



First PTA Coffee Morning

Parent engagement is critical to student success

When NIS built The Centre building 10 years ago it was as a community hub. This was in response to one of our foundational goals which states that NIS act as a bridge to families new to China. At that time we were unsure how it would develop. Many school systems like to keep parents at arm's length, we do not. Following on from the PTA coffee morning, we had Child Protection workshops and IT training for parents. We know that our parents are well educated, however we also need to make sure parents are well-educated about how we do things at NIS.

A huge shout out to our new PTA leadership for the tremendous atmosphere engendered through the first PTA community coffee morning. It was not just the excellent turnout of new and returning parents, but also the tenor of the welcome, the emphasis on action and the involvement of a diverse selection of parents in terms of children's ages as well as national backgrounds.

This week I challenged myself to choose my three foundational rocks on which my actions this year will be based. They are **Developing Talent**, creating the **Third Teacher** (the concept that the learning environment is critical) and **Student Advocacy**.

Imagine going in to your place of work 20 years ago, would it be the same? One of the grand ironies of modern education is that so many adults want it to be the same as 20 years ago. I want school to feel different, interesting and dynamic. I want it to stimulate your curiosity, not just the curiosity of your children. We are driven by the excitement of today and tomorrow, although we are informed by the past we have no desire to live there.

Have an awesome August.

Laurie McLellan

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SMS Test Notice

Dear Parents,

The NIS Bulk SMS Test will be held on
[Wednesday 28 August 2019@14:00](#)

It will appear on your phones as
"NIS Code TEST for ALL SCHOOL - this is a test of our SMS system"

If you do NOT receive this SMS test on your mobile phone, check your Veracross Home Page on the right hand side. You can then click on "Update my Household Profile" and make sure your contact information is accurate.

It is important that in the unlikely event of an emergency we are always able to contact you.

If you still have a problem, let me know?

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Upcoming Events:

The Upcoming Week is W3

Monday 26th August

ASA Cycle 1 begins

Tuesday 27th August

Parent Led Conference Afternoon

Wednesday 28th August

Gr11 Retreat

Gr11 Team Building

Thursday 29th August

Introduction to MYP Parents G6-10

Gr10 Personal Project Work Shop

Gr11 Retreat

Gr11 Team Building

Friday 30th August

MS/US Student Council Camp

PS Parent Forum

Saturday 31st August

Board Retreat

Sunday 1st September

Board Retreat

NIS Primary Parent Forum

- Join us to hear the story of the start to the new school year.
- Friday August 30th
- 9:00am-10:00am
- Large Group Room
- This is a great opportunity to also come and share your inquiries about the Primary School.



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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

SPECIAL EVENT: PARENT LED CONFERENCES



Every student is unique, and brings his or her own talents and interests, thoughts and cares, to school each day.

In recognizing the individuality of each child, during Week 3 we will hold **Parent Led Conferences**. By listening to parents, who know their children best, we will be able to support your children better in their learning journey at NIS.

You will receive more information about sign-ups soon. Typically, Primary meetings may take place Monday through Thursday; most MS/US meetings will take place **Tuesday afternoon August 27th**.

Please note that there will be **no lessons** on Tuesday **afternoon from 1:30pm**.

LUNCH & BUSES on the day

Lunch will be provided for students as usual on Tuesday. For those families whose children take the **Home Caught bus** in the afternoon, buses will leave NIS at 1:30pm. Otherwise, parents should pick up their children at 1:20pm at the usual pick-up locations. There is no change to the Pre-K schedule on this day.

Should my child attend?

Yes! Your child is the focus of the conference.

What should you expect?

Here are some questions that will guide our meetings:

What do you feel we Need to know : <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What especially delights your child?- If overwhelmed, how does your child cope?- What was your experience like in this grade?- How do you remember that year of school?	What are you Excited about : <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are your child's strengths and interests?- What are you and your child looking forward to this year?
What Suggestions do you have in helping me to know your child better: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Is there a question you hope I'll ask you about your child?	Worried about : <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are your fears or concerns about your child in this grade level?

Please contact your child's Teacher/Advisor or relevant Head of Section with questions.

See you then!

Mr. Adam Dodge
Head of Primary

Ms. Ruth Clarke
Head of Middle School

Ms. Katie Ham
Head of Upper School



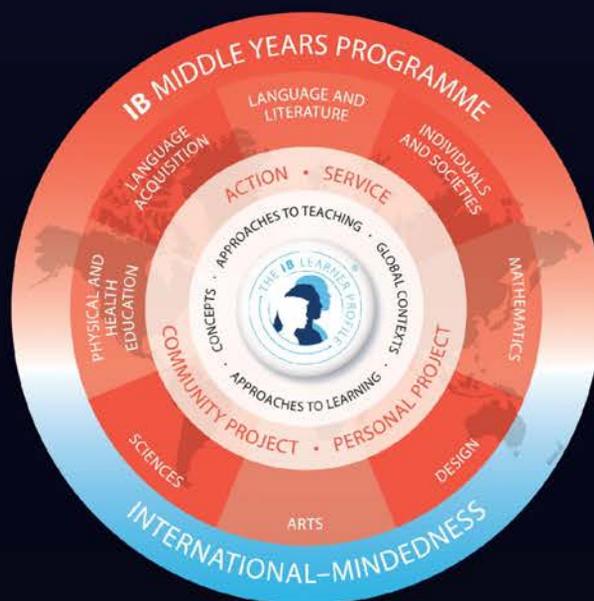
INTRODUCTION TO THE MYP

29 AUG 2019
MSUS LGR
08:15

**8.15: INTRODUCTION TO
THE MYP FOR ALL MYP PARENTS
GRADES 6-10**

**9AM: COFFEE BREAK AND PARENTS
OF STUDENTS G6-9 LEAVE**

9.15AM: PP PARENT WORKSHOP FOR G10 PARENTS





GRADE 10 PERSONAL PROJECT PARENT WORKSHOP

29 AUG 2019
MSUS LGR
09:15

WHAT IS A PP?
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?
HOW DOES IT WORK?
HOW CAN I BEST SUPPORT MY CHILD?





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.



ACTIVITIES

Swimming

Early morning swim team practices start with a cracker. Alex C. will be presenting on what it is like to be a student-athlete (swimmer) at University and how to juggle training and school work.



If you are a Gold, Silver or Bronze swimmer you are invited to come to morning practice on Monday 26th of August to attend the early morning swim session, the presentation and the team breakfast afterwards.



Athletics

As we enter Week 3, our Athletics program is now getting into full swing. CISSA Touch Rugby and ACAMIS Volleyball are both now running and Cross Country practices will start this coming week. On the horizon is CISSA Soccer and ACAMIS Table Tennis – watch out for the bulletin notices for sign ups.



After School Activities

Cycle 1 ASAs and Clubs will begin on August 26th

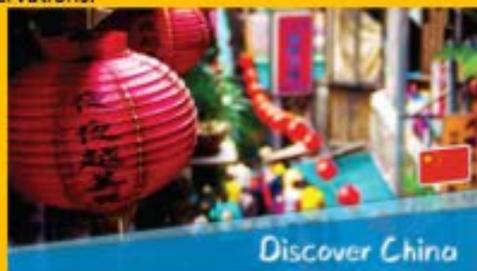
Children in grades 1 and 2 who have signed up for ASAs will be collected from their classroom and taken to the ASA venue. After the session, children must be collected by a parent, a designated adult or older sibling. Children who take the school bus will be collected by an Ayl and escorted to the bus. Students in grades 3-5 will go to the designated venue on their own.

Please note that Gymnastics will start on Tuesday, September 10th.



Discover China 2019

We are well underway with the planning of our 10 Discover China Trips. All trips in grades 6-11 will have a new Service Component added. Please ensure your child's travel documentation and visa information are updated on Veracross. Current and valid travel information is needed for train, plane and hotel reservations.



Volunteering

Please check the Daily Bulletin for upcoming volunteering opportunities at school.



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outdoor SURVIVAL



Are you a Middle or Upper School student interested in learning and mentoring Primary School students in...

- Camping skills
- Knot tying
- Setting up a shelter
- Orientation with a map and compass
- How to build and cook on a campfire
- First Aid
- Teamwork and Leadership skills

Why choose Outdoor Survival?

- Could count towards Service
- Could count towards the Global Citizen Diploma



An Outdoor Survival Club will begin in Cycle 2

For more information contact or visit Mr. Lee (leemayes@nanjing-school.com)





Parkour



Are you a Middle or Upper School student interested in...

- Learning Parkour and getting strong, fit and flexible?
- Mentoring Primary students in Parkour
- Designing and building a Parkour course?
(client project G9 & G10 - Product Design)

Why choose Parkour?

- Could count towards Service
- Could count towards the Global Citizen Diploma

A Parkour Club will begin in cycle 2.

For more information contact or visit Mr. Lee (leemayesa@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>



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Auditions in M251:

Wed, Aug 21
12:50 - 1:20

Thurs, Aug 22
3:15 - 4:15

Call-Backs
Sat, August 24
9:00 - 12:00



Please see a Music or Drama teacher for more information.

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



Our first **Coffee Morning** of this school year was a big success. Thank you to all who attended & presented at this event.

Thank you to everyone who has provided their contact details to the PTA to be included on the list of volunteers. If you haven't done this

already, please send us an email at ptapresent@nanjing-school.com.

- **PTA Shop** sales were excellent this week - thank you for your support!
- **Trivia Night** will be **Friday 20th September!** More details will be announced soon. Start getting your brainiest buddies together for a fun night at NIS!
- **PTA Birthday Cupcakes** will be provided by the PTA on **September 11th** for all teachers and students with birthdays in August and September.
- **The Autumn Festival** is scheduled for **Saturday, November 2nd**. Event planning will begin soon. Parent volunteers are encouraged to help with the planning and at the event with Food, Games, Decorations, Volunteers and Tickets. Please consider joining the planning and as a volunteer for this FUN event!



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 - Oct 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.



Get your Early Bird discount!

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**

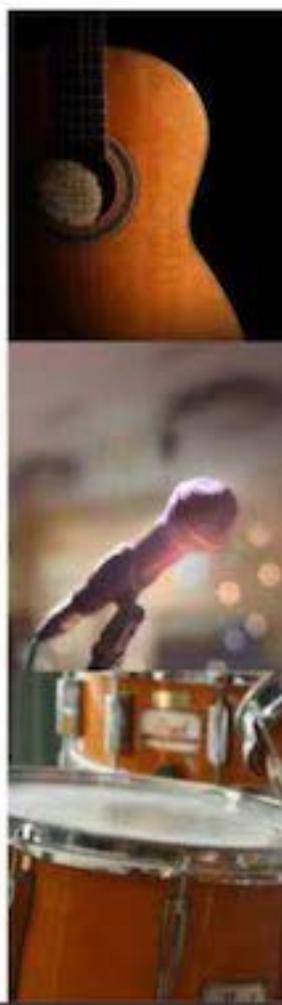
**MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.PFRANGASSOCIATION
PFRANG@SHAREHOUSECHINA.COM**



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

**DOOGOOD
MUSIC**

**DOOGOOD
FOOD**



SNOW JAPAN 2020

24 – 31 Jan 2020
Japan

Would you like to
learn how to ski or
snowboard?

**Then come join
the trip!!**

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

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

More information
and bookings -
contact



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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@theniclub.com to register
and for more information

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

