



Soccer at NIS

Inclusion – do we embrace it or not?

Last week I visited two schools in Beijing with the majority of our school Board. We visited the two schools that are the most like NIS in terms of the educational outlook, not-for-profit status, type of teachers hired, IB Diploma and commitment to inclusion. Of course, ISB (International School of Beijing) and WAB (Western Academy Beijing) are bigger, have higher fees and many more staff, however the foundations and educational principles are similar. There are many things to learn from spending time in other schools. One thing I had not expected was the growing commitment to an even more expansive view on inclusion than exists at NIS with both schools opening special programmes for students with more intensive needs.

One of my colleagues shared a newspaper article with me about a scandal that is unfolding at his previous school which is an elite and highly reputable day and boarding school. In what some parents describe as 'a ruthless bid to boost academic performance' students with 'poor grades and learning difficulties are being excluded'. This is what happens at many schools here in Nanjing as well. It does not surprise me one iota. However, for me as the educational leader at NIS do not see this as merely an education debate, I think it is a moral question that society has to address. This is an existential question for all our parents, students, teachers, staff and alumni – do we believe in developing the talents of all students who come to NIS or do we want to discard students who don't meet some arbitrary standard?

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NIS is an inclusive learning community. We revel in the diversity of our community, past and present. We care about people not numbers. We use data to inform what we need to do as teachers to help develop student talent, not as a ruse to chuck them out. Our alumni success comes in various different choices they make. I refuse to just focus on our students in Ivy League schools, our students who are in top rated medical schools or our Graduate students in Public Health and Science research at the highest rated research universities. There are many more that are having equal success in the plethora of other excellent institutions of higher education in all our home countries about whom I am equally proud. They are not better or worse, these are simply different choices.

Let's change the dull, outdated and uninspiring drive that is so prominent just now and talk about something much more exciting, future-focused and inspiring. Let's talk about everyone's capacity for success and let's get happiness and wellness at the core of defining that success. I love NIS, don't you?

Have an auspicious October,

Laurie McLellan

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Upcoming Events:

The Upcoming Week is W8

Tuesday 8th October

FCD

G12 EE/SE First Full Draft Due

Wednesday 9th October

FCD

Thursday 10th October

FCD

Friday 11th October

FCD

G5 CISSA Soccer @ SZ

PS Variety Show

SISAC Volleyball @ SH

Saturday 12th October

CISSA X-Country @ SH

G5 CISSA Soccer @ SZ

SISAC Volleyball @ SH

Sunday 13th October

Jazz Festival @ NIS

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER

Facility Notice

- Monthly equipment testing of our Evacuation and Lockdown System will take place on Sunday (Sep 29th) 1:00pm ~4:00pm. Please ignore the alarm bell and the blue flashing lights during this period.
- The whole school will be closed (including GYM) from 1st to 3rd October during the holiday. There will be no water supply due to the regular maintenance of our water system.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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Parents - Please use the internet respectfully

Our IT Director, Mr. Joe Barder, attended a meeting with the PSB (Public Security Bureau) about VPN internet use on campus at NIS. We have a special dispensation, as a school for children of foreign experts, to be able to use a VPN to access educational websites all over the world. The purpose is clearly for education, yet for the 2nd time we have been informed that members of our community are using Facebook to make inappropriate comments about our host country.

We are guests in this marvelous country and should respect the laws. Parents, please do not come on the NIS campus and use Facebook when you are endangering our students' access to educational websites. Every search is monitored so think before you act.

Thank you

Laurie McLellan

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3-Way Conferences Coming Soon!

On Wednesday, October 23rd parents and students will have the opportunity to meet with teachers about progress from Quarter One and goals for the rest of the semester and beyond. Sign-ups for these conferences will take place via Veracross between 12:00pm on October 16th and 12:00pm on October 22nd. Quarter One reports will be available via Veracross at 4:00pm on October 21st. **Please note that October 23rd is not a regular school day. No classes will be held on this date.**

Key Dates and Times

October 16 at 12:00pm	Conference Sign-up Opens on Veracross
October 21 at 4:00pm	Q1 Reports are available on Veracross
October 22 at 12:00pm	Conference Sign-Up Closes on Veracross
October 23 - All Day	3-Way Conferences Take Place

After registering, please remember to download your conference schedule. Once registration closes on October 22nd, you will no longer be able to download this important document from Veracross!

For Mandarin translation requests in Middle and Upper School and for all other translation needs across all grades, we ask that you bring a translator to your child's conference.

Special note for PRIMARY parents: P.E., Design, Mandarin, and Performing Arts teachers will be available in their classrooms on the day for drop-in visits.

Please let us know if you have any questions. See you then!

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Campus Access for NIS PARENTS

Please refer to the access guidelines below. Their purpose is to maximize safety and student learning.

Centre Access for NIS PARENTS

Access to NIS campus beyond the guard gate	Monday through Saturday: 5:30am-9:30pm. Sunday: Scheduled activities or fitness room use.
School Holidays	As posted in the Weekly Bulletin.
Fitness Room Access	5:30am-9:30pm daily, unless otherwise posted.
NIS Pool	During posted community swimming times. See weekly bulletin for details.
Centre Cafe	During posted opening times. Children in Grades PK-10 must be supervised.
Learning Spaces Access for NIS PARENTS (Beyond the internal security barrier)	
Outdoor Spaces (Spider Web, Courtyard Play Structures, Track, Pitch, Garden, etc.)	Monday-Friday: Morning drop-off and from end of school day 6:00pm. Saturday: 7:30am-6:00pm. Sunday: For NIS-approved community activities only.
NIS Gyms	Outside of the school day, for NIS-approved community activities only.
Library	Monday-Friday: 7:45am-4:15pm. Saturday: As posted. See weekly bulletin for details. Children in Grades PK-9 must be supervised by a parent after 3:00pm.
All Other Learning Spaces (Classrooms, Design Centre, Early Years Centre, PAC)	Student morning drop-off, by invitation of the teacher, and/or during scheduled events (i.e. Conferences, Open Houses, Scheduled Tours, Parent Coffees).
Cafeteria	30 Minutes after the end of the school day. Children must be supervised.
Pick-Up	Students should be picked up by parents from designated pick-up locations.
Bathrooms	Parents should only use adult bathrooms.

Parent
Meeting:
October 09
9:10 to 10:00
MS/US LGR

FCD: Freedom from Chemical Dependency Parent Workshop

Parents of Grades 6-12 Students

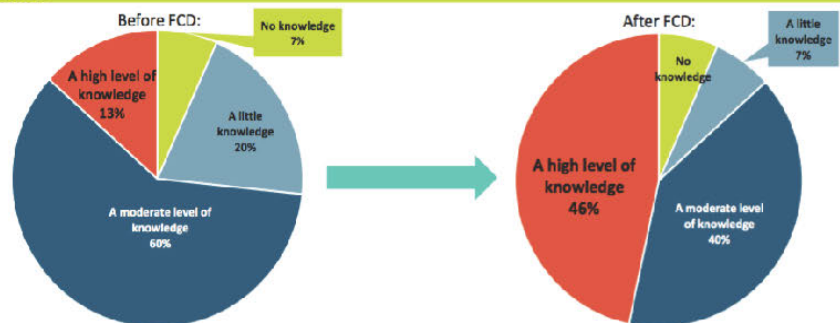
*Grades 6-12 Students
and Parents*

Join the FCD prevention specialists for a parent presentation and discussion on **Wednesday, October 9th from 9:10 to 10:00 in the MS/US LGR**. This will follow the MS/US Discover China Trip Parent Meeting.

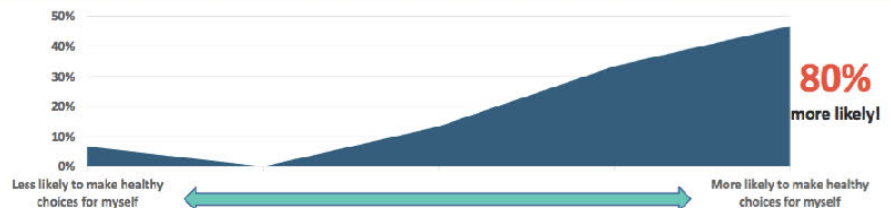
After meeting with FCD Prevention Specialist **John Tummon**, Nanjing International School students:

Increased their knowledge of the risks of:

Alcohol



And, students are more likely to make healthy choices after meeting with FCD.





VISITING STUDENT MUSICIANS!

On Tuesday, September 24, NIS hosted two musical performances from Carey Baptist Grammar School in Melbourne, Australia. The first performance was for middle school students and the second performance was for primary school children. The forty-four student musicians were in grades 9 - 11. They performed a mixture of Drama and Music that highlighted the history of Australia. The visiting performers were very professional and were excellent musicians. Their show was fantastic! They played amazing music in a range of styles, from Classical to Jazz to folk, and more. The NIS audiences were captivated!



Thanks to the NIS students for being such great, attentive audiences.

Thanks to the NIS teachers who were happy to bring their classes to this fantastic event.

Thanks to the NIS Admin, who were all super supportive the moment they heard this could be happening.

And most of all... Many thanks to Carey Baptist Grammar School for putting on a wonderful performance!

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谢谢你们



ACTIVITIES

Athletics

A huge congratulations to our Touch Rugby players and coaches who travelled by bus all the way to SAS Pudong last weekend to participate in the CISSA championships. Despite the heavy rain, the players showed determination and fantastic team spirit and overall the trip was great fun.

We have now started our CISSA Soccer season but if you have not signed up and still want to play, there is still time. See you out on the field on Monday afternoon! After the break we start our CISSA Table Tennis program for Grade 5 – 8. If you want to give it a go, sign up on Veracross.



Swimming



On Saturday 70+ swimmers hit the NIS pool. Swimmers came from the Fei Yu Club and the Tao Le You Club to swim with our SeaLions who greeted the guests with a handshake.

The first personal best times were swum and the day finished with every swimmer enjoying mixed relays across ages, genders and clubs.



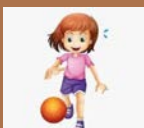
Parents and MS/US Students We need you!

Do you have a passion for Badminton? Basketball? Dodgeball? Dance? Etc. We are looking to offer more Sports and Movement ASAs for our Primary School students. Research shows that students who participate in physical activity before and after school can increase their overall energy levels and improve on their academics.¹

We are searching for parents and middle/upper school students who can lead 1 hour ASAs for 7 weeks. The Activities Office is excited to have more parents share their passions with the students. Your contributions will provide more opportunities for student voice and choice.

Please contact the Activities Office today!

1. School Connectedness. (n.d.). Retrieved from https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/protective/school_connectedness.htm



Students Volunteers Needed

Sign up on Veracross for:

- Learning 2 Conference Helpers - Grades 6-10 – Oct 18th or 19th
- Autumn Festival – Grades 6-10 – Nov 2nd

Sign up on Veracross to be a Student Leader for:

- Santa Fun Run Organiser – Dec 7
- Giving Tree Organiser – Nov 3rd -29th

Sign up in person in the Activities office:

- ACAMIS Volleyball Scorekeeper Grades 8 – 10 Oct 24th – 26th

Updates

Coming up!

Fri 11th – Sat 12th Oct: SISAC Volleyball @ Shanghai

Sat 12th Oct: CISSA X-country @ Suzhou

Fri 18th – Sun 20th Oct: SSL Swim Round 1 @SCISHQ

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Who? G6-11 Parents

When? Wed., October 9th, 2019

What time? 8.10 am – 9.00 am

Where? Large Group Room

Why? To share information about our upcoming trips

Who? G5 Parents

When? Fri., October 11th, 2019

What time? After the Variety Show

Where? To be confirmed

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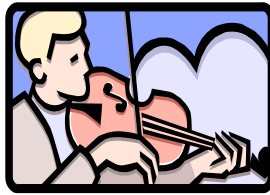


CISSA TOUCH RUGBY



The 2019 CISSA Jr & Sr Touch Rugby Team traveled to Shanghai American School Pudong for a 12 game tournament on Sep 21st. The team played spirited Touch Rugby demonstrating outstanding Touch skills, determination to win and sportsmanship. The day was filled with excitement and team spirit. All 3 teams finished the tournament on top by winning 9 games. Thank you to coaches Dutton, Heckelmann, Zhang and student coach Angus.





Primary School Variety Show

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
THE PRIMARY SCHOOL VARIETY SHOW.**

WHEN: Friday 11th October, 2019

TIME: 8:10am to around 9:10am

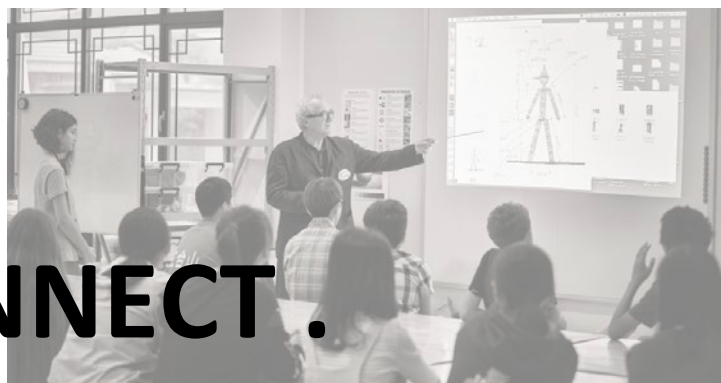
WHERE: NIS theatre.

**A huge well done to all of the students who
auditioned for the Primary School Variety Show.**

**The Primary School Student Council audition
committee were very impressed with the confidence
and creativity shown at the auditions, and would
like to congratulate all of you for been such fantastic
risk-takers.**

There is always something happening on campus and in our community. Stay abreast of the latest by following the NIS Official WeChat Account.

CONNECT .



NIS WECHAT

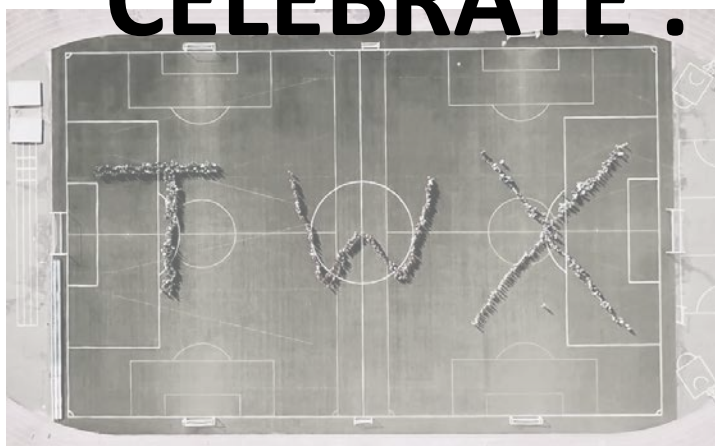
Get updated on news and upcoming events

SHARE .

Scan the QR Code to follow, and stay tuned!



CELEBRATE .



High Four Mathematics Competition

On the 17th and 18th of September teams of students in Grades 4 through to 11 participated in the first round of the challenging High Four Mathematics Competition. The students work individually or in teams to tackle a series of unfamiliar and thought-provoking problems that cannot be solved without excellent mathematics skills, creativity and a good deal of perseverance.

In the first round of the competition, all of our students made a good showing and should be congratulated on their performance. Some particular achievements of note were:

In the Grade 6 to 8, in a total field of 56 teams, two NIS teams were in the top 5

1st place - Team NIS Lions 1 (Dong Geun, Jacha, Alvina, SiHyeon)

4th place Team NIS Lions 3 (Minji, Nahee, Yeeun, Elizabeth)

In Grades 9 to 10, in a field of 7 teams, three NIS teams were in the top 4

2nd place – Team Hawthorn (Chesna, Ya Yan, Antoni, Donghee)

Equal 3rd place – Team Deepdene (Chih-Chen, Yutong, Seowoo, Hoyun)

Equal 3rd place – Team Balwyn (Seo-Hyun, Yewon, Yixuan, Maximilian)

Congratulations, NIS students! Well done.

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**Café @ Centre
will be Closed**

On Monday 7th Oct ,2019

For National Holiday

Thank you for your Notice!

Lunch Menu

<https://www.nischina.org/community/food-services/lunch-menu>



Community Events

<https://www.nischina.org/community/community-activities>



Swimming Pool Calendar

<https://www.nischina.org/learning/activities/athletics/swimming>



PTA NEWS

2019-2020

PTA COMMITTEE

President: Benedicte Thomasson

Vice President: Yvonne Zollner

Vice President: Gina Ryu

Vice President: Ying Liu

Treasurer: Gina Policelli

PTA EVENTS

Coffee Morning - 8:15am

Wednesday 27th November

Birthday Cupcakes 9th

October



- Congratulations to the winners of the **PTA Trivia Night!** The PTA were proud to provide this fun event for the community and we have been thrilled with all the positive comments that we have received. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a fun and inclusive night, especially all contestants! Special thanks to MC Kasson Bratton for keeping us entertained!
- Thank you for joining us for the Coffee Morning on Wednesday, it is a great pleasure to have such wonderful and engaged audience. Happy Golden Week!
- **Wednesday October 9th : PTA Birthday Cupcakes**
- **Wednesday October 9th : FCD** Freedom from Chemical Dependency for parents for G6 to G12 - 9.10am until 10am in LGR
- **Saturday November 2nd : Autumn Festival :**
- Event planning will begin straight after Golden Week. Parent volunteers are encouraged to help with Food, Games, Decorations, Volunteers and Tickets. Thanks to all of you who already signed up.
- Please email us at ptapresident@nanjing-school.com if you want to join the group!

PTA SHOP

PTA Shop Hours

Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00

Friday 2:30 - 3:30

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



节目单

‘同乐江苏’ 国际爵士音乐节

2019 JAZZ MUSIC FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL

18

OVER 60
MUSICIANS
WILL HOLD
25 CONCERTS
IN NANJING
CHANGZHOU
WUXI KUNSHAN
TAIZHOU
LIANYUNGANG
IN JIANGSU PROVINCE

主办单位：江苏省人民政府新闻办公室

承办单位：江苏省文化馆 江苏新天地演艺有限公司 南京市文化馆

艺术指导单位：中国音乐家协会爵士学会

协办单位：中国江苏网 MAP杂志 南京激扬文化创意有限公司

南京音乐广播FM105.8 南京（秦淮、建邺、鼓楼、

栖霞、江北新区）、无锡、常州、苏州（太仓）、

昆山、泰州、连云港（灌云）、盐城（盐都、响水）

淮安（盱眙）、南通（海安）等市区文化馆

鸣谢单位：南京理工大学外国语学院

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Sponsor: Culture and Arts Center of Jiangsu Province
JIANGSU NEW SPACE PERFORMANCE CO., LTD.
Culture and Arts Center of Nanjing

Art Instruction: Chinese Musicians Association--Jazz Association

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Jiangbei New Area) Wuxi, Changzhou, Suzhou (Taicang), Kunshan,

Taizhou, Lianyungang (Guanyun) Yancheng (Yandu, Xiangshui),

Huaian (Xuyi), Nantong (Haian)

Acknowledgement: Nanjing University of Science and Technology
School of Foreign Studies

Specially Assigned Hotels: Novotel Nanjing East Suning



2019 “同乐江苏” 国际爵士音乐节演出时间、地点表

2019 "Shared Joy in Jiangsu" International Jazz Music Festival Perform Time and Place Schedule

日期 Date	乐队 Band	地点 Place	时间 Time
10月11日 (五) 11 th October(Friday)	比利时Evil Empire Orchestra世界音乐乐队 斯洛文尼亚Wild Strings Trio爵士乐队 比利时FISTON世界音乐乐队 美国密苏里大学-圣路易斯爵士乐队 江苏 JTA-Jazz Orchestra爵士乐团 德国Lateback爵士乐队 俄罗斯Bloomticket爵士乐队 奥地利Sprinkle Blizzard爵士乐队	南京文化艺术中心剧场 The Culture and Arts Center of Nanjing 开幕式演出 Opening Ceremony	19:15
	德国Lateback爵士乐队 俄罗斯Bloomticket爵士乐队	南京印度甘尼仕爵士酒吧 Ganesh Jazz bar of Nanjing	21:30
10月12日 (六) 12 th October(Saturday)	斯洛文尼亚Wild Strings Trio乐队 江苏 JTA-Jazz Orchestra爵士乐团 德国Lateback爵士乐队	南京市建邺区文化馆 The Theatre of Culture and Arts Center of Jianye District, Nanjing	19:00
	美国密苏里大学-圣路易斯爵士乐队 奥地利Sprinkle Blizzard爵士乐队 江苏 JTA-Jazz Orchestra爵士大乐团	南京国际学校 Nanjing International School	19:00
	比利时FISTON世界音乐乐队 俄罗斯Bloom ticket爵士乐队 中非联合V.O.P爵士乐队	南京市栖霞区文化馆 The Theatre of Culture and Arts Center of Qixia District	19:00
	奥地利Sprinkle Blizzard爵士乐队 江苏 JTA-Jazz Orchestra爵士大乐团	南京印度甘尼仕爵士酒吧 Ganesh Jazz bar of Nanjing	21:30
10月13日 (日) 13 th October(Sunday)	斯洛文尼亚Wild Strings Trio乐队 德国Lateback爵士乐队 江苏 JTA-Jazz Orchestra爵士大乐团	南京市鼓楼区文化馆 The Theatre of Culture and Arts Center of Gulou District 欢乐舞台 (江边路20号)	19:15
	比利时Evil Empire Orchestra 世界音乐乐队 奥地利Sprinkle Blizzard爵士乐队	南京市秦淮区文化馆 The Theatre of Culture and Arts Center Qinghuai of District, (1865创意园)	14:00
	德国Lateback爵士乐队 比利时FISTON世界音乐乐队	南京国际学校 Nanjing International School	19:00
	奥地利Sprinkle Blizzard爵士乐队 俄罗斯Bloom ticket爵士乐队	南京信息工程大学 Nanjing University of Information Science & Technology	19:15
	比利时FISTON世界音乐乐队 中非联合V.O.P爵士乐队	江苏省对外友好交流促进会 Jiangsu Association for Friendship and International Exchanges	14:30
	比利时FISTON世界音乐乐队 中非联合V.O.P爵士乐队	南京印度甘尼仕爵士酒吧 Ganesh Jazz bar of Nanjing	21:30
	奥地利Sprinkle Blizzard爵士乐队	南京艺术学院流行音乐学院 Nanjing University of the Arts (Pop music College)	19:00
10月14日 (一) 14 th October(Monday)	比利时FISTON世界音乐乐队 俄罗斯Bloom ticket爵士乐队 江苏 JTA-Jazz Orchestra爵士大乐团	南师附中秦淮科技高级中学 Qinhuai Technology High School of Nanjing	16:00
	比利时Evil Empire Orchestra 世界音乐乐队 斯洛文尼亚Wild Strings Trio爵士乐队	常州市文化馆 The Theatre of Culture and Arts Center in Changzhou	19:00
10月15日 (二) 15 th October (Tuesday)	比利时Evil Empire Orchestra 世界音乐乐队 斯洛文尼亚Wild Strings Trio爵士乐队	苏州市昆山保利剧院(昆山文化馆) The Poly Theatre Kunshan	19:15
10月16日 (三) 16 th October (Wednesday)		无锡市文化馆 The theatre of Culture and Arts Center in Wuxi (无锡二泉广场)	19:15
10月17日 (四) 17 th October (Thursday)		苏州太仓市文化馆 The Ttheatre of Culture and Arts Center in taicang	19:15
10月18日 (五) 18 th October(Friday)		盐城市响水县体育馆 The Stadium of Xiangshu	19:15
10月19日 (六) 19 th October(Saturday)		连云港市灌云县文化馆 The Theater of Guanyun (潮河湾风景区)	9:00
10月19日 (六) 19 th October(Saturday)		盐城市盐都区文化馆 The Culture and Arts Center in Yandu (世纪公园)	19:15
10月20日 (日) 20 th October(Monday)		南通海安市大剧院 The Theatre of Culture and Arts Center in Haian	19:00
10月21日 (一) 20 th October(Monday)		泰州市文化馆 The Theatre of Culture and Arts Center in Taizhou	19:00
10月23日 (三) 20nd October(Monday)		连云港市文化馆艺术剧院 The Art Theatre of Cultural and Art Center in Lianyungang	19:00
10月24日 (四) 20nd October(Monday)		淮安市盱眙文化馆 (大剧院) The Theatre of Cultural and Art Center in Xuyi	19:00

注：以上演出时间和乐队会有变动，以当天演出时间为准。

Save the Date

Friday & Saturday

DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH



FOR THE INCREDIBLE

Christmas Market

AT ROYAL FAMILY GARDEN

6 XIAN YIN BEI LU, QIXIA, NANJING

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