

25th Anniversary Day Information



The “Why?”: To celebrate the history of our school, together.

The “How?”: A celebration of *each* year of NIS.

The “What?”: *All* NIS students and teachers have been mixed into groups by “Year of NIS.” Each group will create a one-minute (or less) celebration of their designated year to be shared Friday at 1:30pm in the Green Gym with the rest of NIS as the audience!

The “Plan”: **Friday, September 28th**

Timing	Action	Goal/Notes
8:00-8:40am	MS/US Assembly and PS Extended Morning Meeting	Prep students on the plan for the day
8:40-10:00am	Classes combine, frame the task, and get going!	Cupcakes distributed!
10:00am- 10:25am	Early Break (25 Minutes in honor of 25 years!)	Mind the marquee!
10:25-11:00am	Return to groups, Finish creating!	Cupcakes distributed!
11:00am- 12:00pm	Groups called to the Green Gym for practice.	Each year group will be called from classrooms by floaters for practice.
12:00pm- 1:00pm	Early Lunch Usual lunch plan, just earlier	Mind the marquee!
1:00-1:30pm	Regroup and Dismissal to Gym	Year groups will be called to the Gym one at a time.
1:30-2:00pm	“Since 1992” Parade	Green Gym
2:00-2:10pm	Procession to the Marquee	Dismissed from Green Gym by year group to the marquee
2:10-2:25pm	Orchestra and Presentations	In marquee
2:25-2:45pm	Group Photo	In grassy quad
2:45-3:00pm	Circle of Peace	In grassy quad
3:00pm	Dismissal	Usual BTT

The Role of the Facilitator:

You and your fellow colleagues in the room are responsible for communicating the task and outcome to the entire group, quickly grouping students into the four committees, assisting students with ideation/creation, materials, crowd-control, time-keeping, and clean up. Piece of cake?!

This will look different depending on the ages within your group, so please use your discretion and expertise while assisting. The overall goal is much more about the collaborative process and less about the quality of the product. Instagram's motto: "Done is better than perfect" is a good rule to follow!

10 Pro-Tips:

- 1. Take a good look at each committee's task and outcomes. This will help.**
- 2. Divide and conquer. Can one adult work with each committee?**
- 3. Committee sizes do not have to be equal. Differentiate as needed.**
- 4. Cupcakes will be delivered to your site before 11:00 for extra motivation! ☺**
- 5. Someone will come and dismiss your group to the Gym when needed.**
- 6. In the Gym, each group will stand when called by year, march across to the stage, step up onto the stage, pose/chant/sing/dance/whatever, step down, and march back to their area. This entire process CANNOT last more than a minute. No microphone or amplified music will be available.**
- 7. At the end of the parade. We will exit the Gym through the school to the marquee by group. Parents/visitors exit the side door.**
- 8. If you have a group with different age levels, use older S's for leadership.**
- 9. Ask for help! SET and SLT will be floating all day.**
- 10. Keep calm and Have Fun!**

Class/Advisory Groupings

Year	Abbreviated Theme	Class One	Class Two	Location	Extra Staffing
1992	NIS Begins	5A	Adv Stevens	C140	Elaine
1993	Languages	5B	Adv Bahilo	C141	J. Mad.
1994	Teachers	5C	Adv Chen	C147	Kathrin
1995	Students	4A	Adv Wang	C125	Dora
1996	Many Places	4B	Adv Snyder	C122	Cherry
1997	Leadership	4C	Adv Keus (AK w. Orch.)	C126	Lily, Heidi
1998	House System	3A	Adv Creme (11's)	C121	Lee M.
1999	School Trips	3B	Adv Ryan (11's)	C127	Zach
2000	ACAMIS	3C	Adv Coad (11's)	C120	Heidi
2001	Firsts at NIS	2A	Adv Hornell (11's)	C112	Anouk
2002	PTA	2B	Adv Moen	C109	Bella
2003	Xian Lin	2C	Adv Lietz (11's)	C108	Lynn
2004	Lovely Campus	1A	Adv Newman (11's)	C113	Kelli T.
2005	Athletics at NIS	1B	Adv Kay (11's)	C107	Ian
2006	IB Continuum	1C	Adv Lenk (11's)	C114	Craig P.
2007	Many Cultures	EYK1	EYK1	EYC	Stine
2008	Drama at NIS	Adv Seig.	Adv Chesterman	DC	Anna
2009	Graduation	Adv Maier	Adv Lee	D240	Paul U.
2010	The Centre	Adv Win.	Adv Dutton	D210	Jean Y.
2011	Music at NIS	NIS Orchestra		Music Room	Amy, Sam B.
2012	Working Together	Adv Merry.	Adv Hammond	D241	Chris
2013	Personal Excellence	Adv Orteza	Adv Law	D343	Luiz, Craig T.
2014	Creative thinking	Adv Mad	Adv Kuan	DC	Zhang
2015	Inclusive NIS	EYK2	Adv Fischl	Library	Angela R. Lan Winnie Yuan Qin
2016	Student V&C	EYK2B	Adv Baker	Library	
2017	Design at NIS	EYK2C	Adv terborg	Library	
2018	NIS Future	Grade 12's: Rob, Minza		DC-UpSt	Eleven, Cynthia
Floaters		SLT, SOFT, SET, Counsellors, PS LSS			

1992

**“First day- Nanjing
American School,
Dong Jiao Bin Guan”
Theme: NIS Begins!**



Committee One: Year Banner Artists

At 1:30pm today you will participate in a parade in the Green Gym to honor our school's 25th year. The goal is to create a “moving celebration” of the year above. To do this you will work in four committees, then all come together as a group to help us all celebrate the special year you have been given!

Your committee's task is to work together to decorate the “Year Banner” with words, symbols, and images relating to the year, photo/blurb. These can be hand-drawn, printed and attached, and could even be 3D objects glued on the banner. You must include something that represents everyone in your big group...

How might you include something from everyone in your entire group? Stickers, hand/finger prints, signatures, images, favorites, languages could all be ideas.

The banner will be carried around several times today, shown to all the students in the school, and displayed proudly as an artifact of this special day! Spelling counts!

Go!

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Committee Two: Chinese Symbol Creators

At 1:30pm today you will participate in a parade in the Green Gym to honor our school's 25th year. The goal is to create a “moving celebration” of the year above. To do this you will work in four committees, then all come together as a group to help us all celebrate the special year you have been given!

Your committee's task is to work together to create a banner with a Chinese character or phrase to represent the special year you have been given. Think about what was important about this year in NIS History and try to represent it with a Chinese character ie. Growth, Success, Community, etc.

You might also consider the year in the Chinese Zodiac, auspicious events of the year, and personal connections. Please include the character's English translation (neatly and spelled correctly!) somewhere on the banner.

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Committee Three: Parade Planners

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Your committee's task is to work together to plan a “moving celebration” of the year that you have been given. This should include your banners, visuals, chants/cheers/songs/or short dances, and a pose on stage. Every student in your entire group (and keen teachers!) should participate. Bring the energy!

Your group will be seated together on the floor of the Green Gym. When it's your year's turn, you will stand up and march through the Gym, up onto stage for your “celebration” and march back to your spot. You should do this with style! The maximum length of the entire procession is one minute! You will have no mic or ability to play music, so you'll have to use your voices!

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Committee Four: Blurb Authors

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Your committee's task is to compose a short speech that will be read aloud while your group marches up to the stage. This should include a description of what the other committees have been up to:

- What did the “Year Banner Committee” add to your banner and why?
- What character(s) did the “Chinese Character Creation Committee” and why?
- What special element did the Parade Planners include in your celebration?
- What else would you like to add about this special year in NIS History (what were people in your group (including teachers) doing that year? Who was even alive? How old would you be if you were in your grade at NIS back then?

Gather information, brainstorm more ideas, write up your blurb, email to Mr. Bratton, print, and submit hard copy to a teacher. Go!