

Boarding Department E-Newsletter 1

Highlights from Last Weekend

For those of you returning to St. Stephen's, welcome back! For our new boarding families, welcome to the community! This year, eleven returning students elected to return early to help prepare the dorms and welcome our new students. We kicked off orientation with a neighborhood tour, trips to the cell phone store, school supply runs, games on the basketball courts, and, naturally, lots of gelato!









On Sunday, Ian, Mike, and Sofia joined several boarding faculty members (plus Wilson, our resident dog!) for a morning run in the center. We ran from school to the Colosseum, past the Trevi Fountain, behind the Pantheon, all the way to Piazza Navona and back!





On Sunday, we finished up meetings with Ms. Dostert and the nurse and we embarked on our annual trip to IKEA. This upcoming weekend, students will have an opportunity to show off their interior design skills and vote on the best decorated rooms.

On Monday, our Street Art tour was rained out so we set up a movie night in the library. We watched a film while enjoying warm pizza and suppli.



On Wednesday, we had Community Night, a Wednesday night tradition. For our first Community Night of the year, we ate on the terrace before moving to the outdoor amphitheater. In this week's community message, the prefects emphasized the importance of practicing kindness towards oneself and others, especially at the start of the year. Next, the prefects awarded the year's first "serious awards," awards presented to two students a week who have demonstrated certain characteristics such as a serious commitment to an academic subject, a sports team, or even a serious love of cereal. We concluded community night with thank yous, a time when anyone can stand up and thank another student or faculty member for something they did that week.



This week, the prefects were joined by Isa as they delivered their community message!

What's On This Weekend

Orientation continues this weekend with a trip to the Vatican Museums, a treasure hunt, room awards, and a dessert crawl!



Friday

 Evening tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel with Michael Brouse, Medieval-Renaissance History teacher and Certified Roman Tour Guide.

Saturday

- 12 PM Boarding Treasure hunt around Rome!
- 6:20 PM BBQ on Terrace
- 8 PM Decorate your St. Stephen's Mug
- Faculty Open Houses and Dessert crawl

Sunday

- 11 AM Walk and Food Tour of the Testaccio neighborhood
- 4 PM Service trip and gelato outing
- 9 PM Boarding Room Awards

Useful Information

- 1. Please make travel arrangements for the dates <u>listed here</u>.
- 2. Supply & Expense Account Information:

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