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Have you ever wanted to learn Chinese and its culture and origins, or maybe visit China and understand the complex yet intriguing language? Well, the Southern Connecticut Chinese School (SCCS) can make it happen. Offering an exciting and valuable experience, it can strengthen your ability to read, write, and speak Chinese! With classes taught by native Chinese speakers, SCCS has become a successful school for learning and fun.

Unlike many other languages, Chinese offers very unique and exciting ways to learn. From simplified symbols to pinyin, the language is rooted to the deep and powerful history of China. Students will not only learn how to communicate with Chinese, but also understand the history and culture of China. SCCS offers special events for Chinese holidays such as the Moon Festival and Chinese New Year. Our goal is to create an environment where students can experience and learn from a traditional Chinese surrounding. In addition, we have a plethora of exciting Chinese extracurricular activities! We offer courses in Chinese arts, music, and dance as well as some unique and fun classes in sword dancing and Go. Any student over the age of 5 can apply and experience a one in a lifetime educational opportunity! (by Jonathan Qian)



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Principal Jinhua Sun has decided not to accept the offer to extend his position as our School Principal. Thank you, Principal Sun, for your dedication, commitment, and great achievements over the past four years! Dr. Henan Cheng has been appointed as the Deputy Principal of SCCS.



Congratulations to our new graduates – Class 2013



Above: Class 2013 performed "My Motherland" in 2013 Chinese New Year Gala.

The 2013 SCCS Graduation Ceremony will be held on May 5, 2013, in the auditorium (C112). The guest speaker will be Prof. Wei Su from Yale University.

SCCS Summer Camp will open 9am to 4pm August 12 – 23 2013. No fee if register before or on May 12.

Right: Class 2013 gathered on campus a year ago.





Libai Feng Jordan 冯理白

Hi! I'm Libai Feng Jordan-- 16 years old, in 10th grade in this school, a junior in high school at Hamden Hall Country Day. I started SCCS at the age of seven. If you know me, you know that I'm a (classical) music maniac, and I enjoy mathematics and the studying the Latin, be it the language or its people's culture. Not sure what I primarily want to do in my life, but I do know I won't stop being involved with music. When I'm not doing homework or practicing violin, I'm reading or surfing the Internet. It's amazing that I've survived a decade here at SCCS, but it's been a blast (kinda). I'd like to thank my mother for pushing me this far, and my several teachers for imbuing me with approximate knowledge of the Chinese language. Hasta la vista, suckers!



Eric Kong 孔冠熹

My name is Eric Kong, and I am fifteen years of age. I reside in New haven and currently attend Hopkins School as a ninth grader. I have

attended Southern Connecticut Chinese school for the last four years and I am eager to continue to expand my knowledge of the Chinese language and culture. The subject I am most interested in is mathematics. My hobbies include playing tennis, playing saxophone, and playing computer games. In ten, twenty years I may end up in a variety of places. I, however, hope that I end up doing something worthwhile and meaningful that may benefit society as a whole.



Victoria Liu 李鑫荃

My name is Victoria Liu and I am 15 years old this year. I live in Bethany, CT, and attend Amity High School in Woodbridge as a sophomore. In school, my favorite subject is science, since I aspire to become a doctor when I get older. Other than science, I also enjoy math and english class. My favorite hobbies include singing, reading, and playing badminton. I started going to SCCS in the fall of 2003, when I was only 7 years old at the time. It is surprising to see that I'm already nearing the end of my SCCS years, after ten years! I remember my first day of Chinese School, when SCCS was YNHCS at the time. I got out of the car, wondering where my parents were taking me. They did not tell me where I was heading and why I was going there. They dropped me off in a classroom in Yale with my friend Lillian. Lillian was just as confused as I was, until our teacher, 田老师, explained that this is our first day at Chinese School, where we will spend the next 10 years almost every Sunday learning not only

Chinese, but about China and its culture, too. Ten years sounded like forever to me, and some Sundays, I just wanted to embrace my inner child and stay home and play. But over time, I realized how Chinese School has truly affected me. I have never felt so connected to a culture halfway across the world before. Learning Chinese was not just about the language (though that was the main purpose), but also delving into the heritage I did not know very well. SCCS also helped me get through my normally month-long China vacations with my family, by allowing my to understand the things my family was talking about, speak proficiently, read the simplest things such as restaurant menus, and communicate with my family and friends in China via email. SCCS has most definitely made an impact on my life and how I will connect with my Chinese heritage for the rest of my life.



Emily Ruan 阮馨怡

My name is Emily Ruan. I am twelve years old. My house is located in Woodbridge. I started going to Chinese School at the age of six. I have learned Chinese for approximately six years. In these six years, I learned lots of Chinese. At my Chinese level, I can read Chinese articles, write many Chinese essays, recite several Chinese poems, watch Chinese shows, and etc. I can also independently complete the Chinese homework assigned by the teacher. At home, I only communicate with my family through speaking Chinese. After I graduate, I

definitely will continue learning Chinese. Right now, I am a seventh grader who attends a private school called Hopkins. This is a fantastic private school. I have many hobbies. Some of them are playing squash, skiing, playing volleyball, soccer, ice skating, swimming, and playing the violin. My favorite subjects at school are History, English, Math, and Spanish. When I grow up, I either want to be an engineer or a Pediatrician. Of course, I am still very young, and I am still likely to change my interests. My many years at Chinese school have been happy ones. I want to especially thank all the teachers who have taught me, and thank them for their dedication to and help for my Chinese. I will always miss these wonderful teachers.



Hannah Wang 王曦

My name is Hannah Wang. I am 15 years old, live in Guilford, CT and a freshman at Guilford High School. I get good grades and I'm happy for that, but getting good grades isn't my life. I also do fencing as my main sport, but I did do soccer for a little while. I've been studying at SCCS for 10 years. My main subjects are math, science, music, art and foreign languages. Even though I'm already in high school, I still don't know what my major will be or what I want it to be. My hobbies are gaming, drawing, writing and just dallying around being lazy. I also like anime; although, I'm very picky about the ones I watch. I'm also picky about what I see as in if a drawing is good or not or if the writing I'm reading was clearly done by an amateur or something. I'm not one to judge though because I myself may not be half as good as what I'm judging. In the sense of art, I always judge it. Every picture I look at is either 1) amazing, 2) okay, or 3) downright horrifyingly bad. When I don't like something, it depends on where I am and to what/who it is. If it's a person I don't know very well, I either let it slide or curse them in my head. If it's someone personal, I clearly show my disdain for them. If it's something like a picture, show, or music...I just get rid of it. That may not be the best of ways, but it works for me.



Max Wang 王亮

My name is Max Wang. I live in Shelton, CT and I am a sophomore at Shelton High School. I am Treasurer of Student Council, a member of the robotics team, and #1 on the Tennis team. I am also a violinist in the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras. I intend to go to MIT, Columbia, or Carnegie Mellon University. I love hanging out with my friends, video games, tennis, basketball, violin, my laptop, and my family.



Lillian Sun 孙青琳

Lillian is a junior at Amity High School, and has been learning Chinese for 10 years. Once, a frisbee hit Lillian in the face and she got pink-eye. Lillian has been scared of sports ever since. She prefers to spend time at home instead, reading Game of Thrones and watching youtube videos of people getting hit by frisbees. On Thursdays, Lillian goes to Zumba with her mom, where she learns to fist-pump with other middle-aged women. This is fun for Lillian. In 10 years, Lillian hopes to be a Jersey housewife, and appear on Dancing With the Stars.



Sarah Wang 王诗涵

I was born in Beijing, China fourteen years ago. Due to my American citizenship, my parents strived to give me an American education, and enrolled me in to the International School of Beijing, a wholly English school that operated by an American curriculum. Here, I made great friends, and learned to speak both fluent English and Chinese. Two years ago, my Chinese Visa expired, and my mother and brother and I moved to New Haven, where I started attending Hopkins School. I don't have much plans for the future; I will possibly become a doctor, but

that's hard to say, because I find composing very fun also.



Janey Yang 杨锦华

My name is Janey Yang, I'm eighteen and a senior, 12th grade. I live in Woodbridge and go to Amity High School; the courses I find interesting are my science courses. I have been learning Chinese for about 8 years at SCCS. The science course I find the most interest in is human anatomy and physiology. In the class I've had my share of moments of dissecting cats and fetal pigs but they were memorable and will forever be in my memories where the stench of the chemicals will never go away. Although the work load is at a high the human body is an amazing machine that has not been fully figured out yet. In the 10-20 years I hope that I am able to become a pharmacist.



Yuchen Yang 杨雨辰

My name is Yuchen Yang. I am twelve years old, and I go to Hamden Hall middle school. I am in 7th grade. I like to read and play videogames in my free time. I play tennis and like to go skiing in the winter. Also, I really like to sleep.



Claire Zhao 赵明熙

My name is Claire Zhao. I am 15 years old and in 10th grade. I live in Woodbridge, CT and go to Amity Regional High School. I have studies in SCCS for 8 years. I enjoy Math, English, and History class. In my free time, I like to read or play tennis. I would like to become an orthodontist in 10-20 years. I love going to China over the summer because I get to see my family and eat lots of food. Going back to China helps me connect with my culture and my past. It helped me keep in touch with my roots. This past summer visited many famous landmarks in China, and also got to taste many different Chinese desserts.



Award for Excellence in Chinese Language Learning

10th Grade
 Emily Ruan Eric Kong
 Sarah Wang Lillian Sun
 Victoria Liu

9th Grade
 Janet Zheng Helen Liu
 Lynn Liu

8th Grade
 Angela Zhu Haoyi Lei

Brian Hao Eric Xia
 Kim Yeung

Award for Diligence and Improvement in Chinese Learning

10th Grade
 Yuchen Yang Claire Zhao
 Hannah Wang Max Wang
 Janey Yang Libai Feng Jordan

9th Grade
 Kevin Jin Michael Zhou
 Yiheng Li Austin Han
 Jennifer Zhu

8th Grade
 Jeff Zheng Steven Yeung
 Jimmy Bi Zachary Wang

Award for Excellence in Chinese Composition

10th Grade
 Emily Ruan

9th Grade
 Austin Han Janet Zheng
 Helen Liu

8th Grade
 Brian Hao Angela Zhu
 Eric Xia Haoyi Lei

Award for Best Attendance

10th Grade
 Eric Kong Yuchen Yang
 Claire Zhao Hannah Wang
 Libai Feng Jordan

9th Grade
 Lynn Liu Kevin Jin
 Michael Zhou Yiheng Li
 Jennifer Zhu

8th Grade
 Jeff Zheng Jimmy Bi
 Angela Zhu Zachary Wang

