



The GCD Launch

Why is the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) important to NIS?

In the latest edition of Independent School (Fall 2019), the theme is International Students and Global Education. The key changes of 4IR are coming as a result of artificial intelligence, which will change the workplace and the lives of the workforce. We must focus on preparing our students for what Burnett and Wheeler (2019) call 'global competency'. The advice is to 'develop curriculum that exposes students to international perspectives, global competence and innovative ways to engage global learning through technology'(p65). This is not written by the IB, OECD or GCD (Global Citizen Diploma), but instead comes from discussions at the Global Economic Forum and McKinsey Global Institute. This article encourages us to '*go deeper*' by developing problem solving skills in Primary School, broadening students' diverse passions and interests in Middle School and helping students solidify and pursue their interests in Upper School. '*Tomorrow is now*' therefore, 'global competency requires students to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values' (p66) to help them succeed in their futures.

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The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) is a reality that we must recognise, not just in NIS parents' workspaces, but more importantly at school. Nothing I read focuses on content and, yet, 90% of my conversations with parents are questions about content. Content is a means to an end, it is not an end in itself. If you can find it on Google why are we still teaching it? If it is not to help shape our students to become source critical, deep thinkers developing values to make the world a better place, I wonder what is the point? I am proud of my general knowledge, particularly in my area of History, but let's be serious. How important is to be able to recall all those facts if I am not a reflective, empathetic and caring person?

NIS is on track. Are you?

Much of this Bulletin article is drawn from 'At the Intersection' by Burnett & Wheeler – Independent School, Fall 2019 Pp63-66

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Upcoming Events:

The Upcoming Week is W14

Monday 18th November

MS/US Production Camp

Tuesday 19th November

Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 21st November

G11 University Workshop for Parents

MS/US Production

Friday 22nd November

MS/US Production

SISAC Table Tennis @ SH

Saturday 23rd November

SISAC Table Tennis @ SH

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

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The Global Citizen Diploma Launch



We could tell you their grades.....but instead the grade 9 students showed their families and the world that they are more than numbers.

Global
Citizen
Diploma



On Tuesday, November 12, NIS became the 6th school in the world to join the Global Citizen Diploma (GCD), a program that recognizes the amazing things our students do on top of their academics. We invited Middle School parents to join the evening launch. They were treated to a performances and stories. Students opened up their lives to us, giving us a small glimpse of the person behind the academic student we see in our hallways and classrooms every day. In our school, we have gifted musicians, athletes, artists, linguists, adventurers, thinkers, innovators and leaders. It was a privilege to hear them share their stories.

The GCD further encourages our students to burst the bubble while they choose the experiences that allows them to achieve their personal excellence. In February 2020, NIS will host the "GCD Up", a conference where students and teachers from the other GCD schools will come together to explore, innovate and collaborate.

For more information about the GCD, please visit: <https://globalcitizendiploma.org/> or contact Ruth Clarke, Head of Middle School or Anna Yuen, GCD Coordinator.

ruthclarke@nanjing-school.com



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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ACTIVITIES

Athletics

A huge congratulations to our amazing Middle School Soccer players who travelled all the way to Macao (via the longest bridge in the world!) last weekend to compete in the SCISAC Soccer Championships. Our athletes represented NIS with honour and pride, the girls just missing out on a 3rd place with a late winner from the Xiamen girls whilst the boys went all the way to the final, finally beating the Hong Kong Academy boys on penalties 2-1!



Our CISSA teams travel to Shanghai this weekend to finish off their season at the CISSA tournament; we wish them lots of fun! Meanwhile our Cross Country running superstars are off to Chengdu to defend their ACAMIS title. Coaches Galaty and Bratton have got them into fine shape so we are expecting some great results. Go Lions!!

As the Middle School Soccer season ends, so the Volleyball season starts. Sign-ups are now open on Veracross for Gr7 - 9 Volleyball, so sign up and give it a go. Practices start on Tuesday.

Knitting for a Cause

A group of middle school and high school students have been working for nearly 8 months, knitting hats for the Pfrang Giving Tree. To date, 73 hats have been made by teachers and students. The Pins and Needles Club helped us to sew on labels. Their goal is to make 100 hats before December.



Updates

Coming up!

Tue 26th November: Sports Celebration Evening, Season 1 sports
28 – 30 November: ACAMIS Table Tennis, Beijing
30 November: NIS Invitational Basketball tournament

Basketball Clinic with a Professional Skills and Conditioning Coach

Twenty girls came out to basketball practice last Wednesday afternoon for a singular opportunity! Coach Wallace ran an intense and dynamic 2 hour clinic! Coach Wallace is a professional basketball skills and conditioning coach from the USA. He has coached NBA and CBA players in the USA and China, and Nanjing's very own Jiangsu Dragons! Coach Wallace worked directly with Coach Barder during the training session, teaching new drills and refining skills.

The girls walked away tired but they had the answer to "who wants the ball?"

Coach Wallace will be back in school next Monday afternoon to work with the ACAMIS Boys Basketball team.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Sign up on Veracross now for volunteering experiences:

- Basketball Scorekeeper – Nov 30th
- NIC Christmas Benefit Concert – Nov 30th
- Swim Meet – Dec 7th – 8

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SCISAC Soccer Girls

We have had a great season with many new girls to soccer joining the team this year. They have always shown a dedicated, open-minded and risk-taking attitude to everything, showing personal growth.

We were only able to take 9 players to the SCISAC tournament and we had a very positive time, remaining unbeaten until the final day and narrowly missing out on a deserved 3rd place.

Season Stats:

Played - 8

Won - 3

Drew - 2

Lost - 3

Goals Scored - 15

Goals Against - 11

Personal Growth - Immeasurable

Thank you to Ms Betina and Ms Chen for your support during the season.

#prideoffionesses



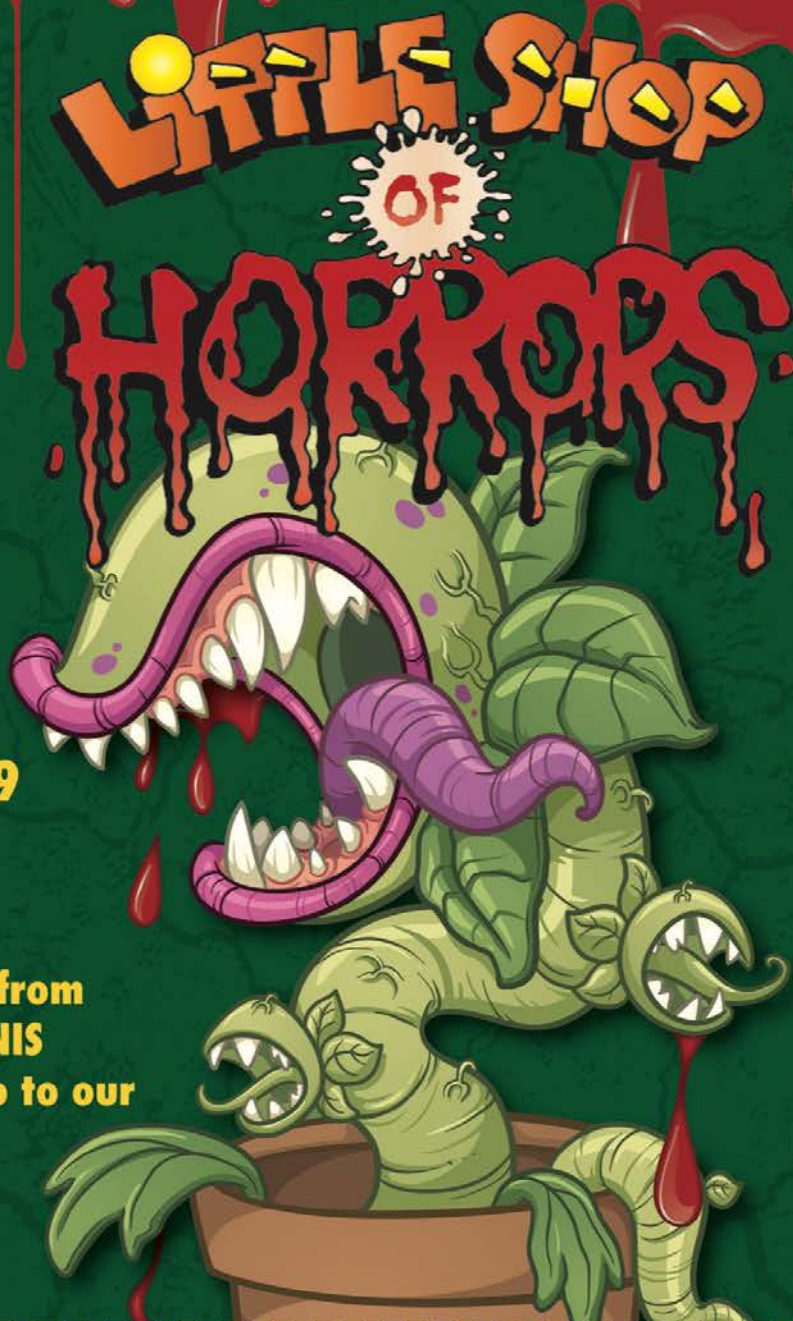
NIS PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS AN MSUS PRODUCTION...



**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

Grades 2 to 5 Production (Friday March 6th, 2020)

The Circus

The Grade 2 to 5 production of 'The Circus' was launched to all of the students in grades 2 to 5 next week.

Audition lines will be handed out on Monday 18th November to all students who have signed-up to audition. If your child has signed up to audition please can you encourage them to practice their lines ready for their audition.

The singing part of their main cast auditions started this week, and will continue into next week in their Performing Arts lessons. Good luck to all of these students.

Reminder:

Those children who do not get a main cast part but do a great audition may be given one of the smaller roles, along with their grade role.

We are very keen to use the talents of our parents, so please e-mail us, or come and see us personally if you have any skills that you are willing to share.

Please click on the following link to find out more information about 'The Circus':

<http://share.nanjing-school.com/pypperformingarts/grade-2-to-5-production/>

10 school weeks to go!

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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



Dear Parents,

We would like to invite you for a food tasting on Nov 19th, 2019. On this day, you are welcome to visit our cafeteria, try out the offered food and services and share your feedback and suggestions. In order to manage operations properly, we would limit the number of visitors per food tasting session to 10.

If you would like to join, please send us your details (parent's name, contact number and your child's grade) to chartwells@nanjing-school.com and reserve your spot. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Thank you!
Chartwells Team

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

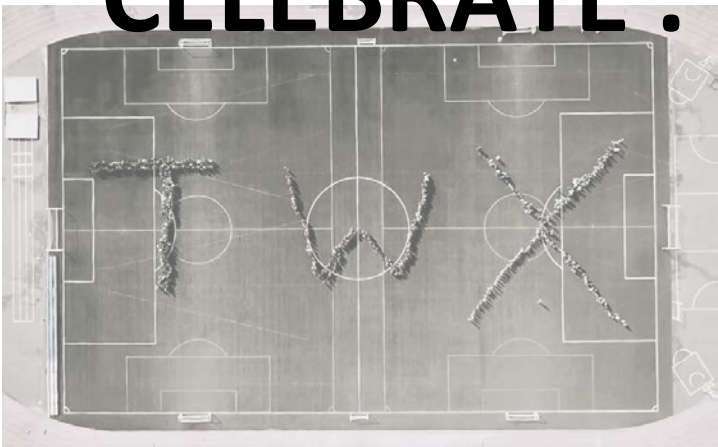
Get updated on news and upcoming events

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 Klysner

Bulletin : Georgina Christensen

PTA Shop :

Therese Turesson

Catherine Meyer

Yao Ceng

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

- **PTA & Chartwells** co-operation event took place this week on **13th & 15th of November**. Thank you to the volunteers assisting children to understand their dining options. More details on the learnings from this project will be shared in future Bulletins.
- **MS/US production** is on **November 21st and 22nd!**
- **PTA Primary Dance** will be held on **Friday 29th of November**. Tickets sales start on Monday 18th November before and after school in the lobby. Tickets are 30RMB & include snacks & a drink.



•MYP Dance - UPDATE!

The MYP dance has been re-scheduled to **Friday 14th of February**. More details to follow.

- **PTA Coffee morning** is on **Wednesday November 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

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS



SEASONS
GREETINGS



Winter Bazaar

Festive Holiday Gift Sale

November 26

Gifts & Bake Sale

November 27

All proceeds will support our
four local charities



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.



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Royal Family Garden Christmas Market

6, Xian Yin Bei Lu, Qixia

Friday 6th of Dec 5 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday 7th of Dec 3 pm - 9:30 pm

Tickets on sale starting Friday Nov. 29th in the
NIS centre foyer.

Tickets are 50 RMB incl. one complimentary drink
Free for RFG residents and children under 4 years.
Tickets are limited to 300 people each market day.

Two days of

International Food Stalls
Activities for children
Flavourful beverages
Live seasonal music

Artisan vendors
Baked goods
Beautiful decorations
X-mas Spirit and MORE!

Inquiries: Lotus Klysner

CASH ONLY

