



Primary Students exercising good judgment

Good Judgment in 2020

The beginning of a new decade is surely a time to take stock and think about what the future could bring. Whether prioritising things in your personal life, for studies at school, in your work place or as a parent, we all need to use good judgment. I received a tweet with a great article that I have shared through Twitter and WeChat. Although this article is in the Harvard Business Review it has implications far beyond the world of work. We'd all like business leaders to use good judgment to make ethical decisions for their employees, shareholders, clients and customers. I am an educator and I want to use good judgment in my decision making for the benefit of our students, my teaching colleagues, staff, parents and our whole community.

According to Likierman there are six basic components of good judgment:
Learning: listen attentively, read critically. "Good judgment requires that you turn knowledge into understanding."

Trust: seek diversity, not agreement. "Leaders can draw on the skills and experiences of others as well as their own when they approach a decision."

Experience: make it relevant but not narrow. "Experience gives context and helps us identify potential solutions and anticipate challenges."

Detachment: identify and challenge biases. "...it's critical that you understand and address your own biases."

Options: question the solutions on offer. "Press for clarification on poorly presented information, and challenge...if you think important facts are missing."

Delivery: factor in the feasibility of actions. "You can make all the right strategic choices but still end up losing out if you don't exercise judgment in how and by whom those choices will be actioned."

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We are a diverse community at NIS. Good judgment at all levels is crucial. We want our students to exercise good judgment in decision making. Experience for a learner involves making mistakes to help realise there are different options in order to deliver a judgment that can have the desired outcome. 2020 will be my year, and decade, of searching for better judgment in all decision making. I hope you will all join me on that journey.

Have a jovial January

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Source – The Elements of Good Judgment by Sir Andrew Likierman published in Harvard Business Review Jan-Feb 2020

Upcoming Events:

The Upcoming Week is W19

Monday 13th January

ASA Cycle 3 Begins

Wednesday 15th January

ACAMIS Basketball @Shenzhen

Thursday 16th January

ACAMIS Basketball @Shenzhen

CISSMUN @SH

ISTA HS Festival @SH

New Student Enrollment (AM)

Semester 1 Reports Issued

Friday 17th January

ACAMIS Basketball @Shenzhen

CISSMUN @SH

ISTA HS Festival @SH

Semester 1 Awards Assembly

Semester 1 Ends

Saturday 18th January

ACAMIS Basketball @Shenzhen

CISSMUN @SH

ISTA HS Festival @SH

Sunday 19th January

CISSMUN @SH

ISTA HS Festival @SH

Middle & Upper School Awards Ceremony



Fri, Jan 17

08:10 NIS PAC

Our Semester One Awards Ceremony will recognise outstanding student achievement in academics. The list of awards recipients have been posted on the MS/US large group room window. Students are aware of the awards they may be receiving.

Parents are welcome to attend this assembly. Should you attend, please remain for the entire event.

Thanks, and see you there!

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**GRADE 10 PARENT
INFORMATION MORNING**



PATHWAYS TO GRADUATION

**SUBJECT CHOICES FOR CURRENT
GRADE 10 INTO 11 STUDENTS**

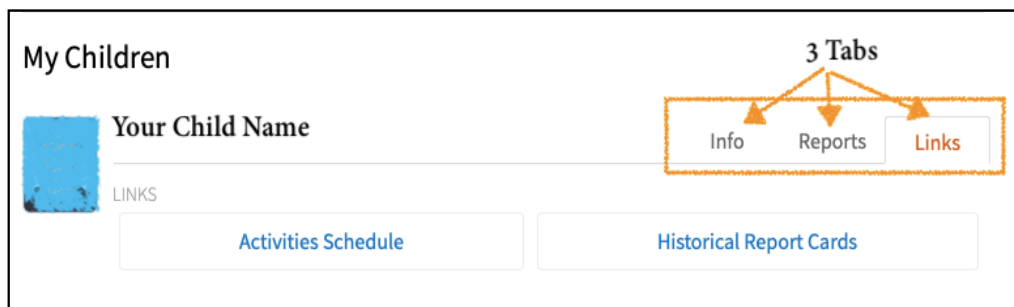
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**REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED**

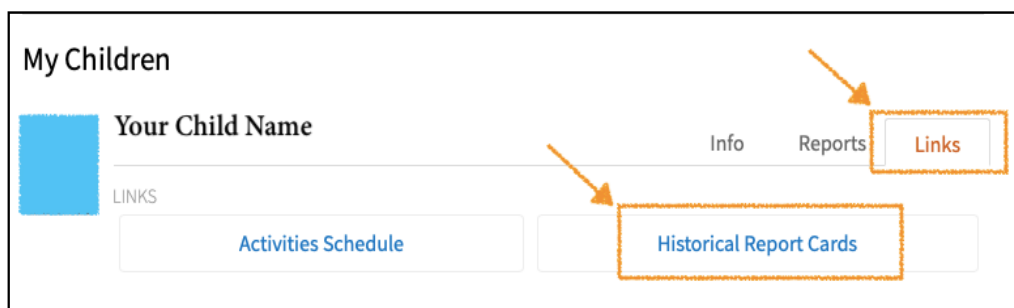


How to check Historical Report Cards for Your Child(ren)

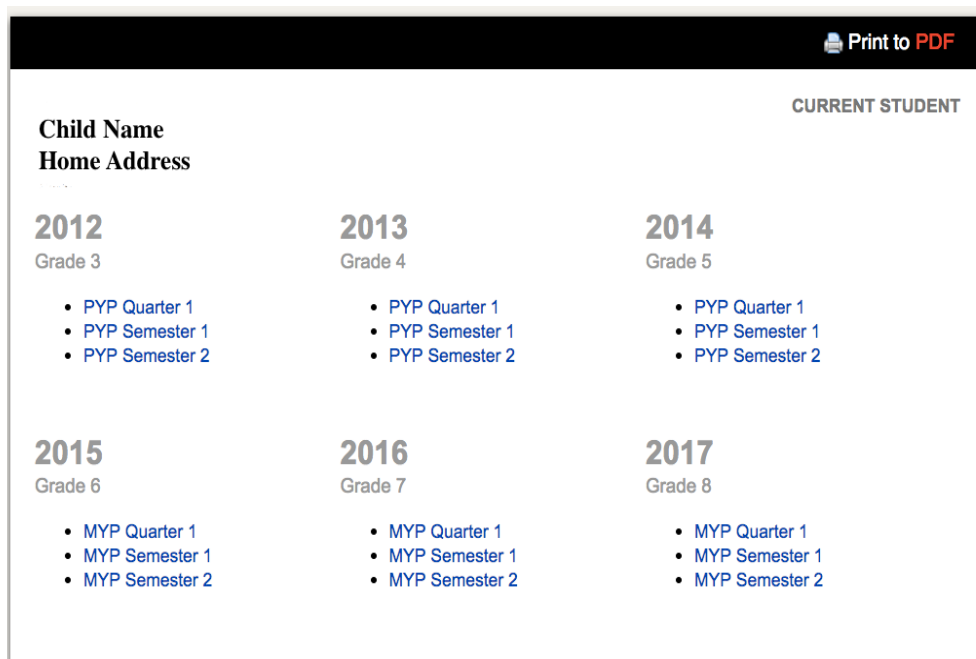
1. Login **Veracross Portal**: <http://portals.veracross.com/nis>
2. Please follow the steps blow:
 - 1) Go to the **“My Children”** section which is under the **“Upcoming”** Calendar, where you can see three tabs: **Info, Reports and Links**



- 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.



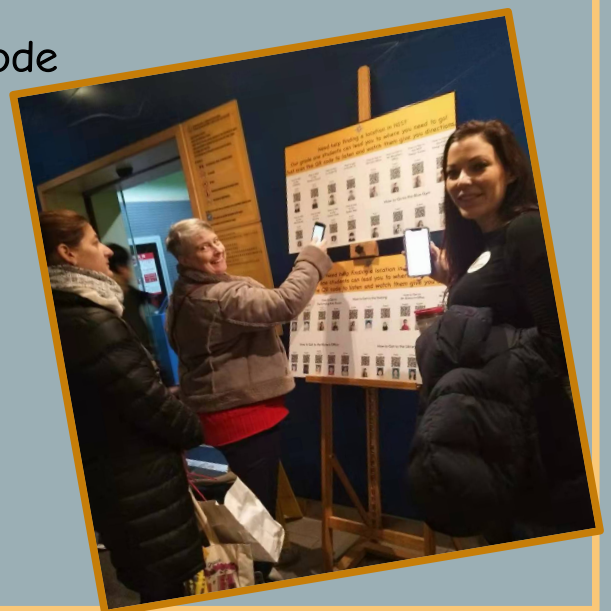
If you have any question, please contact Cindy: cindykong@nanjing-school.com



Grade One Students Helping our NIS Community

Under the theme 'Where we are in place and time' grade one students inquired into how maps and globes help us navigate our community. They studied and used a variety of maps including metro maps, zoo maps, country maps, and a map of NIS. Their inquiry led them to acquire mapping skills and knowledge and have in turn used them to help our community members at NIS.

You no longer need to wander the hallways of NIS searching for the place you need to go. Our grade one students have created a video giving step by step directions on how to get to some important, and often difficult to locate, places. Simply scan the designated QR code located in reception and let them guide you to Mr. McLellan's office, the MYP Design Center, Mr. Cal's office, PYP Performing Arts room, the grade one classes and many other places!



Athletics

As we start 2020 we have some new sports to try; CISSA Badminton and CISSA Volleyball for our MS students and ACAMIS Badminton for our older students. There is still time to sign up and have a go!

Good luck to our Basketball teams as they travel to Suzhou and Shanghai this weekend for the SISAC tournaments.



**The Activities Office wishes you
Happy and Activity Filled New Year**



Coming Up!

Jan 13: Cycle 3 ASA begins
Jan 15-18: ACAMIS Basketball, Shenzhen
Jan 16-17: CISSMUN, Shanghai
Jan 16-19: ISTA, Shanghai
Feb 15: Swim - A- Thon @NIS

Fundraising Grace Jiang

Under the guidance of the Swimming Department and Mr Alex Papp, students and teachers spent a Friday afternoon silk screening t-shirts and bags. ¥23,000 was raised and donated to Miss Grace Jiang, our Secretary to the Aquatics Director. Miss Grace is currently receiving medical treatment for a rare form of lymphoma. The PTA also raised ¥12,326 in a bake sale during a Swim Meet in December.

The next event will be a Swim-a-thon organised by the Aquatics office. Please see the following page for more information.

You can also donate money at the Cashier's office, 2nd floor of the Centre.



Staffing Update

Please note a temporary change to the staffing in the Activities Team from now until June 2020.

Miss Vicki Hong will be Assistant to the Aquatics Director, Kathrin Lammers.

Miss Christine Ge will be the Assistant to the Activities Director, Danny Clarke. Miss Christine is originally from Nanjing. She holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Nanjing University of Finance and Economics. In her spare time, she enjoys running and dancing.

