



Our New Early Years Centre

Making choices requires finding a personal balance

It has been enjoyable to walk around our campus after school and witness all the activity amongst students. For younger students making choices about which after school activities to sign up for has major input from parents. As you go through the grade levels students are making those choices for themselves. A parent asked me a very good question about how children should use their time after school. It may be somewhat frustrating to receive a kind of vague response, but this is a very hard question to answer as each individual has different needs, interests and levels of energy.

So what's my advice about the correct personal balance for students of all ages when making these decisions. Firstly, I am quite clear that heading to the Cafeteria or The Cafe to play on their computers is not what I want to see. If this is the choice made by students they should exercise this choice at home, not here at NIS. Secondly, for younger children, if they are very tired at the end of the school day they should not be overloaded with activities, that would not be a good choice. Thirdly, some form of physical activity is good for habit forming. A sedentary lifestyle is a major cause for concern in adult health, and this starts with habits formed at school. Being active by playing music, participating in aesthetic activities or being part of a school production is also a great way to spend time. Some children just want to run around and create their own play which is also worthwhile, in particular when they are using their imagination. NIS is a school that is trying to help children of all ages learn how to make choices. Although adult input is crucial, the sooner children learn that the choices they make for themselves have a personal impact the better they will know themselves. We want them to have lots of choices to experiment with new things and also to develop what they already enjoy. We want them to both discover and develop their talents.

Have a scintillating September,
Laurie McLellan
lauriemclellan@nanjing-school.com

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We are delighted to have welcomed these new students over the last two weeks!

PK	Zichen
PK	Guangzheng
1	Tianshun
1	Xi (Tiantian)
2	Yang
3	Yu Xuan
5	Yucheng

Upcoming Events:
The Upcoming Week is W4
Wednesday 4th September
Gr10 Personal Project Day
Thursday 5th September
G12 Visual Arts Trip
Friday 6th September
G12 Visual Arts Trip
Saturday 7th September
G12 Visual Arts Trip
MS/US Production Camp
Pfrang Music Night
Sunday 8th September
NIC Membership Welcome BBQ



Facility Notice

Dear All,
We will have monthly equipment testing of Evacuation and Lockdown System this coming Sunday (Sep 1st) 1:00pm ~3:00pm.
Please ignore the alarm bell and blue lights during this period.
Thanks for your understanding.
Facility Department
alexchen@nanjing-school.com

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Campus Access for Students

Safe use of our facilities is of the utmost importance. Please refer to the access guidelines below.

"Supervised" means that students have a responsible adult from this NIS community with them.

"Scheduled" means that the activity has been formally organized or approved by NIS.

Campus Access by NIS Students

School Days	7:45am-3:15pm (<i>exception: supervised and/or scheduled activities or fitness room access</i>)
Weekends and Holidays	Scheduled and/or Supervised activities only
Fitness Room Access	<u>Grade 10-12 Students only</u> Weekdays: 5:30am-7:45am and 3:00pm-9:30pm Saturday and Sunday: 5:30am-9:30pm
Overall Student Access	Students may only be on-campus for the regular school day, scheduled and/or supervised activities, and/or to use the fitness room (G.10-12). No Student will be allowed access to campus between 10:00pm-5:00am.

Specifics	Who?	When?
Centre Cafe	Grade 11-12 students and Parent-supervised children	Outside of class times and during the Café's hours of operation, only
Cafeteria	All Students	During the school day as scheduled and after-school until 4:15pm, only if waiting for NIS-scheduled activities*
Gyms	All Students	During class, supervised breaks, and for scheduled and supervised activities, only
Design Centres		
Outdoor Areas		
Fitness Room	Grade 10-12 Students	5:30am-9:30pm
E-Bikes/Powered Scooters	Grade 10-12 Students	With a helmet!

Campus Access by NIS Alumni- Must follow NIS Visitor Code of Conduct

Not living in Nanjing, but visiting the school.	Have temporary status as a community member, not to exceed one week. Access to gym, community swim sessions, café, Ok.
Alumni residing in Nanjing with siblings/parents at NIS	Have community member status while family member is enrolled in or employed by NIS. Access to gym, community swim, café, etc. Ok.
Alumni in Nanjing without siblings/parents at NIS	Visitor Status. Can visit teachers at break/lunch. Must sign-in and obtain visitor sticker. No gym or pool access.

*Students in **Grades 4-9** who participate in NIS activities starting at 4:20pm may wait in the **cafeteria from 3:15pm – 4:15pm**. **All** other PK-Grade 10 students must be *directly* supervised in this space.

Questions? Please contact Mr. Kasson Bratton, Deputy Director-Learning

kassonbratton@nanjing-school.com



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

FOR PARENTS OF GRADE 11 STUDENTS

5 SEPT 2019
MSUS LGR
08:15

**REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED**

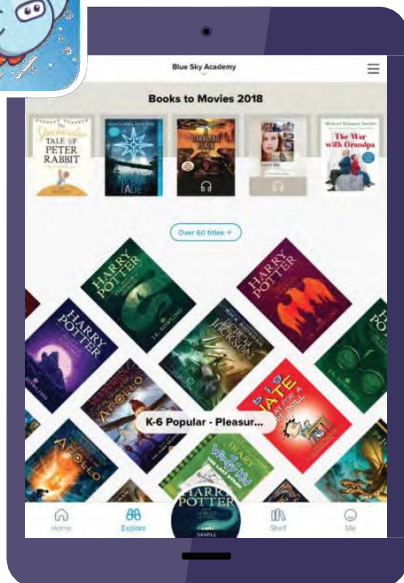
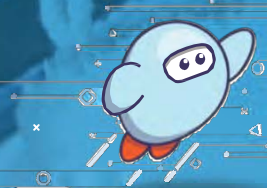


Open a world of reading

For easy access, our school's setup code is

nanjingcn

Use your ID number as both username & password.



Sora

The student reading app

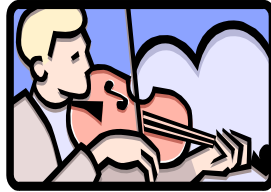
Get Sora and
start reading today!



To use on your laptop: visit <https://soraapp.com>

Brought to you by NIS and built with ❤ by OverDrive.

See Mrs. Romero in the library for help or questions!
Parents need to be set up with an account first...students & teachers are ready to go!



Event: Primary School Variety Show

Date: Friday 11th October, 2019

Time: 8:10am

Venue: NIS theatre.

Auditions will be held in the Performing Arts room during the second half of lunchtime at the following times:

Friday 6th September

Gr.5 students

Monday 9th September

Gr.4 students

Tuesday 10th September

Gr.3 students

Wednesday 11th September

Gr.2 students

Thursday 12th September

Gr.1 students

Talent Show Criteria:

- 1. Each act must be no longer than 2 minutes**
- 2. Make eye contact with your audience**
- 3. Have lots of facial, vocal and body expression if your act requires it**
- 4. It should be well rehearsed/polished**
- 5. Have fun!**

***The students will find out by the end of the day on Tuesday 17th September whether or not they have been successful.**

The PS Student Council wish all of the students auditioning the best of luck.

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ACTIVITIES

Athletics

As we enter Week 4, our Athletics program is now into full swing. CISSA Touch Rugby, ACAMIS Volleyball and Cross Country practices are going strong. In Week 5, MS Soccer and ACAMIS Table Tennis will start – watch out for the bulletin notices for sign ups.



ACAMIS Girls Volleyball Tryouts

Discover China Update

The numbers are in! We are in full planning mode now to make Discover China 2019 an awesome one.

We ask parents to ensure their child's travel documentation information is updated on Veracross. Please see accompanying pages for instructions. You can always stop by IT or the Activities Office for support. Save the date - Discover China Parent Coffee Morning – Oct. 9th.



Swimming



Swim Team Trials were well attended and a few new swimmers are now welcomed onto the Swim Team. Friday's Mini-Squad try-out is expecting 34 keen 8-and under swimmers. Swim season started with a well-attended morning session. Alex Crook, a former NIS Sealion, taught the team new drills and skills in the water. After learning about what it is like to swim at University, the team enjoyed a well-earned breakfast.

Community Activities

Your interest in the community activities is overwhelming. Thank you very much. Registration is still open until today 4pm. There are still a few seats available for some activities, like Ballet, Vinyasa Yoga, Energy flow Yoga, Photography classes and for some swim classes. Please come to my office (second floor in the Centre) next week to collect your payment slips. I will be in the office next week Monday-Friday 8:15-10:00am and on Monday and Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm.

Your Community activity coordinator
Katja Schubert

Contact us: dannyclarke@nanjing-school.com kathrinlammers@nanjing-school.com
annayuen@nanjing-school.com cac@nanjing-school.com



ACTIVITIES

After School Activities

The extra-curricular activities are underway. We have 9 new activities for Primary School and 8 for the Middle and Upper School!

After the ASAs, children in grades 1 and 2, registered for the school bus, will be accompanied to the Hutong to meet the bus ayi who will then take them to the bus. Students in grades 3 and above should make their own way to the bus or their own way home.

Please note that the Activities bus will depart at 4.35 pm from the parking lot at the front of the school.

There are some vacancies in below Cycle 1 ASAs:

Monday- *Jewelry Making; Gymnastics*

Tuesday: *A Variety of Arts*

Wednesday: *Chinese Zen Flower Arrangement; Skate, Blade, Board*

Friday: *Athletic Foundation; Sand Painting*

Please come to Activities Office to sign up.



Chinese Zen Flower Arrangements
created by Primary School Students

Volunteering

Students, We Need You!



Please remember that in each semester, students in grades 6-9 are required to do one volunteering experience and one Service as Action.

We have only a few vacancies left for these volunteering opportunities:

- Gymnastics Volunteer - Mondays
- Gymnastics Volunteer - Tuesdays
- Knitting - Flexible
- Learning 2 Conference Volunteers October 18-19th
- English Conversation Volunteers - Flexible
- Trash Busters - Fridays
- Outdoor Survival Mentors - Fridays
- Parkour Mentors - Wednesdays
- ASA Skates, Blades, Boards Volunteer – Wednesdays

Signing up on Veracross is a must. Please stop by the Activities Office for more information.

Experts Wanted!

We are looking for students or parents who can teach visiting teachers to play mahjong 麻将 or how to make Chinese knots 中国结. It will be at lunch time on Oct 18 and 19th during our Learning 2 Conference. Please contact the Activities Office to share your expertise.



Greetings NIS Parents,

You will receive a copy of our new NIS Family Technology Agreement soon. Our hope is that this document will provide you with the language to have clear, focused discussions around technology use in your home, and/or reinforce those discussions that you might have already had with your children. The language contained in the agreement is in line with the [NIS Digital Citizenship Philosophy and mirrors the type of conversations we have with your child in school about technology.](#)

We will be sending home a digital copy through Veracross beginning Week 4 and ask that you review it together with your child (or children). We recommend printing out and posting the agreements you make together somewhere visible at home. This way you can return to them whenever a conversation about technology develops around behavior and expectations.

Should you have any questions about this, do not hesitate to contact anyone on the Digital Citizenship team, made up of our Counseling, Library and Tech departments, and we would be happy to schedule time to discuss more!

[Joe Barder – IT Director](#)

[Gretchen Galaty – US Counselor](#)

[Lance Yuen – MS Counselor](#)

[Caleva Kelly – PS Counselor](#)

[Angela Romero – Librarian](#)

[Leon Letkeman – MS/US Tech Coach](#)

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NIS Family Technology Agreement

Name _____

Advisor's
name _____

Grade
Level _____

Digital Citizenship Philosophy

As an inclusive learning community, NIS seeks to promote a thoughtful and balanced approach to the use of digital technology by considering the following questions:

- **RESPECT** (Kind) [*Copyright, Etiquette, Cyber-bullying*]
 - Have I thought about how my actions will affect others?
 - Am I using digital technology in a responsible and ethical manner?
- **PROTECT** (Safe) [*Health and wellness, Reputation, Balance*]
 - Am I making appropriate choices with the information that I am sharing and consuming?
 - Am I keeping myself and others safe?
- **CONNECT** (Helpful) [*Empathetic, Communication, Media Literacy*]
 - Am I using digital technology in a way that promotes positive, inclusive attitudes?
 - Am I using digital technology to enhance my learning?

What do I have to do?

Step 1: Make a Digital Citizenship plan! You and your parents must read through and complete the pages below.

Step 2: Sign at the bottom of this page to show that you agree to follow the plan.

Step 3: Return this page only to your Advisor

Step 4: Post the plan somewhere at home where you can see it and use it to guide your behavior as a Digital Citizen!

Name _____ agrees
to follow the plan for appropriate use of technology at home and at school
and to use the NIS Digital Citizenship Philosophy.

Signed (student) _____

Signed (parent / guardian) _____

An Inclusive
Learning
Community

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HOW TO UPDATE PASSPORT INFORMATION

Important information about passports and visas

Please update Veracross with current student passport and valid China visa details so the Activities Office can begin booking tickets and accommodations for Discover China Trip Week 2019.

All FOREIGN students must have a valid passport and a valid visa in order for the Activities Office to book flights, train tickets and hotels. Please note that a valid visa and/or entry stamp are essential for buying tickets and making hotel reservations.

Students who intend on using their CHINESE ID cards as their travel document are asked to send a photo or a scan of their ID Card via email to elaineliu@nanjing-school.com
HONG KONG, MACAU and TAIWANESE students are also asked to send photo or a scan of their Chinese Government issued ID passes to elaineliu@nanjing-school.com

Please see the pass samples views as below:



Chinese ID sample



**Chinese government issued
pass sample for
Hongkong and Macau resident**



**Chinese government issued
pass sample for Taiwan resident**

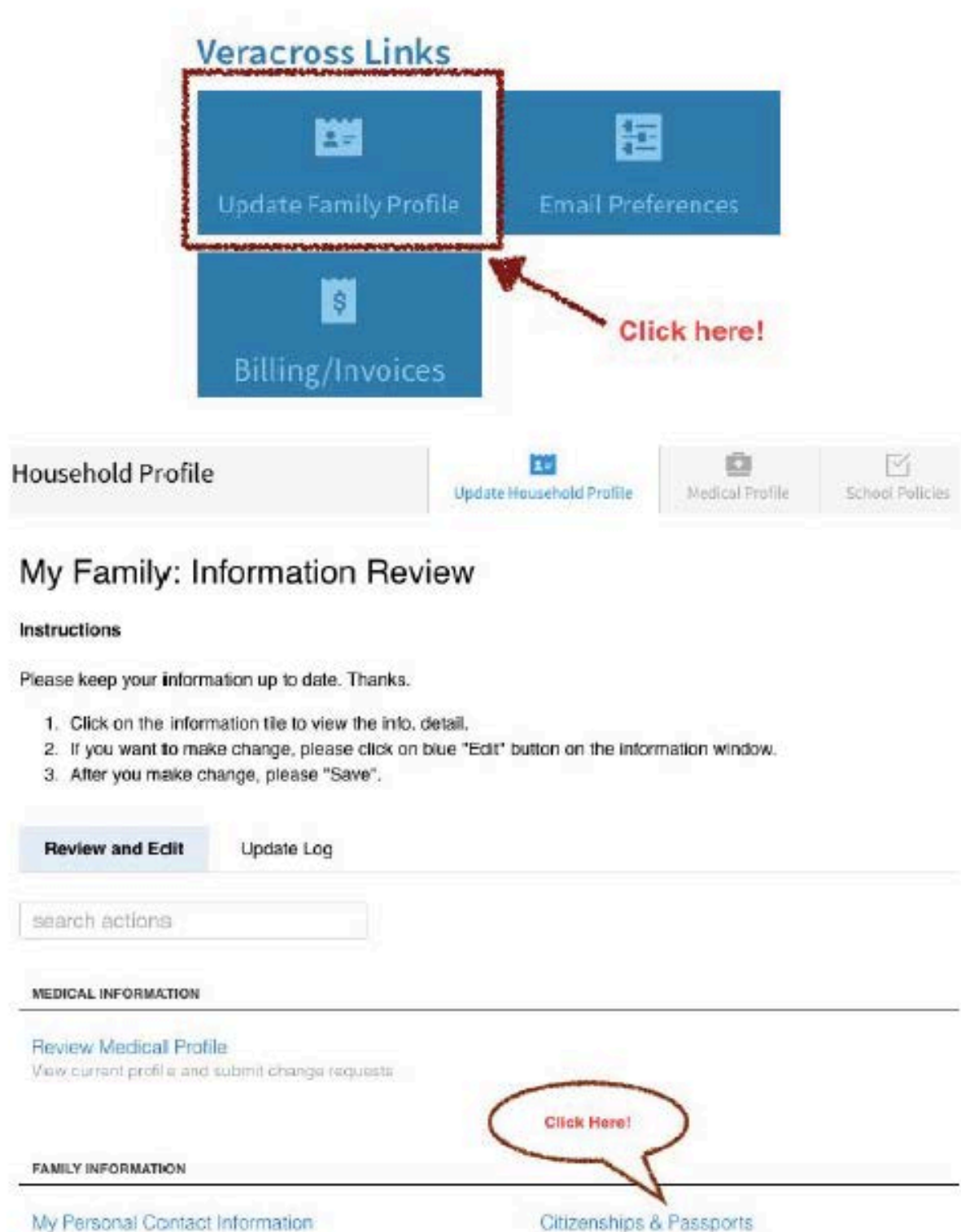
If your child/children hold Foreign Permanent Resident ID Card(s) 中华人民共和国外国人永久居留证 issued by Ministry of Public Security and you want use it/them as the travel documentation in Discover China Week, please send information via email elaineliu@nanjing-school.com

For FOREIGN passport holders ONLY: please refer to the instructions on how to update your passport and visa documentation.

Step 1:

Log into Veracross via <https://accounts.veracross.com/nis/portals/login>

Go to "Update Family Profile" then "Citizenships & Passports"



Veracross Links

- Update Family Profile
- Email Preferences
- Billing/Invoices

Click here!

Household Profile Update Household Profile Medical Profile School Policies

My Family: Information Review

Instructions

Please keep your information up to date. Thanks.

1. Click on the information tile to view the info. detail.
2. If you want to make change, please click on blue "Edit" button on the information window.
3. After you make change, please "Save".

Review and Edit Update Log

search actions

MEDICAL INFORMATION

[Review Medical Profile](#)
View current profile and submit change requests

FAMILY INFORMATION

[My Personal Contact Information](#) [Citizenships & Passports](#)

Click Here!

Step 2:

Add or update passport information:

save x remove cancel

First Name

Country

Primary Citizenship? *

yes

Input passport Name, Country then chose Primary Citizenship "yes"

Passport Information:

Issue Date *

Expires On *

Passport Number *

**Indicates a required field*

save x remove cancel

First Name

Country

Primary Citizenship? *

yes

Input all the * information here!!

Passport Information:

Issue Date *

Expires On *

Passport Number *

**Indicates a required field*

Step 3:

Add or update China visa information :

Citizenships & Passports
United States **Click here!**

China Visas
No visa information on file

Updating "Expiration Date " is essential!

Issue Date	--
Expiration Date	--
Visa Number	--
Visa Notes	--

edit

Please complete the information update at your earliest convenience.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Activities Office.

Thank you for your understanding!

Anna Yuen, Activities Coordinator
annayuen@nanjing-school.com

Elaine Liu, Secretary to the Activities Coordinator
elaineliu@nanjing-school.com

Lunch Menu

<http://www.nischina.org/page.cfm?p=571>



Community Events

<http://www.nischina.org/page.cfm?p=534>



Swimming Pool Calendar

<http://www.nischina.org/page.cfm?p=585>



PTA NEWS

2019-2020 PTA COMMITTEE

President: Benedicte Thomasson
 Vice President: Yvonne Zollner
 Vice President: Gina Ryu
 Vice President: Ying Liu
 Treasurer: Gina Policelli
 Secretary: Jo Laycock

PTA EVENTS

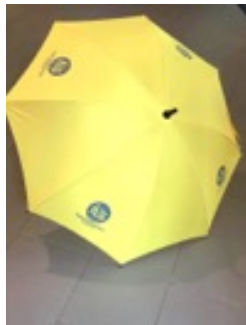
Trivia Night - September
 20th
 Coffee Morning - 8:15am
 September 25th

PTA SHOP

PTA Shop Hours
 Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00
 Friday 2:30 - 3:30

The PTA hopes that everyone has had a great start to the school year, particularly our new community members!

We welcome everyone to our **Trivia Night on Friday September 20th!** This will be held at the NIS Center Cafe 7:00 - 10:30pm. Tickets will be 100RMB and on sale soon. Teams will have 6-8 people and if you don't have a team, we will organize them on the night!



***PTA Shop** is open Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 and Friday 2:30 - 3:30. If you need some extra protection on these rainy days, the yellow NIS logo golf umbrella is a great choice! It's available from the shop for 80 RMB.

- * **Yearbook Mugshots** will be on **Wednesday September 11th** at school for all students and teachers.
- * **Set painting** for the MYP Production needs volunteers! This is a fun job with no previous skills required - a great way to meet other members of the community. Please contact Anna Mathias - WeChatID Arty-Anna.
- * The PTA is thrilled with the response to our call for volunteers to help with events during the year. Please email us at ptapresident@nanjing-school.com to join the group!

To join the volunteer group for any of our PTA events, please contact Benedicte Thomasson, Yvonne Zollner, Gina Policelli or Sue Northcott. Or contact us on at ptapresident@nanjing-school.com

FESTIVAL

hosted at

Nanjing International School
No 8 Xueheng Road · Qixia District

WEEKEND

SAT, Sept 7

6 pm until late



PFRANG MUSIC NIGHT

A relaxed and enjoyable night out with friends and a fundraiser for Pfrang Association.

- Live music featuring The Bad News Band
- International food court
- Raffle prizes

Admission

September 7th
6 pm

200 RMB

incl. 100 RMB food + drink voucher

Please bring your children on Sunday for the popular Pfrang Day children's games and entertainment.

For more
information
please contact:



**Pfrang
Association**

www.pfrangassociation.org
pfrang@sharehousechina.com

SUN, Sept 8

12 - 4 pm



NIC MEMBERSHIP WELCOME BBQ

An afternoon for families and friends, to welcome returning and new members of the Nanjing International Club. Join us, together we share, care and enjoy!

- BBQ Buffet
- Information about NIC
- Kids activities

Admission

September 8th
12 - 4 pm

• New & returning members	FREE
• Non-Members adults	250 RMB
• Kids < 12	100 RMB
• Kids activities (parents to Pfrang)	50 RMB

NIC MEMBERSHIP FEES

Full Year	Oct 1 - Dec 31	Early Bird
Family	RMB 1400	RMB 1200
Couple	RMB 1200	RMB 1000
Single	RMB 1000	RMB 800
Student	RMB 200	RMB 100

Pre-registration days at NIC:
Aug 20, 27 + Sept 3 before and after school.



www.thenicclub.com



PFRANG LIVE MUSIC NIGHT & INTERNATIONAL FOOD COURT

**SATURDAY
SEPT. 7, 2019**

6PM -UNTIL LATE

**A RELAXED ADULT
EVENING WITH FRIENDS
AND FUNDRAISER FOR
PFRANG ASSOCIATION**

**ADMISSION
200 RMB
INCL. 100RMB FOOD &
DRINK VOUCHER**

**JOIN US AT NANJING
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**

**MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.PFRANGASSOCIATION
PFRANG@SHAREHOUSECHINA.COM**



**BRING YOUR CHILDREN ON
SUNDAY FOR PFRANG DAY
CHILDREN'S GAMES AND
ENTERTAINMENT!**

**GOOD
MUSIC**





MAKE EVERY STEP COUNT

FROM 1ST TO 28TH SEPTEMBER
Step up to the challenge and walk
10 000 steps per day

All the money raised through registration
fees will be divided equally between the four
charities.

Registration fee 100 RMB per person

Weekly prizes

Email: tea@thenicclub.com to register
and for more information

By paying the registration fee, you
agree to undertake this activity
at your own risk





SNOW JAPAN 2020

24 – 31 Jan 2020
Japan

Families of all ages
and Gr 6 – 12
students of all abilities
welcome

Would you like to
learn how to ski or
snowboard?

**Then come join
the trip!!**

Full 6 days
ski/board
package
¥11,000
(plus flights)

More information
and bookings -
contact



dannyclarke@nanjing-school.com