



Boarding Department E-Newsletter 13

Highlights from Last Weekend

December is upon us! Many students were away this weekend between our Florence trip and being signed out, but those who remained were treated to a variety of fun activities. On Friday, students started the night out with some tie-dying with Mr. Powers, coming away with colorful clothes and memories.



Afterwards, we broke out the chocolate fountain and students gorged on chocolate-covered fruit, marshmallows, biscuits, and more. On Saturday, the students on campus engaged in a foosball tournament, fueled by a mass order of the ever-popular *trapizzini*.



While foosball got pulses racing, students were also able to decompress through wholesome activities like coloring and drinking tea.



Meanwhile, Ms. Esposito and Ms. Ricci led our annual trip to Florence, where boarders had the

privilege of visiting the Uffizi, the Accademia, the Duomo, and more. Florence is a city without parallel, and students were certainly wowed by the art and history on display.





Special Festive Occasions: Thanksgiving and Parents' Association dinners

Last Thursday, boarding enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving feast in lieu of our usual Community Night. All the usual suspects were available, such as turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, and more. The dinner was capped off with a rousing round of thank you's and mutual appreciation. On Monday we were treated to a festive dinner featuring a variety of home-cooked dishes (primi, secondi, and dolci) from our Parents' Committee, which left all of us happily stuffed. It was a great week, gastronomically speaking.



What's On This Weekend

Friday - We plan to maintain our tradition of picking up mandarins from our local fruit vendor, which have been a hit with the students.

Saturday - Study hall from 11am-1pm with special extended library use hours for students studying for exams; a potential visit to the opening day of the 100 Presepi (Nativity Scenes) exhibition on Via Della Conciliazione with Natalie; a visit to the Vatican Christmas tree (lit up on December 5th!) OR an evening visit to Piazza Navona Christmas Market (open until 2 am, free)

Sunday- 11am-1pm study hall; Boarding B-Fit session in the evening

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

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