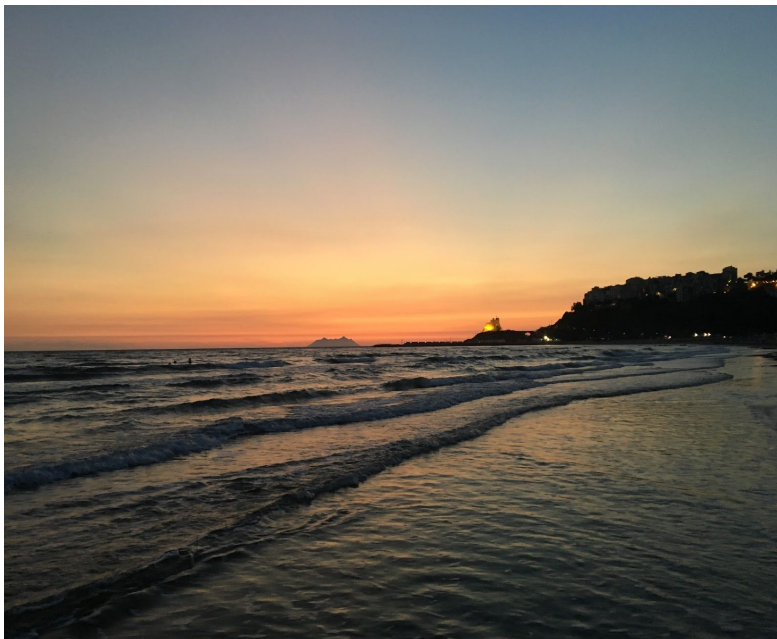




## Boarding Department E-Newsletter 3

### Highlights from Last Weekend

#### Sperlonga!



This past weekend, we went on our annual (and cherished) trip to Sperlonga -- a seaside town about 2 hours south of Rome. Departing after school on Friday, we arrived in time to take a quick stroll (and nighttime dip, for some) on the beach. Following dinner, we partook in another SSS boarding tradition -- the talent show! Students (and reluctant faculty) bravely showcased a diverse array of talents, including singing, playing the guitar, card tricks, celebrity impressions, and more.





On Saturday morning we visited Sperlonga's fascinating archaeological museum, where our part-time RA part-time Art History expert Natalie gave us an informative tour! We continued onto the grotto of Roman emperor Tiberius, where students trekked around the large cave which once served as his dining hall. We learned about the sculptures that used to decorate this grotto, which celebrated the story of Odysseus in Homer's *The Odyssey*. Afterward, students came together to form our traditional human pyramid.

Having kept our students away from the beach for far too long at this point, we then spent the rest of the day on the water. The weather couldn't have been more perfect. Some of our diligent seniors elected to study, but everyone made it outside at least once. Our resourceful students enjoyed the water in a variety of ways: playing volleyball, floating around on inflatables and rafts, and piling onto remarkably sturdy paddle boats.

Later in the evening, a rather sunburned group of students explored the town of



Sperlonga, a winding hilltop paradise overlooking the water. We wandered around and went to our favorite local gelateria, forming a 50-person line and leaving locals bemused. Sunday was a day of unfettered beach folly until we finally conceded that we would have to get on the bus back to Rome eventually.

Until next year,  
Sperlonga!

## What's On This Weekend

### Friday

At 7 pm, all new students will join their returning student buddies, peer mentors, and day students for an outing to the Escape Room in Trastevere followed by dinner at a local pizzeria.

### Saturday

11 am - 1 pm Study Hall for grades 9 & 10.

In the afternoon we will offer an optional outing to the nearby neighborhood of Monti, a favorite place for vintage shopping!

7 pm Gelato Crawl

### Sunday

11 am - 1 pm Study Hall for grades 9 & 10.

## Useful Information

### **Our next dorm closure is Fall Term Break: Saturday 26 October-Sunday 3 November**

- Boarders may leave after classes on Friday, October 25th or in the morning on Saturday, October 26th. The dorms close at noon on Saturday, October 26th.
- The dorms reopen in the morning on Sunday, November 3rd.
- Please schedule returns by 18:20. If returns will be later than 22:00, please arrange travel plans for arrival the following morning.

Important Travel Dates This Year: Please make travel arrangements for the dates [listed here](#).

## Supply & Expense Account Information

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