



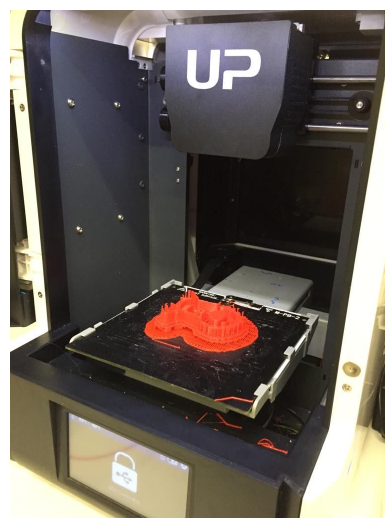
## Boarding Department E-Newsletter 14

### Highlights from Last Weekend

We had a cozy weekend, we went to the movies, poured over our books and notes, armed with warm cups of tea and hot chocolate, and even baked gingerbread cookies. On Friday, we began the weekend with an outing to see Frozen 2 at the English-language Barberini movie theater. Ms. DC and 7 students enjoyed the animated film with candy and large boxes of popcorn.



On Saturday, study hall was held from 11 to 1 pm in the library. Afterward, Ms. DC led a study skills workshop, she provided each interested student with a calendar and helped them tailor study schedules to fit their exam calendars. After lunch, Natalie brought five students to the JNC Refugee Center Christmas Market. The Christmas Market was the perfect opportunity to buy gifts for our secret snowflakes, a boarding gift-giving tradition that we are continuing this year. In the evening, Ms. DC taught us how to use the iLab's new virtual reality headset, we took turns playing virtual games in between bites of Indian food from Gandhi restaurant. Upstairs, students made hot chocolate and played video games in Mr. Ostrow's apartment.



On Sunday, study hall was held from 11 to 1 pm and the library remained open for studying until 5 pm. At 5 pm, a large group gathered in the dining hall to decorate freshly baked gingerbread cookies. Ms. DC even 3D printed snowmen, gingerbread men, Christmas tree, and reindeer cookie cutters out of cornstarch. At 5:45 pm, the students had their weekly room checks.

### ***The 2019 Winter Arts Show***

Last Wednesday was the Winter Arts Show. From 6 to 10 pm we perused a display of student photographs, drawings, and paintings, enjoyed a choral and band concert, clapped along with the dance performances, and teared up from both laughter and sorrow during the drama performance.





## What's On This Weekend

**Friday** - In the evening, we will offer tea and healthy snacks in 1-1. We will also take out the board games and bring in the foosball table for the ultimate study break experience.

**Saturday** - Study hall from 11 am-1pm; At 1 pm, our newest Prefect, Pamela, will lead a holiday shopping outing including lunch at Eataly; we will have extended library hours; in the evening, we will bake holiday cookies.

**Sunday**- 11 am-1pm study hall; Kabir leads morning outing to the Mercato Testaccio food market; there will be extended library hours; 2-3 pm yoga class in the auditorium with an instructor from Zem Yoga Studio (Boarding BFit Challenge opportunity!)

## Useful Information

### Celebrating birthdays in boarding

- Please [click here](#) to learn more about how we celebrate birthdays in boarding and how parents can send something special to their child on their birthday.

### Our next dorm closure is Winter Break: Wednesday, December 18th - Monday, January 6th

- Travel should be scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, December 18th or the morning of Thursday, December 19th.
- The dorms close at noon on Thursday, December 19th.
- The dorms reopen in the morning on Monday, January 6th.
- Classes resume on Tuesday, January 7th.
- Please schedule returns by 18:20. If returns will be later than 22:00, please arrange travel plans for arrival the following morning.
- Non-EU citizens are reminded to carry the Stay Permit or Stay Permit packets with receipts and are advised to travel on direct flights to Rome without stopovers in the Schengen area.

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

## Supply & Expense Account Information

Name: St Stephen's School  
Bank: Banca Popolare di Sondrio  
Cod. IBAN: IT16U0569603229000003901X16  
Cod. BIC: POSOIT22

Include your child's name in the wire transfer so that the Business Office credits the appropriate account. Please notify Michael Mottola ([mike.mottola@sssrome.it](mailto:mike.mottola@sssrome.it)) if you would like to place a limit on your child's weekly allowance.