

International Baccalaureate Organization authorizes SAS Pudong to offer the IB Diploma program. Congratulations Pudong !

Board and Community to Process Vision and SAS' Future Planning

By Superintendent Dennis Larkin, Ed. D

The week of April 24-28 will be an important one for our SAS community. During this week, the Board of Directors has planned opportunities for parents, students, staff and administrators to engage in dialogue with the Board about the vision for SAS' future. In addition to soliciting and reviewing feedback from the community, we will also discuss the next stages of the planning process to be implemented next school year. The Board of Directors cordially invites parents to participate in these important feedback processes and to be involved in shaping the vision for our school.

The community feedback process will begin with an Open Forum for all parents and staff members of SAS on Monday afternoon, **April 24, from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.** The feedback process will continue with two representative focus group sessions each of the next two days. The first focus group session will begin **Tuesday evening April 25 from 4:30 until 8 p.m.**, including a working dinner. This feedback process will conclude with the same focus groups reconvening for an all day session from **9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26.** The Open Forum

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SAS Puxi National Honor Society Holds 11th Annual Induction Ceremony

By Eric Tsaur, NHS President

NHS INDUCTEES 2006

Seniors: Eugene Wu, Celia Yang, Helen Wu

Juniors: Teresa Wu, Simone Chen, Kelly Zhang, Michael Chiu

Sophomores: Jen Kao, Vanessa Chuo, Michelle Kao, Yingci Huang, Jenny Katherman, Jayne Kerner, Leon Kim, Joanna Li, Jonathan Kuo, Jonathan Liu, May Lee, Christopher Park, Joyce Lee, Wan Jin Park, Debra Leong, Yihan Tan, Cheryl Lin, Tiffany Wetherell, Irene Sun, Regina Wong, Vanessa Van, Olivia Woo, Linda Witters, Priscilla Yeung, Eric Zhang.

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The next Parent Talk will be published March 24.

The deadline for submissions is
5 p.m. Monday, March 20.

Announcements

Coffees

Puxi MS: Thursday, March 23, 10 a.m. LMC

Puxi HS: Thursday, April 6, 10 a.m. LMC

Meetings

SAS Board: Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.
Puxi campus

Puxi/Pudong PTSA: Wednesday, March 22,
10:30 a.m. Kathleen's 5
Restaurant

Pudong PTSA: Thursday, April 6, 8:30 a.m.
ES Faculty Lounge

Puxi HS Booster Club: Thursday, April 6, 12 p.m.
LMC

CISSA Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, March 18

Boys Tournament-SAS Pudong, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Girls Tournament-SAS Puxi, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Newcomb Ball Tournament-(modified volleyball)
SCIS Hongqiao

2006-07 Enrollment

Enrollment Survey Reminder!

Please return the Enrollment Survey this week. We need
a response from every family. Thank you!

Sibling Applications

SAS Parents! Do you have another child who would like
to start school in August 2006? To secure a seat, enroll
your child now. Phone the Admissions Office at
6221-1445, e-mail **admissions@saschina.org** or simply
download an application form from the school's website.

Transfers

If you would like to put your child on the transfer list (or
take them off the transfer list) for August 2006 please
contact the Registrar by fax at: 6221-2060 or by e-mail
at: **Barbara.Brogoch@saschina.org** no later than
March 24. Please understand that being on a transfer list
does not guarantee a transfer - transfers can only happen
when there is an open seat on the other campus.

School-Wide News

Importance of Temporary Guardianship Notification

By Melissa Maloney, Puxi MS Nurse

If you have a situation where both parents will be away from Shanghai for one or more nights during the school week you must fill out a Statement of Temporary Guardianship. This statement appoints a temporary guardian for your child/children who will act for and on your behalf as parents.

The guardianship includes the following specific responsibilities and information:

Responsibilities:

- Direct care and supervision of the child on matters pertaining to his/her education at SAS.
- Authorization to make decisions, on behalf of the parents, in the event of a medical emergency.

Information:

- Contact information for the Temporary Guardian(s).
- Residence arrangements for the child during parent's absence.

- Parents' out of town contact information (phone number, fax number, and email address).

Occasionally we have a student in the nurse's office that needs to go home due to illness and we find that their parents are out of town and the child is staying with a relative or family friend. Sometimes this person is not listed as an emergency contact, and we have no statement of Temporary Guardianship. Add on the difficulty of contacting the parent, and this becomes an unsafe situation. Our first priority is to always contact the parents. Time is an important factor during an emergency situation and if we are unable to speak with the child's parents we next turn to (1) Temporary Guardian or (2) Persons listed as emergency contacts.

If you are planning to be out of town you must pick up the Statement of Temporary Guardianship forms from your child's school secretary or nurse. The forms are also available on the SAS website and Edline. We thank you for your help and cooperation.

Inaugural Swim Meet Highlights Top Talent

By Jon Biros, SAS Aquatic Director



Fifty eight enthusiastic Puxi and Pudong swimmers from Grades 4 through 12, with Moms and Dads in tow, gathered at the SAS Aquatic Center last Saturday for the inaugural SAS Intra-scholastic Swim Meet. With noticeable improvement in our swimmer's stroke technique and diving starts, a host of pool records were set and many ribbons won.

Gold Medal winner swimmers and record setters in the four age groups were: Michelle Xu Girls 10 & Under; Kevin Tsai and Sean Ker Boys 10 & Under; Christie Tang Girls 11 & 12; Christopher Ng Boys 11 & 12; Christine Liu Girls 13 & 14; Michael Chan Boys 13 & 14; Kat Moe Girls 15 & Over; and a three-way tie for 15 & Over Boys with Andrew McClintock, Michael Chiu, and Evan Zwisler.



Age group record times were also set by **Jessica Lecher** in 25m fly; **Candice Lee** and **Kabeer Kapoor** in 50m fly; **Grace Culver, Yipsum Wu, Kenny Wong, Jayne Kerner** and **David Powell** in 50m backstroke, **Charles Li** in 100m individual medley, **Caroline Norgreen, Casie Mei, Kenny Wong** in 50m breaststroke; **Louis Liu, Casie Mei, Adyna Willis** in 50m freestyle; and **Candice Lee** in 100m freestyle.

Coaches, Jon Biros, Angela Machacek, Estelle Rousseau, Vivian Wang, Doug Asher and Michael Yu would like to thank the 25 parents that helped run the meet, especially Swim Team Parent Sophie Dai. Thanks also to the cheering supporters for giving the event a festive feel. The next SAS meet will be held on Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. We hope to see you there.

School-Wide News



Band Bonanza and Strings Extravaganza

By Karen Andrews, Puxi ES Music Teacher

Grade 5 students from Puxi and Pudong will come together on **Tuesday, March 21**, for a spectacular day of making music. Band students from the two campuses will practice all day at the Puxi campus, while all String students will be rehearsing at the Pudong campus. Students have been preparing for this special day for several weeks, practicing pieces such as movie soundtrack favorites from *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Batman*. Parents are invited to attend our culminating concert at the below venues and times.

Strings Extravaganza at the Pudong Auditorium at 12:45 p.m.

Band Bonanza at the Puxi Performing Arts Center at 1:55 p.m.



Sara Holbrook, MS Visiting Author, Inspires Students and Teachers

By Ellen Nugent, Puxi MS Librarian



Sara Holbrook, well-known poet from the United States, was the 2006 Shanghai American Middle School Visiting Author. She presented workshops to students and teachers on both SAS campuses from March 1-8. Her poems of embarrassing moments most of us have experienced and reflections on what our friends and family mean to us, appealed to students and teachers alike. Holbrook demonstrated how she uses wordplay and rhythms to give her poetry a surprising punch that engages the reader. In her middle school workshops, the poetry came to life for students when Sara Holbrook performed a selection of her poems. She also provided tips for improving writing through observation and specific word choice.

Some Grade 7 students had the opportunity to work in a group process to build a poem and then completed the poems individually. Grade 6 students on the Puxi campus participated in a Poetry Jam to share their original poetry with Sara Holbrook and their peers. She took students full circle through the writing process from thought, to writing and finally to the spoken word.

As Puxi Middle School language arts teacher, Robert Johnson, stated in his review of Sara Holbrook: “As a language ‘arts’ instructor I am naturally biased toward the ‘art’ of teaching, but as a teaching professional I am fully aware of the relevance of the ‘science’ of education. Sarah Holbrook’s presentation to the students of my classes and to our faculty simultaneously exemplified each of these viewpoints. In my mind it was one of the best professional development opportunities that I have experienced.”

A special thank you to the parent volunteers who acted as Shanghai tour and shopping guides, the school’s support services for arranging transportation and presentation spaces for the author, and the SAS Board for their support of this program. Mostly the Visiting Author Committee would like to thank the parents, teachers and administration of Shanghai American School for encouraging students to develop a love of life long reading and learning by taking part in our Visiting Author activities.

School-Wide News

(National Honor Society - continued from page 1)

Over the past decade, the Shanghai American School chapter of the National Honor Society has established a long-standing tradition of excellence and great service to the community. This past Thursday, March 9, NHS inducted a record 32 fine-standing individuals, all of whom will further bolster the society's commitment to making the school and community a better place.

The evening's highlight was faculty speaker, Mrs. Marney Rosen, who delivered an outstanding speech that emphasized the commitment that National Honor Society membership entails. Then, in keeping with SAS tradition, each current NHS member delivered a personal address to each inductee as he or she was inducted. The speeches were heartfelt but still produced a few laughs along the way.

NHS would like to thank the teachers and parents who attended. As a society that now consists of 70 members, we look forward upholding the NHS mission to *create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in our community.*

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on Monday and the representative community focus group sessions Tuesday evening and all day Wednesday will be held at _____ and will be facilitated by Dr. Peter Relic.

Dr. Peter Relic has been working with the SAS Board of Directors throughout the year, focusing on best practices and board governance. Dr. Relic is well known in international and U.S. independent school circles as a conference speaker and school governance expert. He is also widely respected as an educator of extraordinary accomplishment across the breadth of his 45 plus years in education.

The purpose of the Open Forum Monday evening April 24 is to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to attend and engage in this feedback process. During this session Dr. Relic will:

- outline the visioning process we have been following since August,
- discuss the integrated planning model we are following,
- explain the process and activities he will use during the community feedback focus group sessions the next two days, and
- outline governance practices for our community.

I hope you will make a point to attend this Open Forum; I am confident you will find Peter Relic a most engaging and knowledgeable speaker.

For the two community focus group sessions that will be held on the evening of April 25 and the all day April 26 we are seeking 6-8 parents from both the Pudong and Puxi communities to participate as members of representative community groups for these sessions. These parents will work with other representative groups of staff, students, Board members and administrators in this comprehensive feedback process. Dr. Peter Relic will again serve as the facilitator and will engage the participants in activities to reach consensus on the feedback for the Vision Statement.

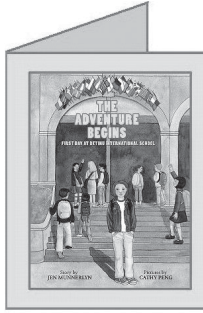
Dr. Relic will conclude his week at SAS by meeting with Board members on April 27 and 28. He will assist the Board in analyzing and discussing the feedback received from the community and will offer guidance to the Board as they finalize the SAS Vision Statement before the end of the school year.

If you are interested in participating in the community feedback focus group sessions, and can commit to the time needed on Tuesday evening April 25 and all day Wednesday April 26, please contact PTSA President Ellen Loughlin on Pudong campus and PTSA President Rhonda Scott on the Puxi campus to volunteer to be a member of the representative community groups. Our goal is to select a balanced and representative group of parents, students, staff, administrators and Board members to offer thoughtful and reflective feedback to the Board regarding the Vision Statement; we hope you will consider being a member of this group.

If you are unable to commit to the length of time needed to participate in the community feedback process, I urge you to set aside Monday, April 24 to participate in the Open Forum dialogue about the Vision Statement and the planning processes currently underway.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this process; please feel free to contact me here at school.

Pudong News



SAS Teachers Internationally Recognized!

By Andrew Torris, Pudong ES Principal

Four teachers from Shanghai American School have been selected to present at the East Asian Conference of Overseas Schools (EARCOS) annual convention on March 29-April 2. The selection is a high honor for these outstanding educators as it recognizes them as leaders in their fields. The selection process is rigorous and competitive as over 1,400 educators from the region and around the world attend the conference.



Jen Munnerylyn- Grade One Teacher, Pudong

Jen Munnerylyn is a first grade teacher on the Pudong campus. She has been teaching at SAS for 3 years. In addition to her first grade teaching duties, Jen is also the newly published author of the book *"The Adventure Begins- First Day at Detinu International School"*. Jen drew upon her own experiences as a third-culture kid (TCK) and said "Fifteen years ago I moved "home" to a country I had only really visited on vacation. I was a worldly-wise jet setting 18-year old with a passport full of stamps... I belonged to a group, one that spanned the globe and would welcome me back 15-years later as an adult, a teacher and a mother. I was a third-culture kid."

The challenges of being a TCK came home to Jen in recent months when she surveyed and interviewed the children at SAS Pudong about being a student who lives in a place that is not their native land. Jen will be presenting her ideas, research and activities to her peers from around the world. You can also find out more about being a TCK and her teacher tested activities at her website www.teachtck.com Congratulations, Jen!



Amanda DeCardy- Middle School and High School Math Teacher, Pudong

Amanda is a new teacher to SAS this year, having taught in Japan, the United States and Saudi Arabia before coming to China. Amanda has been deeply involved in math problem solving methods since the beginning of her career. Most recently she earned National Board of Teaching Standards certification in early adolescent mathematics, and served on the American Education Reaches Out-Schools Around the World project. Her mathematics problem solving rubrics and methods have been adopted and recognized as innovative and effective by teachers from around the world. The use of the teacher and student user-friendly rubric has given teachers, students, and parents documented results, proving how it leads to student success in

mathematics. Amanda notes that, "All students are probably still memorizing the math just as you and I did many years ago, but they are additionally obtaining a deeper, long-lasting understanding by communicating about and analyzing mathematics in and out of the classroom." Great Work Amanda!

Sports News

It Only Takes ONE!

By Todd Parham, Pudong Athletic Director

Last weekend, **Kai-Jher Tan** was SAS Pudong's only participant in SAS Puxi's high school badminton tournament. There were 43 athletes from 6 international schools participating in the weekend's action. Kai-Jher not only won the boys singles title after 6 rounds of action but paired up with a student from Minhang (a local school) to win the boys doubles title as well. Way to go Kai-Jher you are helping to put SAS Pudong on the map!

Eagle PRIDE!



PTSA News

Why Li Ming?

A message from Pudong PTSA

Parents new to the area sometimes ask, “Why Li Ming?” when hearing about our fundraising efforts on their behalf. There are so many charities worth supporting, and so many needy children in China, why do we continue to support one school over and over again when we might do a little bit for many schools or organizations? This is a worthwhile question, and one that has not been taken lightly by the Pudong PTSA.

Of course the most obvious reason is that Li Ming is in our neighborhood, or rather we are in Li Ming’s neighborhood. Our children see Li Ming students every day on their way in and out of SAS. When we gather together to raise money for Li Ming, we are not sending it off to strangers we have never seen, but to people we pass by every day. Over time SAS Pudong has formed a strong relationship with our “sister school” next door.

Our joint activities with Li Ming allow us to make friends, practice language skills, and expand our “expat” world within the local Chinese community. By sharing art, school projects, music, and play, our children are reminded that despite differences in language, appearance or culture, on the inside people are the same in so many ways.

Most of us cannot imagine being in a school without heat or hot water all winter and consider desks, chairs, books and instructional materials to be a necessity, not an extra. Our children are privileged in many ways, and it is a valuable opportunity for them to give to others in an unselfish, openhearted way. As an international community, we can give our children the gift of seeing the impact their actions can have in the world for those less well off. When our children see the new playground or library at Li

Ming it is clear that their giving has made a real difference to the lives of those children.

This year, at least 80% of the proceeds from our spring event, “Spring It On... Vegas Style” will help buy desks and chairs and instructional materials at Li Ming. The remainder will be used to enhance the outdoor areas on the SAS Pudong campus. Both efforts will produce results that SAS students and parents can be proud of, results that will benefit the students for years to come. Everyone in the SAS community is invited to join in, volunteer some time, and share new ideas. Once you have seen the eager, smiling faces at Li Ming, you will understand how much our efforts are worth!

LUNCH MENU

March 20 - March 24

All ES Menus Served with Free Flow of Vegetable Sticks, Fruit Cuts, Bread and Drink

Monday March 20	Braised Pork with Egg Sweet & Sour Fish Rice Broccoli Chicken Noodle Soup Butter Cake <u>A la Carte</u> Cheese Bread Pop Corn Chicken Jiao Zi	Wednesday March 22	Spaghetti Puttanesca Seafood Risotto Garlic Bread Soya Beans Minestrone Soup Black Forest <u>A la Carte</u> Pork Ribs with Tofu Hash Brown Hot Dog	Friday March 24	Salami Pizza Beef Lasagna Chinese Cabbage Miso Soup Fruit Gelatin <u>A la Carte</u> Pickled Vegetable with Pork Chicken Nugget Chicken Pie
Tuesday March 21	Baked Salmon Roasted Chicken Leg Cajun Potato Carrots Potato and Leek Soup Chocolate Cake <u>A la Carte</u> Middle East Lamb Pita Steamed Xiao Long Chicken Pop Corn	Thursday March 23	Oven Baked Ham/Cheese Sandwich Meat Bao Zi Waffle Potatoes Spinach Cream of Pumpkin Soup Banana Cake <u>A la Carte</u> Pork Dim Sum Spaghetti Chicken Mushroom Alfredo Seafood Marinara		

“Spring It On... Vegas Style!”

*Saturday, April 22nd 6:30 p.m.-12 a.m.
Vizcaya Club, Pudong*

*Games of Chance, Fine Dining, Drinks and Dancing
Live Auction, Raffles, Prizes Galore, including...*

*3 Nights Aqua Resort, Saipan
2 Nights Willy’s Beach Club, Boracay, Philippines
2 Nights Sanya Marriott, Hainan
Round Trip Business Class Tickets to Sanya
3 Nights Shangri-la Cebu, Philippines
Weekend stay at JW Marriott, Shanghai
Thai Airways Ticket to Phuket, Thailand
3 Night stay at Grand Hyatt, Tokyo
3 Nights Club Med Bali w/8,000 RMB Travel Voucher
2 Nights stay, Sofitel, Pudong
Round Trip Business Class Ticket to USA
Weekend Stay Regal International, Shanghai*

This is an evening you won’t want to miss!

*80% (or more) of proceeds to benefit Li Ming School
Remainder will go toward Pudong campus enhancement*

Thank you to our Gold Sponsors:

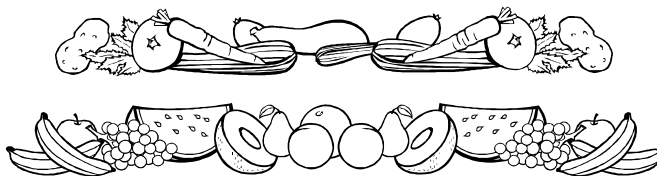
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Nutrition Corner

It's National Nutrition Month® in America. Take a moment to read over some of the key recommendations made by the American Dietetic Association, (ADA). The recommendations emphasize healthy choices and physical activity for not only this month but all year round.

- The food and physical activity choices you make today - and every day - affect your health and how you feel now and in the future.
- Make smart choices from every food group. Give your body the balanced nutrition it needs by eating a variety of nutrient-packed foods every day.



- Get the most nutrition out of your calories. Choose foods packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients.

- Find your balance between food and physical activity. Regular physical activity is important for your overall health and fitness, plus it helps control body weight, promotes a feeling of well-being and reduces the risk of chronic diseases.

National Nutrition Month®, celebrated in March, promotes healthful eating by providing practical nutrition guidance. Check out the Nutrition Fact Sheets at the following website: http://www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/nutrition_1065_ENU_HTML.htm

Elementary School News



From the Nurses Office

By Carol Spahn, ES Nurse
Head Lice

Recently there have been several cases of head lice on the Puxi campus. Lice will make their home in any available warm head and are not a result of poor hygiene or negligence. They are very easily passed on to family members, or friends, by clothing when children play dress-up, by stuffed toys and pillows, by sharing combs, hair ornaments, hats or scarves, head to head contact, or by contact with the nits or lice. Head lice can survive up to 3 days apart from a head.

It is the parents' responsibility to routinely check for head lice (especially if your child is itching his/her scalp) **and to notify the school nurse, the teacher, and parents of their child's friends** if head lice are discovered. You will seldom see the lice, but should look for nits (eggs)—appearing as tiny off-white flecks attached to the hair near the scalp. Do not confuse this with dandruff, which can be easily brushed off. Be assured that when you inform the nurse, it will be kept confidential. At that time each child in the class will be checked, and a note will be sent to parents of students in that class. Diligent observation and home sterilization are a must to prevent re-infestation!

Middle School News

Helping Abandoned & Homeless Animals

By Amy Foley, Science Teacher and R&S Advisor

Representatives of SAMS Roots & Shoots visited a shelter associated with Second Chance Animal Aid (SCAA) this past weekend. The students donated 1000 RMB, raised earlier this year through a bake sale. These funds will help to cover medical care for the animals. We were able to visit with many adorable kittens and playful cats, as well as a few beautiful dogs in need of new homes. Many animals are also kept in foster care until the SCAA can find a new home for them.

On two Sundays per month, the animals in foster care can be adopted from the Adoption Days held at O'Malley's. If you are interested in fostering, adopting or even just sponsoring a cat or a dog, check out the SCAA website at <http://www.scaashanghai.org/> Volunteers can also visit the shelter each Sunday, as a convenient shuttle leaves from the Portman at 9 a.m. and returns from the shelter by noon.



High School News

Community Service Welcomes You

By Community Service

Every Thursday afternoon, despite a packed schedule of club meetings and practices, a group of high school Community Service students still manages to find time to travel into the local community, strengthening ties with our neighbors and creating smiles on many in need. SAS has a history of a strong community service program, and this year we have been able to expand, visiting not only the people in our traditional venues, like the Retirement Center, but also teaching English to students at four local schools. Now, after several months of being closed to outside visitors, the Shanghai Children's Home has reopened its doors, and we are once again able to embark on our Saturday outings to visit the babies and toddlers living there.

Our desire is that the SAS community—not just the high school—has the opportunity to share their love back with the people in our host country. We thus welcome you to accompany us on our weekly outings! We would love it if you found the time to come for yourself and see the children and/or the elderly whose lives you can help change. We leave at 3:10 p.m. on Thursday afternoons from buses parked by the high school gym, going to the Retirement Center and local schools. On Saturday mornings, we leave the Convention Hotel (on Hong Qiao Lu) at 9 a.m., heading to the Children's Home.

If you have any questions, email CommunityService@saschina.org If you can smile, you can help!

High School Students Shine at Middle School MUN Conference

By Jeff Rosen, ACUMUN Director



By all accounts, the recent ACAMIS Middle School MUN Conference held on the Puxi campus was a huge success. One contributing factor for this success was the involvement of the high school Model United Nations team. When I first met these bright and motivated students, I knew that the administrative part of the conference — the running of the committees, the establishment of an interactive website, and the following of MUN procedures — was in good hands. My one concern therefore was whether or not the high school students would be able to relate to the middle school students. After all, many of the participants in the conference were “first timers”, bringing with them all the doubts and insecurities that

public speaking in front of one's peers inevitably entails.

Yet as I watched these high school students interact with “the delegates”, my concerns were immediately allayed. They had found the balance between maintaining the integrity of MUN procedures and presenting themselves as teachers and role models. Indeed, feedback from advisors from visiting schools and the delegates themselves was extremely positive.

I have been involved with middle school Model United Nations programs for the last ten years and have worked with many high school students who run middle school conferences. Quite simply, I have never met a group more knowledgeable, passionate and empathetic as this one, and it was an honor to watch them in action. From the Secretary General, **April Qian** (a leader of leaders) to all the committee chairs and co chairs – **Anne Chang, Kelvin Gu, Hank Bao, Jeanette Wong, Yuner Teh, Yihan Tan, Wan Jin Park, Helen Wu, Jen Kao, Chris Park, Emily Yeh, Helen Huang**— a sincere and heartfelt thank you for contributing so much to the success of this conference.

High School News

Amnesty International Celebrates International Women's Day

By Yafan Chen, Grade 12 Student

In honor of March 8 International Women's Day, the high school Amnesty International club raised over 3000 RMB from a successful art auction. The art auction was not only open to students and faculty of SAS, but parents as well. All of the proceeds will go the Chinese Women's and Children's Foundation dedicated to advancing women's and children's rights, improving their education, and promoting the goal of equality between men and women.

Furthermore, Amnesty also held a letter writing campaign on March 8 for both the high school and middle school. Students and faculty were educated that *every hour*, one women dies in Russia due to domestic violence, yet little attempt has been made by the government to control this severe problem. Those who contributed wrote a letter to the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, urging his government to publicly denounce domestic violence and call for legislation to protect victims. Overall, Amnesty received more than 245 letters, which have already been sent to Mr. Putin.

Amnesty International would like to thank all of those who helped support and promote International Women's Day!



Oberlin College – A World of Possibilities

If you are really good at anything musical, and if you want a school where the level of music proficiency is truly high, check out Oberlin College. Located in Oberlin, Ohio and known for its music conservatory, Oberlin has more to offer than fine music. With majors in science (a premier program) and social science, Oberlin offers a student a variety of choices. Some of Oberlin grads are: D.A. Henderson '50 - Director of the nation's Center for Public Health Preparedness; Liz Zahren '98 - Investigator with the Southern Center for Human Rights; David Rees '94 - Political satirist; Johnnetta Betsch Cole '57 - President of Bennett College; Adam Moss '79 - Editor in Chief of New York magazine. If you'd like to know more about Oberlin, visit www.oberlin.edu or check out the college bulletin board.

Sports News

Freshman Boys Soccer

By Steve Kellet, Freshman Boys Soccer Coach



Congratulations to the Freshmen Boys Soccer team for their great performance placing second in this year's China Cup tournament. Playing in the Junior Varsity tournament, the boys faced ISB in the championship game that was decided on penalty kicks. Although ISB won the shootout, the Freshmen Boys can hold their heads high having played well in all of their games against older opponents.

Freshmen Boys Soccer Team: Garrett Bouton, David Golesworthy, Kevin Yeh, James Doleman, Young Joon (Dennis) Kim, Sunny Kim, Taek-Min

Kim, Andreas Norgreen, Britton Green, Jon Wu, Michael Daily, Steve Kang, Sek Hyen wam, Vikram Kulkarni, Gosh Gresh, Douglas Ryu, Won Jae Yoon.

PTSA News

From the President

By Rhonda Scott, PTSA President

I am sure that we are all counting the days before our Spring Break begins. I am looking forward to warmer temperatures and a nice break from the constant excitement that a school community offers. Before we pack our bags and fly out, let's take a look at the upcoming events that the PTSA has to offer in the coming weeks.

For all the parents that have signed up to attend the Joint Coffee Morning with Pudong, we look forward to seeing you there. Kathleen Lau promises a wonderful morning for our parent community. Please remember that if you did not RSVP, there will not be space for this event. We are happy to report that each seat has been taken for the day.

Saturday, April 15 will be here before we know it! Please mark your calendars for the first ever PTSA **"Carpets and Cocktails"**. This event will be held in our new Performing Arts Center. Edmund and Shukor of Singapore's Eastern Carpets will be our hosts for the evening. The carpet auction will begin with viewing at 6:30 p.m. followed by a carpet appreciation talk and the auction, starting at 7:30 p.m. The tickets will be sold for 150 RMB and door proceeds will benefit *Lifeline Shanghai*. This non-profit organization is in need of strong support and we are hoping to be able to provide them with a great community response. Tickets will go on sale starting next week and can be reserved by calling Rhonda Scott at 139-1887-6518 or email PTSA@saschina.org Please remember that this is an adult only event. Cash, credit cards and US \$ checks will be accepted on the evening.

Finally, as always, we hope that you will step up and get involved with PTSA. We are in need of new ideas and eager parents willing to make this PTSA a great one.

Shanghai American School Puxi PTSA
Presents

Carpets & Cocktails



Saturday, April 15, 2006
Performing Arts Center

6:30 p.m. Viewing of Carpets, Cash Bar and Refreshments
7:30 Carpet Appreciation 8:00 p.m. Auction Sale

Admission is 150 RMB. Door proceeds to benefit *Lifeline Shanghai*

For Reservations Please call Rhonda Scott 5226-1540 or 1391-887-6518 Email: PTSA@saschina.org

Quality Carpets Provided by *Eastern Carpets of Singapore*

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Spring Break runs from Monday, March 27 to Friday, March 31. Classes resume Monday, April 3.