



Scarsdale High School

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May 6, 2025

Dear Members of the Class of 2026, 2027 and 2028,

We invite you to consider a unique opportunity to participate in our International Travel Exchange Program - **A Cultural Exploration of China**. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$6000, plus required CFAR insurance. The trip will explore China through Beijing, Xian and Shanghai. We have various cultural experiences planned as well as a visit with one of our international partner schools in Beijing. To learn more, interested students should attend an informational session listed below or reach out to Ms. Heather Waters at hwaters@scarsdaleschools.org or in Room 366 or to your Mandarin Teacher, Ms. Wenhui Guo.

Chinese Cultural Exploration -Spring Break 2026 -

Who: Selected applicants from the Class of 2026, 2027 and 2028

When: March 24-April 2, 2026

Student Information Meeting: May 13th & 16th- 1st half of new lunch period- Room 410

Virtual Parent Information Meeting: Tuesday, May 13th - [zoom session 6:30-7PM on May 13th](#).

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 28th 8AM.

Interested students must complete the application on page two, and return it to Ms. Waters with the required signatures before the May 28th, 8:00 a.m. deadline. First consideration will be given to those students enrolled in our Mandarin programs, students taking another language due to fluency, and then to other interested applicants. Additionally, students will miss four school days in March before Spring Break, and will be responsible for making up all academic work upon their return to school. Parents and students are asked to discuss these items before submitting an application for this global program.

If the number of applicants exceeds the availability of student placements, we will host a lottery for all qualified applicants. Students will be notified of their application status, and trip planning in the following weeks

We are excited to offer this unique opportunity through our Global Opportunities program.

Sincerely,

Heather Waters

Global Opportunities Coordinator

Chinese Cultural Experience - Language, History & Culture - March 24-April 2, 2026

Typed applications are due May 28, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. (to Ms. Waters in room 366 or mailbox in the main office)

Please respond thoroughly to the questions below in a typed document. Include a parent/guardian signature at the conclusion that demonstrates your commitment to the program. Slots will go first to students enrolled in the SHS Mandarin program or proficient in the language and therefore taking another one. All students are welcome to apply. A lottery will occur if we have more students than slots..

1. Name: _____
2. Grade: _____
3. Dean: _____
4. Social Studies Teacher _____
5. Mandarin Teacher(language teacher if not Mandarin) _____
6. Why are you interested in representing Scarsdale High School in the Chinese Cultural Experience?

7. What experiences or character traits will you bring to the program? What do you hope to gain from the experience?

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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