, please contact the Technology Resource Facilitators.



### PUXI CAMPUS MacBook Rollouts:

**Grade 7 Roll-Out**—Wednesday, August 18  
160 students, accompanied by at least one parent, sat in on a presentation with principal Brad Latzke. After signing AUP forms, students received their laptop and all accompanying gear. Laptops are now theirs to take home on a nightly basis.

**Grade 6 Roll-Out**—Tuesday, August 31, 6pm  
144 students, accompanied by at least one parent, sat in on a presentation with principal Brad Latzke. After signing AUP forms, students received their laptop to be stored at school for the first 60 days or so. Laptops are assigned to the individual student but belong to the school.



EAGLE photos by Leah Garcia

# A Trip to Shandong

By Erin ZHANG, G6, Pudong Campus



Author, Erin Zhang in front of the school.

## A Chinese-American girl visits the home of her Chinese father and gets an education

Like many of my friends at SAS, I was born in the USA but my parents were born and raised in China. Based on what my dad told me, it seems that China was a very different country when he grew up. What surprises me the most is that many people including my dad did not even have enough food to eat at that time. In addition, the school did not have enough chairs for the students and my dad had to bring his own chair for the first two years in elementary school. He always suggested that I should visit one of the schools in his hometown so that I may appreciate how lucky I am to be at SAS. Finally, the day of such a visit came this summer.

I went to my dad's hometown Laoling, Shandong, with my dad this June. Laoling is a small city in northwestern Shandong, close to Hebei province. It is a totally different place than what I have seen in China for the past two years. Besides people, you see more animals on the street or in the field—not the animals that we see in Shanghai. They are livestock, such as horse, donkey, sheep, pig, and cow.

We went to a school in a rural area about 30 minutes drive from my uncle's house. The road was really bumpy and some sections were narrow too. We passed a lot of villages, restaurants and shops. I saw lots of people riding their bikes or motorcycles, many of them with their back naked. I also saw tractors with haystacks mounting wide and high on it, like a moving mushroom from faraway. When it approached us, we had to stop our car on the roadside to avoid crashing into it. Because the road was bumpy and the car had to stop and go, I almost threw up when we got to the school.

My dad told me that it was a poor school. When we got there I noticed the school wasn't that poor. The school was just like some local schools we see everyday on our way to SAS, but a little bigger. If you compare it to SAS then that is very basic. When I entered from the school gate, I saw a basketball court and a playground. I thought, at least they have a playground to play in. The school had a small library and I was told that you could only borrow one book. However, the school doesn't have a computer lab and the children have to squish in one classroom with at least 50 kids!

## SAS Students in the NEWS!

### 7th Annual Young Ballet Stars Award in Hong Kong

By May LEE, Pudong campus parent

Four SAS students were recognized for their outstanding performance recently at the prestigious Annual Young Ballet dancing competition in Hong Kong on August 29. I was in attendance with my daughter, Goa Zhu (G8), and watched her perform as well as the other SAS students.

Although they won the Bronze medal in Group Dance, it should be noted that they really won first place as the position for Gold and Silver were left empty, thus making them the best in their group competition. For the full story go to: <http://www.hkbg.org/2005>.

After months of practise, hours of fatigue, bleeding and swollen toes, their effort earned top marks. Their energy and dedication merits this recognition, but also reflects upon the values of hard work and dedication they learn at school. It is also the school's honor as well that they earned this award.

I am most certain that the entire SAS community of school friends, teachers and parents will welcome and commend the effort of all the SAS students involved. They are Goa Zhu (G8) from Pudong campus, Min Young Lee (G8) and Bianca Ho (G11) from the Puxi campus, who represented the Jin Bao Long Ballet Studio. Also student Julia Lee (G7) from the Puxi campus received the Bronze prize at Group 3 Solo. She is the younger sister of Ming Young Lee.



## Friends of Jane Gala

Please join Shanghai Roots & Shoots for a special rendezvous to pay tribute to world-renowned primatologist, founder of Roots & Shoots and guest of honor of the evening, Dr. Jane Goodall.

This year will mark Dr. Goodall's fifty-year milestone since the start of her critical chimpanzee behavior research in Tanzania. Her work in the field profoundly challenged mainstream ideas of what it is to be human, and continues to inspire further research and global conservation efforts of wildlife species and habitats today.

To commemorate Dr. Goodall's fifty years of giving, Shanghai Roots & Shoots will donate the proceeds of this gala towards a 20,000-tree Friends of Jane forest that will be planted in Inner Mongolia through the Million Tree Project.

This event will take place at the JW Marriott Hotel and will be filled with breathtaking views of Shanghai's cityscape, live classical music and entertainment and a fine dining menu. In addition, we will hold a spectacular charity auction that will feature luxury items such as a custom-tailored Ermenegildo Zegna suit and a two-night stay in the Marriott's Executive Suite.

We hope you will join us on this momentous evening in celebration of Dr. Goodall's fifty years of outstanding advocacy work for the environment and humanity.

**Reservation:**  
1000 RMB per seat, 1200 RMB per seat after August 31.  
Each table seats 10 people  
For more information about the gala or ticket sales, please contact Whitney Yang:  
events@jgsi-shanghai.org  
(021) 6352.3580

Date: Sunday, September 26, 2010  
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### Quick facts about Dr Kevin Chan (Specialist in Orthodontics)

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- Advanced Orthodontics Residency, University of Rochester, New York, USA



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## 6th graders spend the night at school



By Brian LI and Kendrick TAN (G6)

EAGLE photos by Venus Chanpradith

Being locked in a school crammed with wild noisy 6th graders was not a pleasant experience for the teachers, but the sixth-graders certainly had a crazy, and fun experience! On Friday, August 27, sixth grade students brought their sleeping bags to school and prepared for the sixth grade overnighter, where all the students in grade 6 got to spend a night in the school.

The Overnighter is an event that has been a tradition for 6th graders since 1999. "The purpose of this event is for the

teachers and students to get to know each other better early in the year," 6th grade social studies teacher Nancy Bell explained.

At 3:15pm, study hall began for the students. When it ended at 4:15pm, the students went to the elementary school cafeteria to begin the first event of the Overnighter—a large group activity that all the sixth grade students did together. At around 5:30pm, all the students had dinner and went off to participate in small group activities. The main coordinator of

the group activities was Craig Tafel, a sixth grade science teacher

The small group activities students were divided into six groups. The group activities included basketball/volleyball, continuous cricket, table tennis, dodge ball, musical chairs, and charades. Paul Andersen, science teacher, helped out in the basketball/volleyball. In this activity, the students played basketball and volleyball with their friends. Bell, and Philip Kittow-

—See **OVERNIGHTER** on page 24



# It was the night before teaching...



By Kimbra **POWER**, G5 Teacher, Pudong Campus

I lay awake expectantly counting down the hours  
I think ahead of conversations, schedules and fresh flowers.  
I plan, I meet, I straighten chairs,  
Design a parent letter  
I fill out forms, arrange the desks, and plan to do things better

I organize, I delegate, I see the week ahead  
Feel half way through the quarter even though I'm still in bed  
Should I get up, review the files, match faces to the names  
Or try and get a bit of sleep and plan to just play games

You know the kind, 'now find a friend and get to know each other'  
Have you a pet, a fun nickname, a sister or a brother?  
Where d'you go on holidays, what was your favorite place?  
Did you catch up with family; or run a summer race?

No that won't do, I can do more to make them feel less nervous  
To just play games the first day back is doing a disservice

I want to tell them that I know how worried they may feel  
That teachers too are dwelling over what they may reveal  
On entering through the classroom door to start a brand new year,  
the stomach tight, hands all a'sweat, head shifting into gear

"I hope they like me, think I'm fun and listen in my lessons"  
I want to appear fair but firm but is that a confession?  
...That teachers are just human too and all want to be seen  
As friendly, kind and thoughtful, never nasty, rude or mean.

I want my kids to understand I'd really like to know 'em  
I know, I think I'll get up now and try to write a poem!

## Tutoring club offers help to ES students

The Elementary Tutoring Club is offering tutors to elementary students in need of help! If interested, please contact Katrina Yeh (katrina\_yeh@hotmail.com) or Stephanie Sun (stephanicyansun@gmail.com) and provide the following information:

- Child's full name
- Child's grade and teacher's name
- Day of the week available for tutoring
- Parent's Name
- Parent's contact number

—Stephanie Sun, Elementary Tutoring Club, Puxi Campus

## Our youngest students celebrate learning!

Parents and families of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and Grades 1 and 2 are invited to join the assemblies. Each assembly is hosted by a 2nd grade class, and includes performances and recognition of students demonstrating our EAGLES qualities.

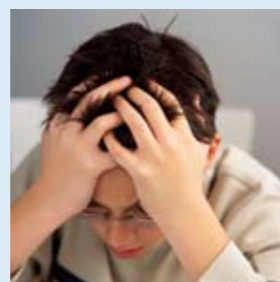
The assemblies take place in the Performance Arts Center (PAC). Teachers will inform you when your class is performing, but we hope you can join us for all the assemblies!

The dates for the first semester are:  
September 24 (E mpowered); October 22 (A daptable); December 3 (G lobal-minded).  
—PK-2 Assembly committee



# Tutors needed!

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Every year after report cards, the counseling offices receive numerous calls asking for extra help for their children. While we always have a few names on hand, the supply never meets the demand.

- Do you have experience helping kids in a special subject area?
- Have you taught in the past but are not teaching now?

### Subject areas:

- English (reading, comprehension, writing)
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Foreign Languages (Mandarin, French, Spanish, Swedish)
- Music (piano, strings, wind, and percussion instruments)

### If you are interested in tutoring please contact:

Cherry Yu  
Puxi Elementary School Office  
Email: [Cherry.yu@saschina.org](mailto:Cherry.yu@saschina.org)  
Fax: 6221-2326

**Please note:** SAS only refers tutors who have applied to the school. SAS does not negotiate rates or take responsibility for the tutor. You must provide a copy of your CV. The responsibility of evaluating the tutor and negotiating rates is strictly the parents.'

## Attention middle school actors!

The Middle school play scheduled for performances Nov 18-20 is now calling actors to sign up for this afterschool activity. There are numerous parts available in the play, and we are looking for enthusiastic students to take part.

The play is called, *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations* by Alan Ayckbourn and it is a story about a young boy whose imaginations come real. Young Ernie has been worrying his parents with his "illucinations" and so they take him to the doctor where he recounts stories of soldiers invading his home, his old auntie becoming a boxing champion, his dad rescuing a famous mountaineer in trouble, and much more. The doctor does not believe them, and so Ernie imagines something there and then much to the doctor's surprise and with astonishing results.

Rehearsals will run from 3:15 to 4:15 from October 11 to the end of October, and then 3:15 to 5:45pm in November until the performance on November 18. Come out and join the middle school play. It will be awesome!

—Juanita "Jay" McGarrigle, MS Music, Art, Drama, Puxi campus

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# Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

A Play by Alan Ayckbourn

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**FRIDAY**  
Nov 19th 3:30pm

**SATURDAY**  
Nov 20th 1:00pm

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Shanghai American School Performing Arts Center Puxi Campus, 358 Jia Fang Road, Huacao Town, Minhang District

## Legendary dancer Lin Xing, in person at the Puxi campus Performing Arts Center

*Shanghai Beauty*, coming September 17, 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center; Tickets can be purchased on the Puxi Campus at the three school offices and the PAC box office. For more details visit the PAC blog: <http://teachers.saschina.org/pac/>

## PUXI CAMPUS: September swimming

By Jon **BIROS**, Aquatics Director, Puxi Campus

Swimming at the Puxi Campus Athletic Center has splashed into action. Smiling students fill the warm sparkling water as happy voices fill the air. Grade 1, Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten students are in for swimming lessons until October break. They'll return in the spring for their American Red Cross swim unit. PE 3 Life Guarding has also started with five high school students certifying as Life Guards through the American Red Cross.

Back on deck in his fifth year as Swim Instructor and Coach of the 13-14-year-olds is Andy Jin. Returning for her fourth year is Swim Instructor and Coach of the 9-10-year-olds is Olesya Boyko. In his second year is Aquatic Teacher and Coach of the high school team, Corry Day. In his 1st year is Assistant Swim Instructor, Lifeguard and



Coach of the ES and MS Red team, Tony Cao. In his second year is Lifeguard and Pool Custodian, Mr. Ji. Covering for Michael Yu until October is Swim Instructor and 8-Under coach Tanya Keller. Returning to the coaching team is Maria Velasco working with the 11-12-year-olds and new addition Tessa Alden also with the 11-12-year olds. And there is me, Jon Birós, now in my sixth year as Aquatics Director, Swim Teacher, and overall Head Coach.

Swim Team tryouts have ended and the team is set for this 1st semester. The coaches thank all the students who tried out and we congratulate the swimmers that made one of the five age group teams that make up the Puxi Campus Aqua Eagles. Our first meet is the SAS Intra School Meet @ SAS Pudong on September 18 from 8am to 2 pm.

**SWIM CLUB:** If you are looking for extra coaching and practice time at SAS you can join the SAS Puxi Swim Club which will run on 12 Wednesdays and seven Saturdays from September 15 until December 2010. ES swimmers can sign up for an hour each of the days and MS & HS swimmers can sign up for one or two hours of training. Choose just Wednesdays 5-7pm or Saturdays 9am to 12 noon or both. For details



## Shanghai Thunderbirds Kids Ice Hockey



Yes, there is ice hockey in Shanghai!

The Shanghai Thunderbirds are a competitive travel team consisting of skaters aged 10-17 years of age. The team

practices on Saturdays and Sundays at the Songjiang Arena in Songjiang University Town and travels to play high level teams throughout Asia.

Kevin Parker, the Head Coach, has extensive experience coaching from AA all the way to Junior level teams in Canada.

Because of popular demand we have expanded the program this year to include a development program for players from 8-12 who have some skating experience, but are not ready to play at the travel level.

For more information please contact Carolyn Kwant at [cjkwant@hotmail.com](mailto:cjkwant@hotmail.com) or Ed Kidd at [ed.kidd@saschina.org](mailto:ed.kidd@saschina.org)

## PUDONG CAMPUS:

### Touch rugby goes into full swing!



Last week we had the first Touch Rugby practice of the year! With the help of our wonderful coaches, Jeff Rosen, Mr. Yun, David Hope, Cody Howitt, Richard Lunardo, Todd Denton and Loren Digges we had about 49 students come out to play. It was hot, hot, hot! However, everyone stayed the full hour and worked hard on developing their skills. The teams have a busy schedule and it would be great if you could come out and support our teams!

#### CISSA (Pudong Division) Weekly Touch Rugby Schedule

School Team	September 16	September 23
SAS 1 (T.Denton)	@YCIS 2	HOME VS. CISS (2)
SAS 2 (J.Rosen)	HOME VS. YCIS (1)	HOME VS. CISS (2)
SAS 3 (Y.Mun)	@ CISS 3	HOME VS. DCS (1)
SAS 4 (Digges/Hope)	HOME VS. YCIS (1)	@ DCS (2)
SAS 5 (R.Lunardo)	HOME VS. YCIS (1)	@YCIS (1)

refer to our Aquatics Center Blog for team selections and information at; <http://aquaticscenter.saschina.org/> or pick up a form at the Aquatics Center.

#### SAS Community hours for your supervised swimming during the school year:

##### Morning Swim:

6:10-7:45am Monday to Friday (adults only including high school students)

##### Afternoon Swim:

- 5-5:50pm Tuesdays (adults and children supervised by adults)
- 4:05-5pm Fridays (adults and children supervised by adults)



## Japanese National 7s Team trains for tournament at Puxi Campus field

By Steve **DOLEMAN**, Activities Director, Puxi Campus

Last week the Shanghai Rugby Football Club (SRFC @ Waigaojiao) played host to International Rugby Board's (IRB) 7's tournament. This event is

one of two qualifying tournaments for the famous Hong Kong 7's. Twelve international teams from Asia competed to be part of the top six Asian nations that will qualify to participate in the HK7's event.

The Japanese National 7's Team based themselves at the Puxi campus for the week preceding the tournament.

The team made numerous visits to the Puxi campus as they set about preparing for this very important tournament. The team also ran coaching clinics for the Puxi players, which culminated in the team presenting a national team jersey to SAS.

**PHOTO** (Second from top): Steve Doleman, Activities Director, Puxi Campus, accepts the autographed Japanese national team jersey from Head Coach, Wataru Murata. The jersey will be kept on display in the HS Gym Foyer. *EAGLE* photos by Michael Sheehan.



# SPORTS @ SHANGHAI AMERICAN SCHOOL

## Pudong Campus

By  
**Todd Parham**  
Pudong Campus  
Activities  
Director



### Upcoming High School Activities:

- September 9-12: Varsity Baseball in Manila, BRENT International School Invitational Baseball Tournament
- September 11: Shanghai Cup Volleyball @ SAS PX - "Boys & Girls Varsity & JV Teams," schedule TBA - ASAP
- September 11: HS Rugby Games @ SAS PD - "Boys & Girls Varsity & JV Teams" Schedule TBA - ASAP
- September 13: Practice SISAC Cross Country Meet, meet starts at 4:30pm sharp @ The Shanghai Links/SAS PD
- September 14: SISAC Varsity Volleyball Away @ SCIS PD; Boys and Girls Matches, 4:30pm start
- September 15 - SISAC JV Volleyball @ Home vs. CISS; JV Boys "ONLY," 4:30pm start
- September 17: Varsity Baseball Game @ Home vs. SAS PX  
Game Under the Lights, 4:30pm start
- September 17: SISAC Volleyball @ Home vs. CISS  
JV Girls "ONLY" - 4:30pm Start  
Varsity Boys & Girls - 5:45pm Start
- September 18- HS Baseball @ Home  
Varsity vs. SAS PX - 9:00am Start  
JV vs. SAS PX JV - 1:00pm Start
- September 18: SAS PD/PX Intra Swim Meet @ SAS PD, 9am start
- September 18: HS Rugby Games @ SAS PX, "Boys & Girls Varsity & JV Teams" Schedule TBA - ASAP

### Upcoming Middle School Activities:

- September 18: DCS Cup Touch Rugby Tournament, Schedule TBA
- September 25: CISSA Touch Rugby Tournament @ SAS PD, Sch. TBA

### Upcoming Elementary School Activities:

- September 20: ES ASA's Start; Your child will be bringing home notification letters on September 16
- September 20-24: ES Soccer Days, Schedules TBA

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

## Puxi Campus

By  
**Steve Doleman**  
Puxi Campus  
Activities  
Director



We take this opportunity to introduce you to the Puxi Campus Activities Blog: <http://teachers.saschina.org/pxactivities>. The blog is where we post our latest news and information. For example: ASA Bus Drop off Points; ASA Matrices; Permission to Tryout forms; APAC/China Cup dates.

### Upcoming Events:

- Invitational Baseball @ Brent (September 9-12)
- SASPD Invitational Rugby @ SASPD, September 11
- Shanghai Cup Volleyball @ SASPX (September 11)  
*Varsity Boys & Varsity Girls @ HS Gym:*  
9:00 VB & VG vs. SASPD;  
11:30 VB & VG vs. CISS,  
2:00 VB & VG vs. SCISPD  
  
*JV Boys & JV Girls @ ES Gym*  
9:00 PX1 vs. SASPD  
10:15 PX2 vs. CISS  
11:30 PX1 vs. CISS  
12:45 PX2 vs. SASPD  
2:00 PX1 vs. PX2
- China Cup Baseball/Tennis @ SASPX (September 24-26), Volleyball @ ISB, Rugby @ HKIS
- Jacaranda Rugby Tournament (@ International Fair); October 16
- APAC Volleyball @ CA (October 20-24), Baseball @ SASPD, Rugby @ ISB, X-Country @ Guam, Tennis @ SFS
- HS Musical "Into the Woods," October 22-23

Good luck to everyone. Way to Go Eagles!

# menu supplied by Eurest Food Technologies

Monday September 13	Tuesday September 14	Wednesday September 15	Thursday September 16	Friday September 17
Oven-baked cheese macaroni Grilled sausage bratwurst Parsley potatoes Broccoli and cauliflower	Trinidad chicken curry ES: light curry chicken Pork cream stew Spinach, buttered rice Sautéed Bok Choy	Fish fillets served w/ tartar sauce Sautéed beef w/ herbs, topped w/ puff pastry Parsley, rice Sautéed mixed veggies	Stir fried chicken w/ olives and parsley Roast lamb w/ herbs ES: sweet and sour pork Steamed rice Cabbage and carrots	Paprika Beef Goulash Fried rice w/ bacon and bok choy Sweet potatoes Seasonal vegetables sautéed in butter
Vegetarian				
Fajitas eggplant onion peppers	Carrot and leek quiche	Bok Choy fried noodles	Fried rice w/ lentils and curry	Pizza-salad
Dessert				
Vanilla pudding	Banana cake	Profiteroles <i>au chocolate</i>	Jell-O	Apple strudel

Eurest Cafeteria Phone Extensions: Pudong Campus — 3293 or 3290; Puxi Campus — 2561

Monday September 20	Tuesday September 21	NO SCHOOL MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL		Thursday September 23	Friday September 24
Spaghetti chicken tomato basil Pan-fried meat loaf Butter potatoes w/ parsley Mixed veggies	Chicken-tomato casserole Stir fried pork w/ onions ES: mini pork steaks Rice w/corn Sautéed carrots w/ garlic and ginger			Chicken drumsticks Pork loin roast ES: pork taco Steamed rice Mixed sautéed butter Veggies	Thai red beef coconut curry ES: hot dog Fried bee-hoon w/ shrimps and chicken Spinach rice Mixed veggies
Vegetarian					
Sweet and sour vegetables and tofu	Veggie burger			Spinach and bean sprouts omelet	Penne w/ cream and chives
Dessert					
Cinnamon oatmeal pudding	Apple pear cake			Chocolate Brownies	Swiss roll

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**Community Adult Choir**  
Meets Monday evenings at 7:30pm at Dulwich College, Jinqiao. Newcomers welcome. No audition. Contact 159 004 89477 for more information.  
—Alice Jones



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# UPCOMING EVENTS @ SAS

## SEPTEMBER — Pudong Campus

- 15 ♦MS Open House, 6-8:15pm
- 16 ♦MS Counselor Coffee, at Pistolera, 777 Biyun Lu, JinQiao, 9:30-11:30am
- 18 ♦PTSA WELCOME BACK FALL BBQ, 11am-3pm
- 20-21 ♦ES Photo Days
- 21 ♦ES Assembly, 2-3pm
- 22 ♦NO SCHOOL
- 23 ♦ES PTSA Meeting, @LLH, 10am  
♦MS Book Club, 12:30-2:15pm, Grade 6 commons area  
♦MS Photo Day  
♦Treat Day (MS)
- 29 ♦SAS Reads  
♦Middle School Bonding Day out in Shanghai
- 30 ♦ES/MS Spirit Walk

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with their friends. Bell, and Philip Kittower, Language Arts teacher, led continuous cricket. But instead of using a cricket bat, they used a tennis racket. In table tennis, Tafel supervised the twelve different games that went on in the ES cafeteria. Elizabeth Lanfair, orchestra teacher and Lou Wegener, P.E. teacher, assisted with dodge ball. Cecelia Wolf, Language Arts teacher, and Celina Li, Chinese teacher helped out in the activity musical chairs.

"Some people like some activities, other people like other activities that's why we plan different ones. But in the end, everybody has fun," Tafel remarked. At around 9pm, the students got to have free activity, which included The Worm.

#### The Worm

The Worm is probably the biggest event and the highest point of the 6th Grade Overnighter. At around 9:30pm, students who wanted to participate in The Worm gathered in the downstairs commons with their sleeping bags prepared to beat some worms up in one of three categories— light, medium, and heavy with boys and girls separated.

"In the fall of '01, there were a group of boys too wound up to sleep. So I told them to get in their sleeping bags and do the worm," Tafel remarked. "I didn't even know what the worm was, but there was some primal instinct that made them understand how to do the worm." Tafel explained that there were three rules:

1. Protect your worm (your sleeping bag) at all times,
2. No hitting below the worm,
3. May the best worm win.

"The Worm was pretty fun, but really tiring," commented Justin Huang after his participation in it.

Celebrating his victory, Evan Chow commented, "I was amazed that I won in my division. I didn't think I could do it! The worm is great!"

The Worm ended around 11:30pm and by then, all students were totally worn out from the fun activities teachers prepared for them. When the students got back into their rooms, they talked for a while and finally went to sleep at around midnight.

"As I look back at all that's happened that night, it was worming, chit-chatting, laughing, and sleeping." Melissa Choi another

## SEPTEMBER — Puxi Campus

- 10 ♦Grade 7 Bonding Day  
♦Grade 8 Bonding Day
- 14 ♦MS Principal Coffee, 10am (LMC)
- 15 ♦ES Parent Coffee 9:00 Project Area  
♦ES Parent to Parent Meeting 10:30am, Project Area  
♦ES Open House Grade 3-5 6:30-8pm PAC
- 16 ♦ES Passport Check, 8:20am Project Area  
♦ES Open House Grade PK-Grade 2, 6:30-8pm, PAC
- 17 ♦MS Dance, 5:30-8pm, large cafeteria  
♦Jin Xing Dance Theater Performance, Performing Arts Center, 7pm
- 22 ♦NO SCHOOL
- 23 ♦ES Passport Recheck, 8:20am Project Area  
♦MS Parent-Counselor Coffee #1, 10-12 noon, Administration Building Conference Room
- 24 ♦PK-2 Assembly, 8:20-9am Performing Arts Center

sixth grader said. "The sixth grade Overnighter wasn't just a sleeper at the school, it was a blast!"

The 6th Grade Overnighter was definitely a great way to feel comfortable around the teachers and other students. Everyone had a lot of fun together. It was a very memorable experience for both teachers and students.

## SAS announces launch of school-wide strategic-planning process



On August 31, the School Board passed the following resolution:

"The Board of Directors of Shanghai American School unanimously and enthusiastically endorses the conduct of a community-wide strategic-planning process during the 2010-2011 school year. We commit to playing

an active leadership role in the strategic-planning process in conjunction with the administration and the rest of the school community. The committed support of every Board member to this process and its outcomes is affirmed."

Many months in duration, this process will invite the participation of every member of our school family to help craft a vision of what kind of school we want to be in the years ahead. The plan, when completed, will be an expression of what we care most deeply about as a thriving educational community of students and teachers and parents.

Watch *The Eagle* and your e-mail for more information! In the meantime, please address any questions to [StrategicPlan@saschina.org](mailto:StrategicPlan@saschina.org).