



Discover China

Why do we engage in outside testing?

There is a huge debate going on in both national and international education settings around testing. There is the polemic based on the amount of testing, which discusses whether there is too much or too little. Generally speaking, NIS takes the view that too much testing is a poor use of student and teacher time; however, we know that there is a need to strike the right balance. The most interesting debate is not about the amount of testing, but rather the reasons for using testing as part of a student evaluation structure. Teachers usually use testing to help students see where they are, so they can see where they are doing well or where they have challenges. At NIS, this is always based on a broader understanding of assessment and evaluation, which teachers use frequently, but it is one which many parents would not recognise as testing as it is not a traditional, written, summative exam.

Students and parents of Grades 3 - 10 have just received the results of the bi-annual MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests, or diagnostic assessments. These are incredibly helpful as they give normative feedback about where the student is performing in comparison with other children of their age around the world. More importantly, the MAP tests track their progress. Mr. Bratton will explain this in more detail at the parent coffee morning on Tuesday, November 19. The MAP data is helpful to teachers as well. They get a full breakdown of areas where students could improve and can tailor their teaching to individual and group needs. That's what we do in an inclusive school.

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Well done to 2019 SAT takers

Each year, we have between 15 – 20 students in Grades 10 & 11 that take the SAT tests as part of their applications to universities in the USA. NIS is a registered test centre. However, the students choosing to sit for the SATs self-select, as most of our students do not go to the USA to study. Therefore, the SATs are not relevant to some. Of the 16 students who took tests in 2019, seven scored a perfect score of 800 making these the highest SAT Maths results in NIS History. Well done to our students.

PTA – Your contribution is fantastic

What a turn out for Autumn Festival! Your volunteer spirit brought the largest number of visitors to campus for any event since our 25-year anniversary. So many happy students enjoying the festivities thanks to your efforts.

Laurie McLellan

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Upcoming Events:

The Upcoming Week is W13

Tuesday 12th November

Gr12 ToK Presentations

Thursday 14th November

ACAMIS X-Country @Chengdu

Friday 15th November

ACAMIS X-Country @Chengdu

CISSA Soccer @SH

Job-A-Like(German A)

SSL Swim Round 2 @SZ

Saturday 16th November

ACAMIS X-Country @Chengdu

CISSA Soccer @SH

Job-A-Like(German A)

SSL Swim Round 2 @SZ

Sunday 17th November

MS/US Production Camp

SSL Swim Round 2 @SZ

We are delighted to welcome these three new students to NIS this week!

Hajin	K1
Chanwoong	G1
Aila	G4



School Fees Collection Dates

Dear Parents,

Please be informed that Nanjing International School has issued invoices for Semester 2 of School Year 2019/2020 on Friday 11th October 2019.

All parents have received an email with the JPG invoice attached and are responsible for payment of the fees.

The fee must be paid by 29th November 2019.

When appropriate, please pass this information to your company's Finance or Human Resources Department and arrange for the payment to be made by the due date. You can also view your child(ren)'s school fee invoice in Veracross from October 14th. The instructions are below:

1. Log into Veracross Parent

Portal: <http://portals.veracross.com/nis>

2. Click "Billing/Invoices" to view the Billing Account Page

3. Click "View " to view and "Print to PDF" to save the invoice as a pdf file

Please contact me if you require further assistance.

Regards

Arek Owczarek

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PARENT COFFEE MORNING

You're Invited to join with us!

8:15 Finding your way through MAP testing G3-10

Led by Kasson Bratton

9:00 Inquiring into Service Learning & Xblock in Middle School

Led by Ruth Clarke

Support for Chinese and Korean language provided

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

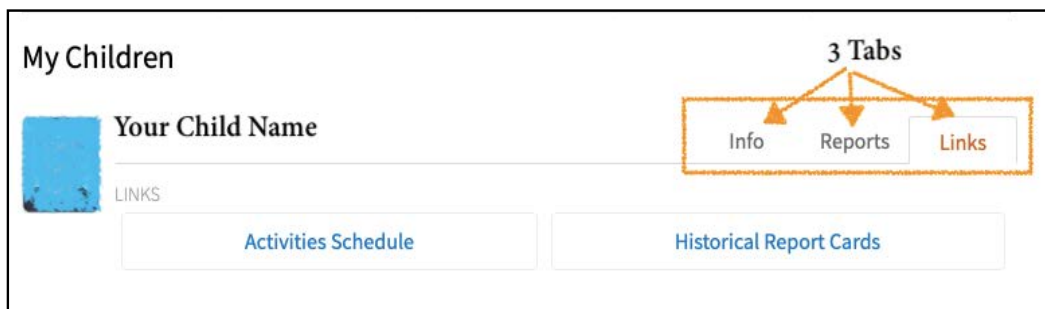
MS/US LARGE GROUP ROOM

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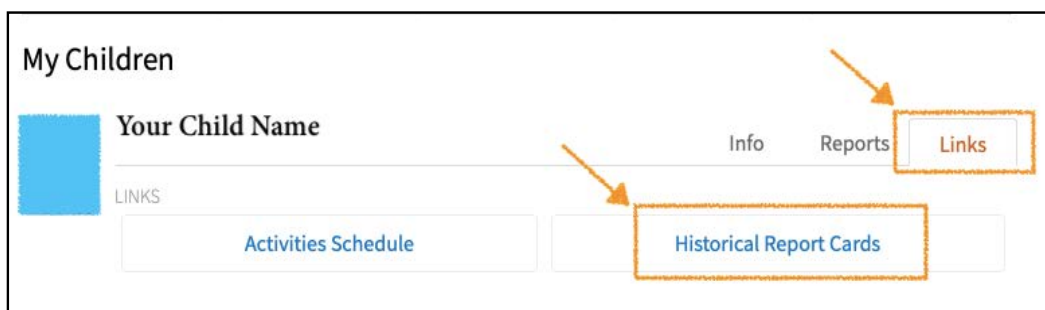


How to check Historical Report Cards for Your Child(ren)

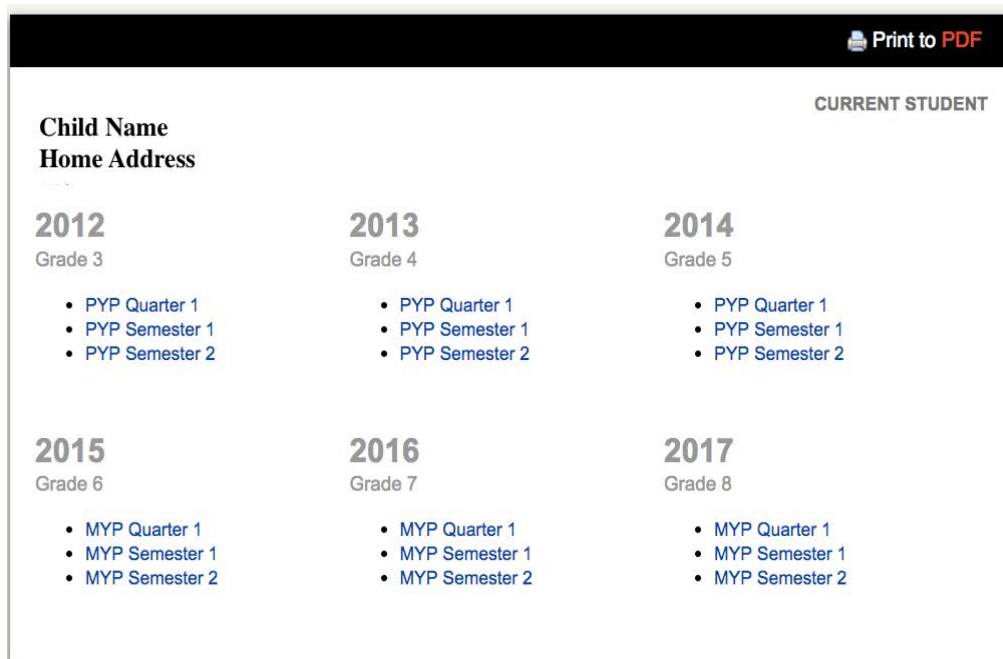
1. Login **Veracross Portal**: <http://portals.veracross.com/nis>
2. Please follow the steps blow:
 - 1) Go to the **"My Children"** section which is under the **"Upcoming"** Calendar, where you can see three tabs: **Info, Reports and Links**



- 2) Click on the **"Links"** tab
- 3) Find **"Historical Report Cards"** link



3. A new window will open and show you all the historical report cards. You can click on each link to check your report. Click **"Print to PDF"** to save your report as a PDF file.



If you have any question, please contact Cindy: cindykong@nanjing-school.com

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ACTIVITIES

Athletics

It is a very busy time in the Athletics year at the moment. ACAMIS Basketball have just started their season, Middle School Soccer are currently playing in Macau in the SCISAC Championships (good luck!) and last week, our Junior CISSA soccer teams travelled to BSN to play, whilst we hosted their Senior CISSA teams here at NIS. Next weekend, our ACAMIS Cross Country runners fly off to Chengdu to defend their title as ACAMIS champions whilst our MS Soccer players will once again be on the road, this time to Shanghai for the CISSA championships. It is great to see so many of our students involved in sports across different parts of China, what a great experience for them!



Cycle 2 ASA Vacancies

Please see below list for activities that have a few vacancies. Please contact the Activities Office for more information.

Monday- *Creative Clay, Jewelry Making*

Tuesday- *Student-Led Fun with Math, Student-Led Basketball*

Wednesday- *Art Hub, Chinese Character, Mindfulness Coloring, Random Acts of Kindness, The Scarf Challenge*

Thursday- *Student-Led Skateboard and BMX*

Friday- *Feel to the Beat*

Two Birds, One Stone ASA and Service

Several students are taking things into their own hands! They are offering ASAs to primary school children, our MS and US students are fulfilling their CAS project or Service as Action requirement while responding to an authentic need for a larger variety of opportunities for our younger students.



Updates

Coming up!

14 – 16 Nov: ACAMIS Cross Country, Chengdu

15 - 16 Nov: CISSA Soccer, Shanghai

Tue 26 Nov: Sports Celebration Evening, NIS

28 – 30 Nov: ACAMIS Table Tennis, Beijing

Sat 30 Nov: NIS Basketball Invitational tournament

School Volunteering Opportunities

If you still need to meet your volunteering requirement, sign up on Veracross to help with:

- NIC Benefit Concert – Nov 30th
- NIS Invitation Basketball – Nov 30th
- SSL Swim Meet – Nov 30th, Dec 7-8th

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ACTIVITIES

Discover China Trips

We've had a fabulous time discovering our host country. We have even had a small opportunity to do some service. We hope your child has enjoyed their trip. **Please encourage your child to complete the survey that was emailed to them.** This feedback will allow us to further improve their trips.



CYCLE

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Community Activities

Please remember to sign up your child for the second cycle of swim lessons by mailing to the Community Activity coordinator (cac@nanjing-school.com).

The second cycle will begin on Tuesday November 12th:

PreK Aquatics level1 and level2 (PreK-G1) and Learn to Swim level 1&2 (K2-G2). Wednesdays November 13th:
PreK Aquatics level 1(PreK-G1) and Learn to Swim level 3-5 (G3-5).

You can also sign up for Adult lessons: Wednesdays 4:40-5 pm: Improving skills and swimming strokes.

Your Community Activity Coordinator
Katja Schubert



Contact us:

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annayuen@nanjing-school.com

kathrinlammers@nanjing-school.com
cac@nanjing-school.com

NIS Invitational Swim Meet 2019

December 7th & 8th, 2019

NIS Swimming Lions are in need of volunteers for the 3rd Swim Meet of the Shanghai Swim League which will be held at the NIS pool.

If you are keen to find out how to help at a swim meet please scan the QR code and sign up!

Shift 1 8:30am – 1:00pm, Saturday, 7th December

Shift 2 1:30pm – 5:30pm, Saturday, 7th December

Shift 3 8:30am – 12:30pm, Sunday, 8th December

Please review the available slots and
click the button to **sign up**.
Thank you!





Global Citizen Diploma

Launch Celebration
for Middle School Parents
Nanjing International School
Performing Arts Centre

November 12, 2019

6:15 pm Refreshments

6:30 pm Start



Featuring Grade 9

My story is more than numbers.

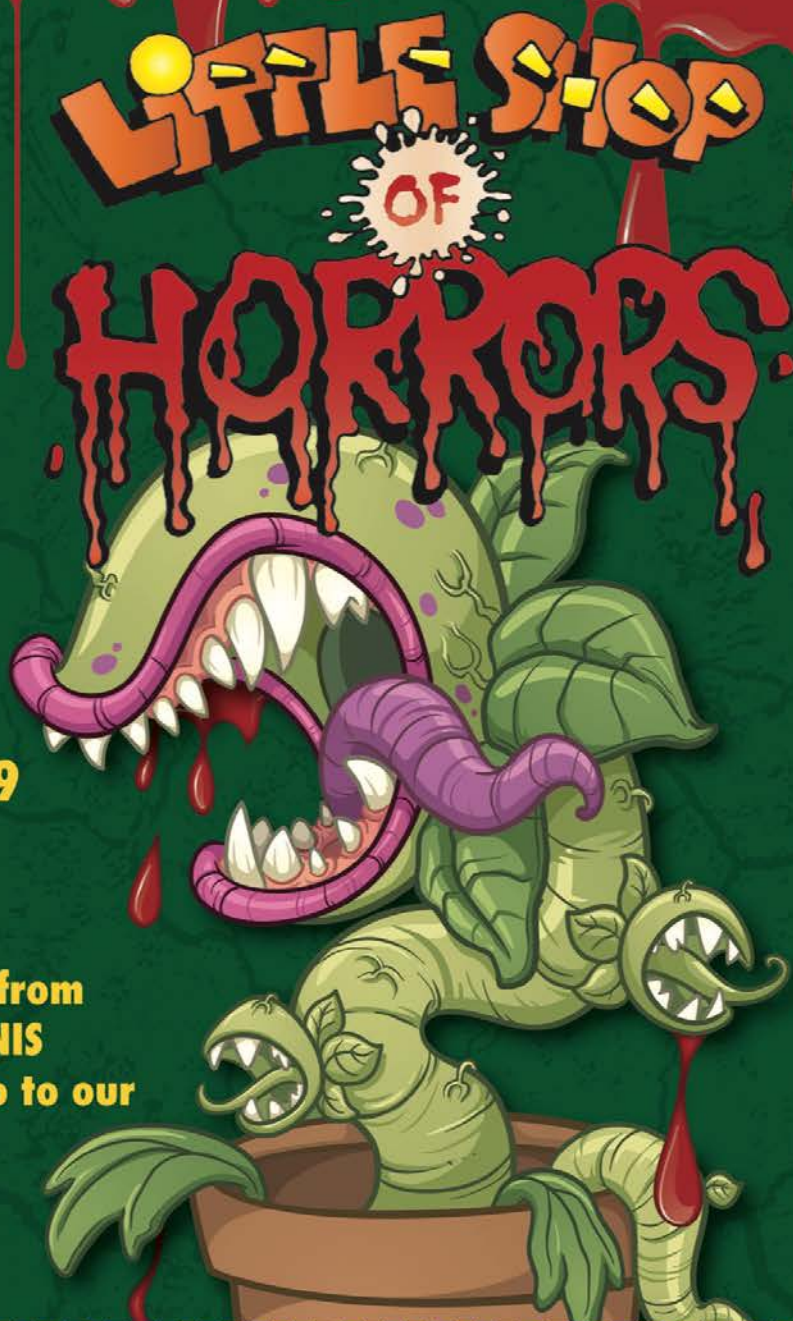
NIS PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS AN MSUS PRODUCTION...



**Nanjing
International
School
Theatre**

**Nov 21 & 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

**Tickets 20 RMB
sold in the main foyer from
Nov 12th through the NIS
cashier. All proceeds go to our
four local charities.**



WARNING ⚠ HORROR THEMES: PARENTAL GUIDANCE ADVISED

Little Shop of Horrors is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

sambrown@nanjing-school.com

Parent Leaving Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LEAVING FAMILIES

Dear Parents,

This is a time of year when some of our families will be moving on from Nanjing, either returning to their home countries or embarking on their next overseas posting. To assist our planning for the coming semester please read and follow the exit procedure below. This information may have a direct impact on new families wishing to enter our school. Your help with providing this information as early as possible is much appreciated.

*We understand that some parents are still unsure, but if **you** know kindly let **us** know as soon as possible.*

Exit Procedure

- 1. Once you know you are leaving please send an email to admissions@nanjing-school.com indicating your intention to leave and requesting any documentation that you may require. Let us have the name of your child or children, their current grades as well as your expected leaving date.*
- 2. Collect a clearance form from Reception, or download off the website.*
- 3. Clearance forms need to be completed for each leaving student.*
- 4. On the last day of school documents will only be handed over if we have received your completed clearance form.*
- 5. You can find information about the Transfer Procedures on our website on the Parent Portal <https://www.nischina.org/my-nis>*

Here in Admissions we are always happy to help, so do drop by if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation. We will be sorry to see you go!

Jiae, Jane, Lucy and Sue in Admissions

** Delicious food ** Taste Korean food



Don't miss it out!

Our Celebrity Guest Chef
Simon Sunwoo will bring
the best of the **Korean**
Cuisine flavors to NIS

DATES: 11th & 12th November.



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>



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

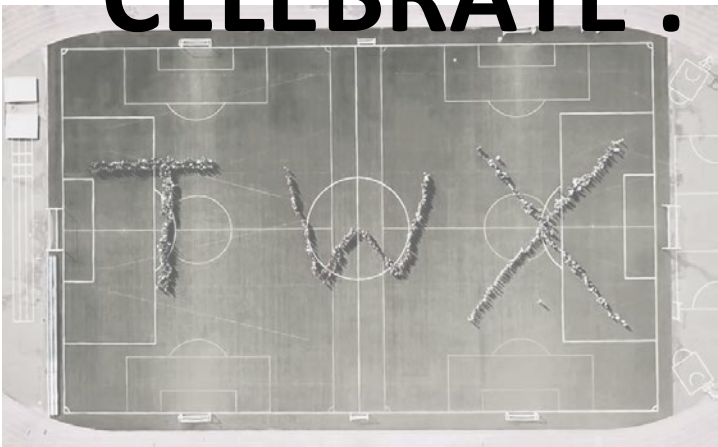
Get updated on news and upcoming events

SHARE .

Scan the QR Code to follow, and stay tuned!



CELEBRATE .



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

Cupcakes : Lotus Needham Klyssner

Bulletin : Georgina Christensen

PTA Shop :

Therese Turesson

Catherine Meyer

Yao Ceng



• **Autumn Festival** was a huge success! We hosted 659 children of all ages - it was a fun night!

• Thank you to all the participants and, especially thank you to the student volunteers who managed to bring a great energy even after a week away on Discover China trips.

• **PTA & Chartwells** co-operation event will take place on **13th, 14th & 15th of November**. This event will have PTA volunteers assisting children to understand

their dining options. Volunteers will be positioned at each station and around the cafeteria to ensure that primary children understand all the food options available.

PTA EVENTS

Coffee Morning - 8:15am

Wednesday 27th November

Birthday Cupcakes 13th

November

PTA SHOP

PTA Shop Hours

Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00

Friday 2:30 - 3:30

• **MS/US production** is on **November 21st and 22nd !**

• **PTA Primary and Middle School Dance** will be held on **Friday 29th of November**. More information coming.

• **PTA Coffee morning** is on **Wednesday September 27th** at 8:15am in the centre cafe. Come along to hear teachers and members of our community talk about current issues in our school.

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

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Pecha Kucha

November 23, 2019 7:00pm
in the Design Center

An adult evening of ideas, thoughts, stories, works, and passions.
20 Images X 20 seconds

100 RMB

TICKETS ON SALE

NOVEMBER 18-22,

BEFORE SCHOOL IN THE CENTER FOYER!

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PROCEEDS GO TO AMY YANG FUND

PECHA KUCHA NIS V.II, NOVEMBER 23, 2019 7:00PM

Nanjing International Club Christmas Benefit Concert

Saturday, November 30, 2019

**Hosted by
Nanjing International School**

Featuring:

18:00 - Festive Refreshments,
Lucky Draw & Children's Games
Santa in his Grotto
19:00 - Sing-a-long &
Musical Performances

**Tickets will be Limited to 500 and
Distributed in Advance**

**Free tickets for NIC Members
Non NIC Members:
100 RMB Adults &
50 RMB Students**

**Contact Sue Northcott (NIS)
138 0902 2693 for Info**

No On-Site Parking



**Pfrang
Association**



**楊靜基金
Amy Yang Fund**



All proceeds go to community charities.



suenorthcott@Nanjing-school.com

Save the Date

Friday & Saturday

DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH



FOR THE INCREDIBLE

Christmas Market

AT ROYAL FAMILY GARDEN

6 XIAN YIN BEI LU, QIXIA, NANJING

Inquiries: lotusklysner (WeChat)