



Grade 2 Assembly

Communication is Key

One of the most important things we do as a school is communicate the wonderful learning underway. We have robust systems to support communication with parents regarding the progress of their children, including conference days, report cards, awards assemblies, and invitations into the classroom. This school year we have been more purposeful than ever in involving parents in sessions focusing on elements of our overall programme. To this end, we have held 35 parent-focused events so far this school year (that's an average of two per week!), ranging from parent forums on language learning to exploration of the teenage brain, and from a focus on screen time and university planning to explanations of MAP testing and the launch of our Global Citizen Diploma. In fact, we have two more sessions before the upcoming holiday, with a celebration of our Grade 12 Extended and Senior Essays on Monday and a Middle School "XFest" on Wednesday of next week.

Beyond the fact that we love talking with our community about the great things happening at NIS, we know that strengthening the bond between parents and schools is a powerful leverage point in improving both student learning and social and emotional wellbeing. If you have had the opportunity to attend any of these sessions, we hope to see you again soon. If you have not, please watch for announcements in our Weekly Bulletin and come along next time. When a student joins NIS, their family becomes part of our learning community. This is not just something we say, it's a very real part of what makes NIS a special place to learn and grow.

Have a delightful December,
Kasson Bratton

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WeChat Pay Available in School

- Student's ID needed for WeChat Pay
- WeChat Pay at the Cashier's Window available for the following ONLY:

- Students' Activities
- Students' Bus
- School ID card
- IB exam
- IT Equipment

WeChat Pay NOT available for the Community Activities and PTA related costs (Cash Only)

Upcoming Events:

The Upcoming Week is W17

Wednesday 11th December

NIS Winter Concert

Thursday 12th December

ASA Cycle 2 Ends

Friday 13th December

School ends @ 11am



微信支付
WeChat Pay

accounts@nanjing-school.com

Facility Notice

The car park area will be closed from this Friday (6th December) after 15.00h until Sunday (8th December) due to NIS Swim Meet.

The Fitness Room on 3rd Floor in the Centre will be closed for the whole day on Saturday 14 December.

Bike parking area:

The bicycle and motorbike parking area will be closed due to maintenance and construction over the winter. Any bicycles and motorbikes left in this area after the 13 December will be disposed of.

Please collect them before that date.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Access to school during Winter Break

Due to constructions, maintenance and cleaning work, **the NIS Campus is closed.**

Except for the following:

Fitness Room at the Centre level 3

- Standard Access Rules apply,
- Sign in/out at the Security Guard Room
- NIS ID card required
- Access through the Green Gym entrance.

Visitors by appointment

Authorised Personnel

Thank you for helping us making NIS safer place, have a great holiday.

Arek Owczarek

Deputy Director - Operations and Finance

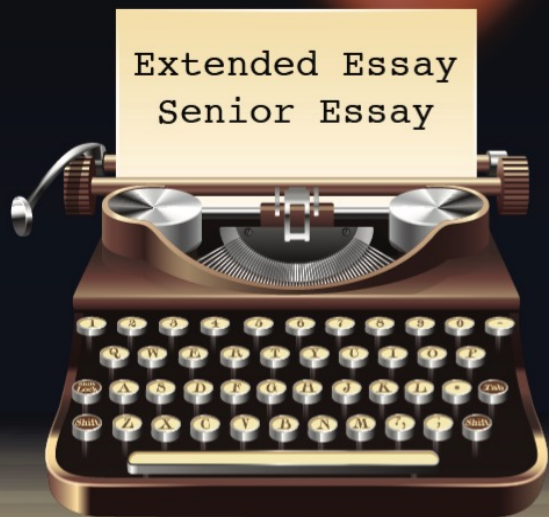
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CELEBRATING THE CULMINATION OF THE
**EXTENDED ESSAY
& SENIOR ESSAY**
JOURNEY FOR OUR GRADE 12 STUDENTS

**9 DEC 2019
08:30 - 09:30
PAC**



Extended Essay
Senior Essay



**PARENTS WARMLY
WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

katieham@nanjing-school.com

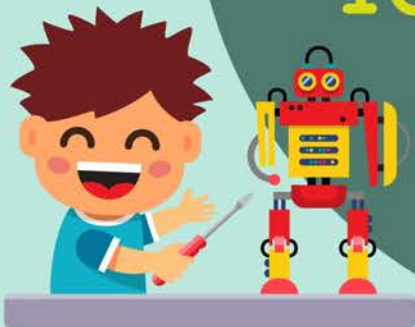


X-FEST

11 Dec 2019

10:45 - 12:30

Starts in
LGR

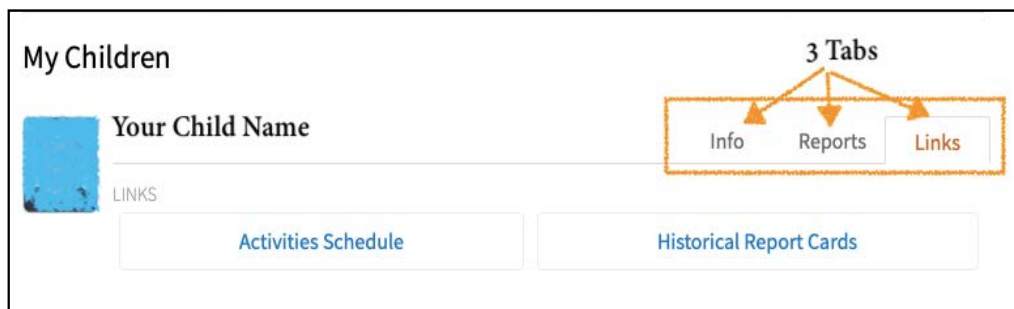


Grade 6, 7, and 8 will be sharing the projects they have been working on this semester. It is an opportunity for all members of the school to come and hear from the students about their learning.

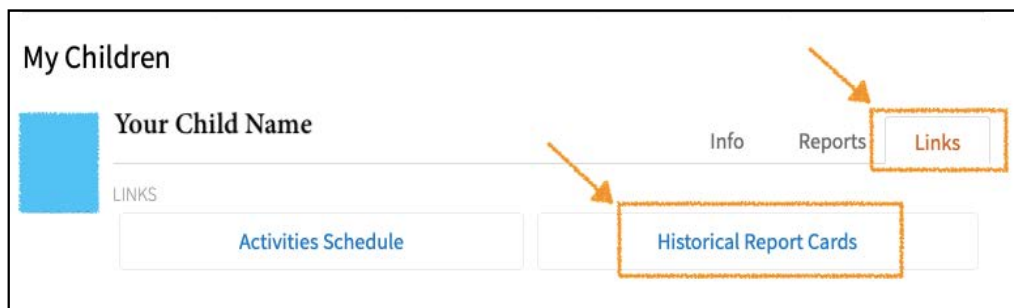
Everyone is welcome!

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

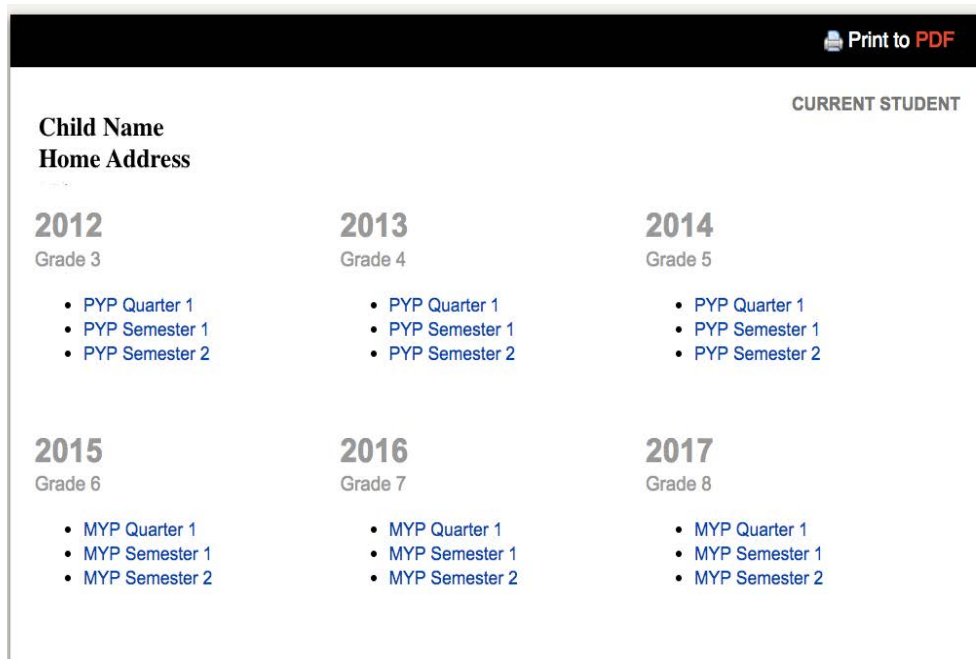
1. Login **Veracross Portal**: <http://portals.veracross.com/nis>
2. Please follow the steps blow:
 - 1) Go to the **"My Children"** section which is under the **"Upcoming"** Calendar, where you can see three tabs: **Info, Reports and Links**



- 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



ACTIVITIES

Athletics

A huge congratulations to our ACAMIS Table Tennis team who travelled to Beijing last weekend and had a fantastic showing across the boys, the girls and the mixed competitions. They performed with great pride and determination and a special mention to the girls who, despite being a player short of a full team, managed to achieve a third place trophy. An amazing achievement! Thank you coaches Lietz and Kuan!



Meanwhile here at NIS we hosted 7 schools at our annual Invitational Basketball tournament whilst entering 3 teams of our own; 2 boys teams and 1 girls team. The growth of our players from the start of the day to finish was evident and credit must go to our great coaches Barder and Romero.



Coming Up

Mon 6th January: Start of season for CISSA and ACAMIS
Badminton and Junior CISSA basketball
7th January: ASA sign ups on Veracross open at 1 pm.
10 – 11 January: SISAC Basketball @ Shanghai and Suzhou
16 – 19 January: ACAMIS Basketball @ Shenzhen

Community Activities

LAST WEEK

There are just a few more lessons left for the first semester. Last one will be in the week of **January 13th**.



For the new semester you need to register again. Registration on Veracross will be open from **January 6th 8am until January 15th 4pm**. We will start then with the new cycle on **February 11th**.

Swimming

Our NIS swimmers had a valuable session on time management and efficient study skills at the pool. This came in really handy as exams are coming up at NIS. Mr. Trevillian and Mr. Fischl gave great advice, while grade 12 students Felicity and Maria shared strategies on what works best for them.



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ACTIVITIES

New ASAs and Clubs WANTED!

Start off 2020 by running an activity for the Primary School or Club for the Middle School! We are always looking to add more amazing opportunities for our students. Both MS/US students and parents are welcomed to run activities for our students.

We would really like to be able to offer more sports for the Primary School and more Cultural Activities for the MS/US.

So why not come share your passion? Stop by the Activities Office for a chat and we'll help you organise the venue and the material.

Cycle 3 Catalogue can now be viewed on Veracross.

Sign ups will begin on **January 7th at 1 pm.**



ManageBac Deadline

Please note that Service as Action, CAS and volunteering entries with descriptions, goal, outcomes, evidence and reflections are due before

January 10th 2020, before 8 am.

Minimum Requirements	
grade 6-9	1 exp. + SA
grade 10	2 exp. or 2 SA
grade 11	3 exp. or projects
grade 12	2 exp. or projects



ManageBac

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The ACAMIS Table Tennis team traveled to Beijing on November 28th to culminate the 2019 season.

The tournament provided an opportunity for our seven ACAMIS players to put their skills to the test after a season of training.

This year the tournament was held at Keystone Academy. There were more than 30 girls and 60 boys participating from ten different schools across China.

The mixed team competition was new this year. Our team made up of two boys and two girls had a strong showing and qualified to the knockout stages, finally succumbing to the eventual mix team winners WAB.

In the singles tournament. Every NIS player had positive results and manage to achieve multiple victories. Alice finished top 10; narrowly missing out on the knockout stages after being tied on points. Seongmin ended up in 13th position after making it to the top pool. He had a fantastic match versus the eventual 2nd place winner, who bested him in the third set in deuce.



Finally, in the team competition our three girls had to forfeit one doubles and one singles match, starting off with a deficit of 2.5 points. Undeterred, they battled hard for all the remaining points. Their grit paid off and Alice, Alina, and Sophia came back to Nanjing with a 3rd place trophy!





Important Information about Travel Documentation

Since August 2019, the Activities Office has already organized overnight trips for students. In the new year, we have many more exciting events and tournaments planned.

In order to plan these trips, it is important to have the students' current travel info. We have the documentation used for Discover China. However, if your child has since been issued a new paspsort, visa or ID card, please send us photos.

Please follow these simple steps to update the travel information on Veracross:

FOREIGN passport holders:

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

FAMILY INFORMATION

- My Personal Contact Information
- Citizenships & Passports

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 *

Expiry Date *

Passport Number *

**Indicates a required field*

save x remove cancel

First Name

Country

Primary Citizenship? *

yes

These are essential!

Passport Information:

Issue Date *

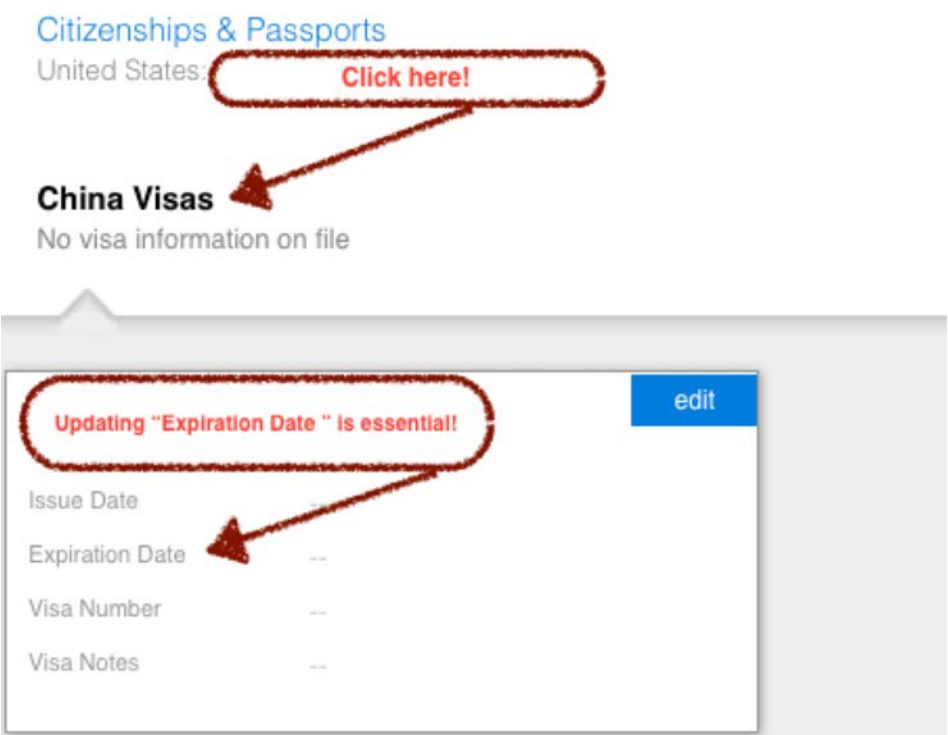
Expiry Date *

Passport Number *

**Indicates a required field*

Step 3:

Add or update China visa information :



China PR Card Holders:

If your child holds a 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. Please ensure that it is valid. If a new card has been issued, please send the Activities Office a photo.

the sample is shown as below:



Hongkong, Taiwan & Macau Citizens

HONG KONG, MACAU and TAIWANESE students MUST use Chinese Government issued ID card as the ONLY form of valid travel document for trips on China Mainland. If you have renewed the ID card since November 1st, please send the Activities Office a photo of the new ID Card.

Please see the samples below:

For Hongkong and
Macau resident



For Taiwan resident



Chinese Students

Children have Chinese ID cards, we have had the photos records from Discover China Trip in Activities Office , If you have renewed the ID card since November 1st, please send the Activities Office a photo of the new ID Card(front+ backside).

Please see the Chinese ID Samples:



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Activities Office.

Thank you for your understanding!

Anna Yuen, Activities Coordinator
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Elaine Liu, Secretary to the Activities Coordinator
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NIS BOARD – MEETING

Date: November 27 th 2019	Present: <u>Andrea Raviolo, AR</u> ; <u>Dylan Barnes-Lotfi, DB</u> ; <u>Julia Güsten, JG</u> ; <u>Laurie McLellan, LM</u> ; <u>Patrick Heckelmann, PH</u> ; <u>Sonia Jaeger, SJ</u> ; <u>Yi Zhang, YZ</u> ; <u>Angela Romero, ARo</u> . Apologies: Rachel Shin Guests: <u>Luiz Mello, Chris Galaty</u> Minutes: Angela Romero	Status of Agenda Item: For Action by Board = ACT For Agreement by Consent = CNS For Information Only = FIO
Time: 6.30pm		
Location: Board Room		

Agenda Item	Discussion/Conclusions	Action + Person(s) Responsible
1. V2.2020 – Strategy Team	Strategy Team members shared the updated school Strategy with the Board - moving from the original Little Book of Nanjing from 2016 to V2.2020. Suggestions were made to ensure clarity of language for all stakeholders.	FIO
2. Director's Report	Laurie presented the report.	FIO
3. Governance Meeting Minutes – Oct & Nov	Dylan presented the minutes of October and November meetings. Board decided to attend EARCOS rather than Hanoi for training in 2020. The Director's Goals for 2019/2020 were approved by the Board.	FIO CNS CNS
4. Finance Meeting Minutes	Andrea presented the minutes. The provisional budget for 2021/2022 was approved by the Board.	FIO CNS
5. Communication/ Marketing Task Force Report	Laurie presented the report. The Board supports the recommendations from the task force to strengthen the Communication and Marketing team to implement a plan which encompasses external marketing, use of website and social media for communication, training and developing community ambassadors, internal communication design and building and supporting a NIS alumni association.	CNS

6. Set next meeting dates	Finance: Feb. 17, 6:30 pm Governance: Feb. 11, 8 am Board: Feb. 19, 6:30 pm Director's Evaluation: Jan. 21, 8 am	FIO
7. Meeting Reflection	Members reflected positively about the meeting.	FIO
8. Director Contract	The previously agreed on new Director contract for Laurie McLellan (August 2020- July 2027) was formally signed by both parties.	FIO

Minute Taker's Name: Angela Romero

Winter Concert



11 Dec 2019 in M251

3:30 - 4:15

Featuring:

Middle School Band * Rock Bands
Choirs * Soloists



CIRCUS

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

I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children that were great risk takers and auditioned for the main cast.

The main roles have now been cast, and they are:

Ringmaster 1	Agatha Pizzolito (5A)
Leo the Magnificent (the lion tamer)	Daniel Maciejewski (3A)
*Hercules (Strongman)	Eason Du (5A)
*Hercules assistant 1	Sophia Kim (4C)
*Hercules assistant 2	Zofia Yuen (4B)
Professor Zigflea	Elsa Li (5C)
Professor's assistant	Ceci Zambelli (4C)
Madame Simone (Dog Trainer)	Carrie Chen (2B)
Luigi (the human canon ball)	Danielle Pan (4A)
Biffo (the knife thrower)	Gianna Brown (4A)
Biffo's assistant	Coco So (4C)
Elephant trainer	Iris Zhu (5C)
Elephant trainer's friend	Tom Dean (5B)

This week we have continued to read through our grade's script and run through our spoken lines and songs. All of the additional roles have been cast, and the characters with lines in each grade have been given out during Performing Arts lessons based on the auditions that took place last week.

All song lyrics, choreography and lines will be made available on the PS Performing Arts edublog
<http://share.nanjing-school.com/pyppperformingarts/grade-2-to-5-production/>

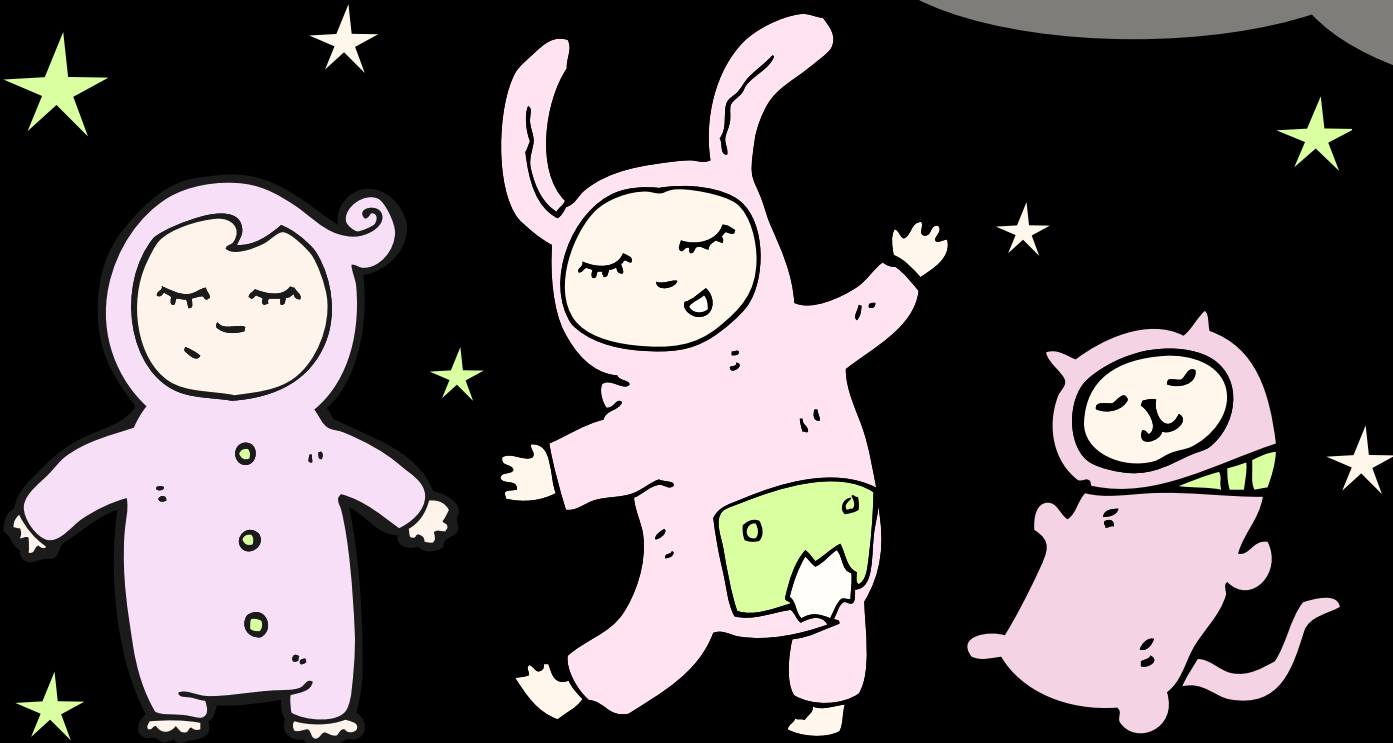
We are very keen to use the talents of our parents, so please e-mail us, or come and see us personally if you have any skills that you are willing to share.

7 school weeks to go!

Ms. Heidi (Director) – heididean@nanjing-school.com

Mr. Norbraten (Assistant Director) – tyenorbraten@nanjing-school.com

AN NIS PRIMARY SCHOOL PRODUCTION



THE PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL IS
SPONSORING

PAJAMA DAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

LET'S HAVE FUN AND PROMOTE SCHOOL SPIRIT
BY COMING TO SCHOOL IN YOUR COZIEST
PAJAMAS!

IT'S A REGULAR SCHOOL DAY, ONLY SOFTER.

BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE, SO DRESS WARM!

FOR GRADES PK-5

QUESTIONS? ASK MRS. ROMERO IN THE
LIBRARY

angelaromero@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

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

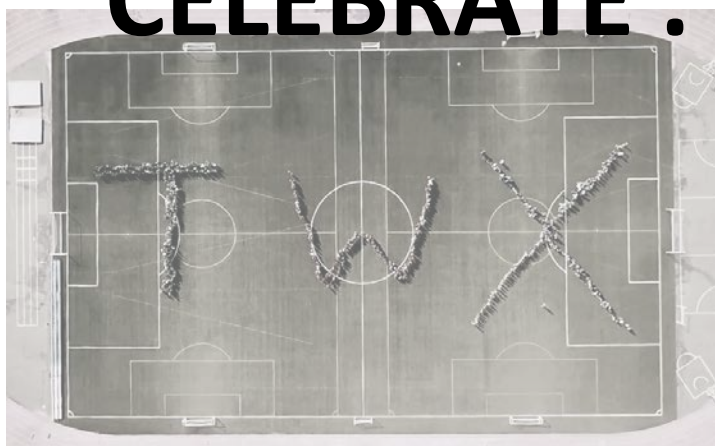
Get updated on news and upcoming events

SHARE .

Scan the QR Code to follow, and stay tuned!



CELEBRATE .





**Chartwells
Executive Chef**

Oscar Beltran

**will bring you the best
cuisine from Spain.**

Date: 10th December

Don't miss
the opportunity



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 22nd January

Birthday Cupcakes 8th January

(for January birthdays)

PTA SHOP

PTA Shop Hours

Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00

Friday 2:30 - 3:30

• PTA Shop

The PTA Shop is open on **Tuesday 10th December** for the last time in 2019. Stock up on NIS beanies and scarves to stay warm! Also, the PTA Shop has a range of Chinese-themed gifts - very helpful for those looking for something special to take friends and family at Christmas!



• International Day

If you are traveling to your home country over the holidays, think about bringing back some items to prepare for International Day on **Saturday 18th April 2020**. For example: food, flags, costumes, etc.

• PTA Cupcakes

Happy Birthday to all staff and students with a January birthday! You can collect your birthday cupcakes on **Wednesday 8th January**.

• PYP Dance

Thank you to all volunteers who helped with the PYP Dance which was held on **Thursday 5th of December**. The children had a really fun evening!

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



PTA Minutes - Coffee Morning Nov 27th



Welcome and thanks to everyone for attending – Benedicte (PTA President).

1. **Bénédicte:** Welcome and thanks to everyone for attending. Thank you to all the parents, teachers, staff and students that have helped us with our accomplishments – we couldn't have hosted these fantastic events without your help!
2. **Laurie McLellan:** Shout out to Bénédicte for the incredible work she's doing to bring everyone together and hosting wonderful, inclusive events.
3. **Ruth Clarke:** Tim Garesh (ex child protection UK police officer) visited NIS to look at our Child Protection processes and procedures. A reminder to everyone to wear your ID tag – this is the simplest and most effective way of keeping our children safe.
4. **Gretchen Galaty:** This is a very busy season so be mindful of your health. Safe travels. Please attend the "Stuck in the middle" workshops (see bulletin for further details).
5. **Benedicte & PTA team upcoming events:**
Support staff appreciation day – 29th November. All will receive a gift card to say a big thank you.
MYP dance – 14th February (more details to come).
US dance – 14th February at the Shangri-La Hotel. Tickets on sale in the US lounge.
NIS winter concert – 11th December.
Future PTA coffee morning dates – 21st January, 26th February and 25th March.
6. **Sue Northcott:** If you are leaving please drop by to ensure a smooth transition.
Watch this space for details on the upcoming NIC Harbin trip on 22nd February.
WeChat payment is now available (for some things) at the cashier.
7. **Charities:** Please give to the Pfrang Giving Tree in NIS foyer
8. **PTA Birthday Cupcakes (Lotus):** Birthday cupcakes are handed out once a month for the children and teachers. Please let your children know when they can get a cupcake (and when they do not get a cupcake!) so we can ensure that we have enough for everyone with a birthday that month! Dates are in the bulletin.
9. **Christmas Market:** Join us on Friday 6th December and Saturday 7th December for some Christmas spirit at the Royal Family Garden Christmas Market. See the posters for more details. All the proceeds will go to our 4 charities.
10. **Bénédicte – other business:** The Primary School Forum is held once a month. Adam Dodge would like to know whether parents prefer the current scheduled time or an afternoon slot (before pick-up). Please write down any ideas for topics you would like to see discussed at future sessions. Contact Bénédicte or Adam for further information or questions.
11. **International Day** – This event is held every second year and will take place on 18th April 2020. It is a great way to meet people and learn about different countries and their cultures. An organising committee will be formed and each country will have its own sub-committee to plan, set up and run the booth. If you are visiting your home country over the holidays you may want to bring back some items to prepare for this event.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jo Laycock (PTA Secretary)

Royal Family Garden Christmas Market

G, 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.

CASH ONLY

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

Proceeds to benefit:

