



ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOL *ROME, ITALY*



**Boarding Orientation
Semester One 2021
(sample)**



Dear Boarders,

Welcome! Welcome!

What an incredible school year we have all just experienced! We are so excited about the upcoming year and can't wait to meet and catch up with all of you. Below you will find a sample schedule for the opening days of school. These first few weeks will be fun-filled and exciting and will introduce you to life at St. Stephen's and this extraordinary city. Naturally, everything on this schedule is subject to change, but we are reasonably optimistic that we will have the opportunity to run most of our regular orientation.

Let us know if we can help in any way or answer any questions that you have.

The Boarding Faculty



First, read this:

Free Time

Throughout the coming days you will have slivers of time in between outings and meetings to do a few things: spend time with your roommate, other boarders and dorm faculty, unpack and arrange your room, and get to know the school.

Buddies

All students are paired up with a buddy – you will sit with your buddy at dinner the first night and introduce this person to the group later on.


Your Room is Your Castle!

A week into school we will have the **SSS Room Awards**. Soooooo, get your posters up and put all your things away. Use these opening days to decorate and set up your room. Then, during "Open Hallways," students move from room to room and vote for room awards. Past categories have included: *coziest room*, *most artistic walls*, *tidiest closet*, *best themed room*, *the room I'd most like to live in* and naturally, the overall *Best Room* award.

Parent Program

We are currently unable to confirm a parent program on Sunday, August 29th. In a regular year, parents usually come to campus from 10am-2pm to help their child move into their room and then have a meeting at 4pm with the Head of Boarding and Wellness Staff, followed by a reception at 6pm with the Head of School, and a reception off campus with the Admissions Department.

Last year, we were only able to have a drop off. We will confirm the plan for opening day over the summer.



Parents - The opening weeks are very busy! To best plan your travel to Rome, please take into account that we suggest spending time in Rome with your child before school opens and allowing them to fully immerse themselves in school life in the opening weeks.

The Boarding Department suggests the following visiting times for **the first week** if family are staying in Rome after August 29th:

- Tuesday: 5:30-6:30pm
- Wednesday 4-6:20pm
- Friday: 4:30-6:20pm
- Saturday: 3:30-6:20pm
- Sunday morning until 4pm.

WELCOME!

**Sunday, August
29th**



10:00 - 14:00

Student arrivals. All students must arrive by 14:00 in order to receive room assignments and attend the 15.15 meeting.

12:30

Optional lunch available in the Dining Hall

15:15

Students: Meeting Introductions & welcome to St. Stephen's and Overview of school life.

15:30 - 20:00

Group outings: Groups will rotate through various outings and meetings: Italian cell phone store; Meetings with Ms. Dostert to review course schedules and School Nurse to review health forms; Aventino neighborhood walk; Prefect-led activity.

20:00

Students: Dinner in the Cortile. Meet and eat with your buddy – everyone has one person that you are 'responsible' for getting to know well enough to introduce to all of us later this evening! Get the basics down, but also try to find some 'little known facts.'

21:00

GELATO!!! The quest to find the best gelato in Rome begins.

21:30

Buddy Introductions & Name Challenge in the Chapel.

22:00

On halls

22:30

In rooms (showers, etc. finished by this time.)

23:00

Grade 9 and 10 lights out

Monday, August 30th

8:00

Optional morning run in the historic center with Boarding Faculty



7:30 - 9:30

Breakfast in the Dining Hall

9:30 - 12:00

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12:00 - 17:00

Let's Decorate! Trip to the mall for room needs, sporting goods, etc: all students attend

17:30

Meeting – What Do I Need to Know about Life at SSS: all students attend

18:20

Dinner

19:30

All community evening activities & icebreakers: all students attend

22:00

On halls

22:30

In rooms (showers, etc. finished by this time.)

23:00

Grade 9 and 10 lights out

Tuesday, August 31st

7:30 - 8:45

Breakfast

9:00 - 15:45

Follow academic/day orientation schedule (distributed by Dean of Students/Academic Affairs Office)

16:00

Meeting with Head of School, Eric Mayer, Auditorium: all students attend

16:15

Chapel Talk with School Counselor

18:20

Dinner

19:00

Evening activity - Walk to Circo Massimo lookout - photo and group activity

22:00

On halls

22:30

22:30 In rooms (showers, etc. finished by this time.)

23:00

Grade 9 and 10 lights out

**Wednesday, September
1st**

7:30 - 8:45

Breakfast

9:00 - 15:45

Follow academic/day orientation schedule (distributed by Dean of Students/Academic Affairs Office)

16:00

Free time in the Aventino neighborhood only! Sign out, stay with a buddy, have your phone with you.

18:20

Dinner on the terrace. Our first **Community Night!** On Wednesday nights our community comes together for dinner, announcements, awards, special guests, gelato and more.

19:30

Group meeting/info session on class schedules, nightly routines, etc.

22:00

On halls

22:30

In rooms (showers, etc. finished by this time.)

23:00

Grade 9 and 10 lights out

Thursday, September 2nd

7:45 - 8:25

Breakfast

8:30 - TBC

Day school schedule to be confirmed

17:00

School Supplies/Tiger: Visit an office supply store to pick up any school supplies you need and Tiger for any other dorm room needs. All new students attend.

18:20

Dinner

19:00

Prefect-led activities on campus

21:00

Snack

22:00

On halls

22:30

In rooms (showers, etc. finished by this time.)

23:00

Grade 9 and 10 lights out



Friday, September 3rd

All boarders on campus this weekend

7:45 - 8:25

Breakfast

8:30 - 15:45

Regular class schedule

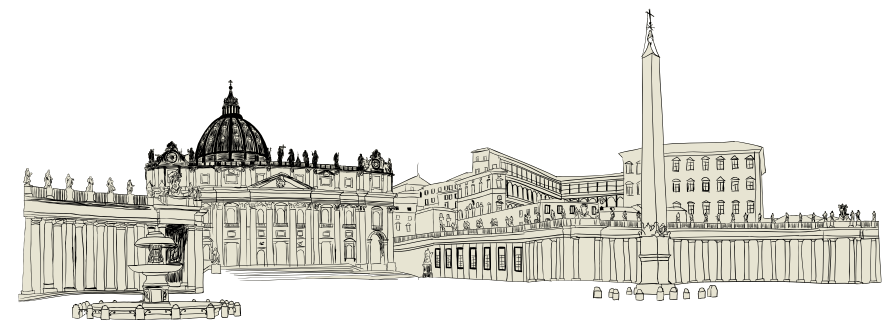
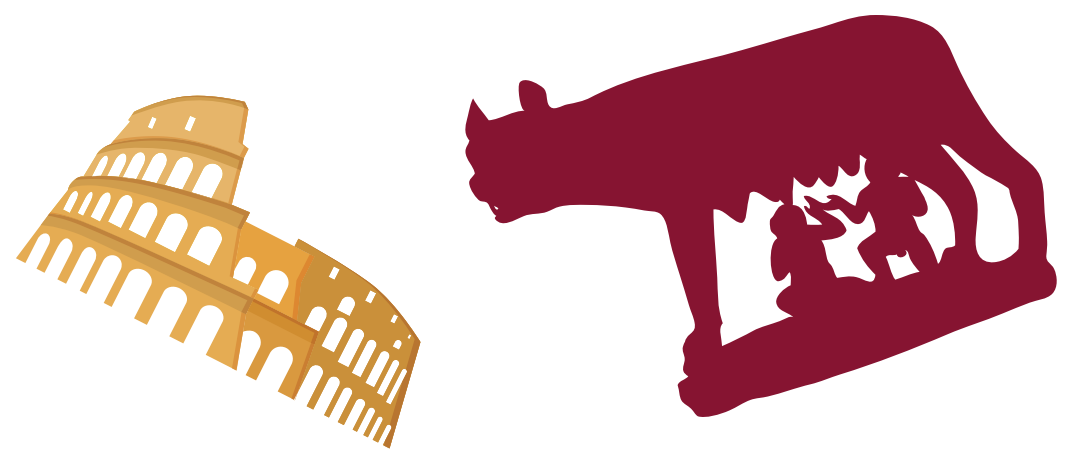
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Pizza dinner!

19:15

Welcome to Rome I

Evening Visit to the Vatican
(All students attend)



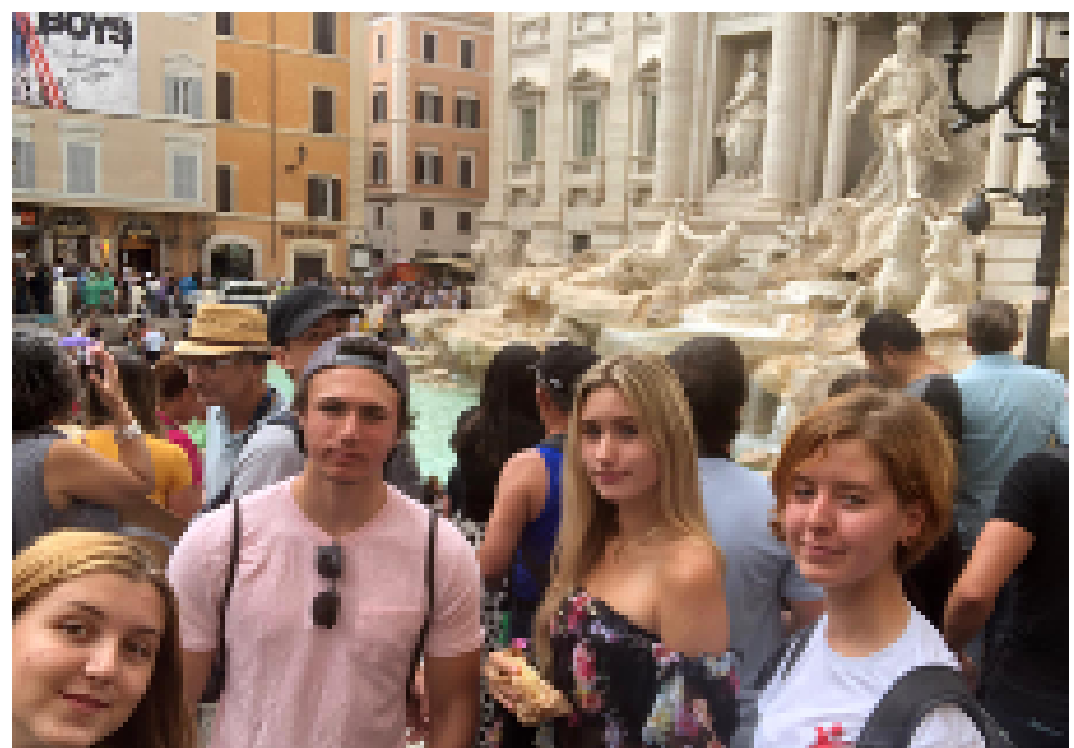
Saturday, September 4th

8:30 - 12:00

Breakfast & Brunch in the
Dining Hall

12:00 - 15:00

The Amazing Race around
Rome!!! All students attend.
Includes lunch in the center.




18:20

Dinner BBQ on the terrace

20:00

Decorate Your Mug, Faculty
Open House & Dessert Crawl:
all students attend.

A photograph of three students in a classroom or office setting. They are gathered around a desk with a laptop. One student in the foreground is pointing at the laptop screen. Another student in the background is looking at the screen. A third student in the foreground is writing on a purple notepad. The scene is lit with a blue light from a desk lamp.

**Sunday,
September 5th**

Room Competition

**Today is the day – make
sure to put the finishing
touches on your rooms, and
decorate your bulletin
boards!!**

Sunday, September 5th

8:30 - 11:00

Self-service brunch buffet in the Dining Hall. Initially, cereal, toast and toppings, yogurt, fruit, juice, tea, coffee and hot chocolate are on offer. Late morning this morphs into eggs, bacon, cheese, pasta, salad fixings, along with various other vegetable and meat dishes.

11:00 - 13:00

Welcome to Rome II: Street Art Tour (all attend)

Walking tour of Street Art in the Testaccio and Ostiense neighborhoods followed by a stop for pizza.

13:00 - 17:00

Free time

17:00

Service Clean Up and Juice or Cremolati: all students attend

18:20

Dinner

19:00 - 21:00

Study Hall

21:00

Room Awards – Open Hallways. Gather your ballots and vote!!

22:00

On halls

22:30

In rooms (showers, etc. finished by this time.)



**Monday, September
6th**

7:45 - 8:45

Breakfast

8:30 - 15:45

Regular class schedule

16:00

Sports program begins after school

17:15

School supplies, phones, room necessities, and an outing to see the local gym where students have the option of signing up

18:20

Dinner

19:00 - 19:30

Meeting for New Students - Meet in 1-1.

19:30 - 21:00

Study Hall

20:30 - 21:30

Optional Boarding Yoga class in the auditorium

22:00

On halls

22:30

In rooms (showers, etc. finished by this time.)

23:00

Grade 9 and 10 lights out

Tuesday, September 7th

7:45 - 8:45

Breakfast

8:30 - 15:45

Regular class schedule

16:30

Outing with Student Council Reps:
new boarders attend – gather in the
Cortile

18:20

Dinner

19:00 - 21:00

Study Hall

22:00

On halls

22:30

In rooms (showers, etc. finished by
this time.)

23:00

Grade 9 and 10 lights out



Wednesday, September 8th

7:45 - 8:45

Breakfast

8:30 - 15:45

Regular class schedule

18:20

Community Dinner, Sperlonga Info,
and Gelato

19:00 - 21:00

Study Hall

22:00

On halls

22:30

In rooms (showers, etc. finished by
this time.)

23:00

Grade 9 and 10 lights out

Thursday, September 9th

7:45 - 8:45

Breakfast

8:30 - 15:45

Regular class schedule

18:20

Dinner

18:45

Chapel Talk: All
students attend



Other activities to be scheduled throughout the week

- This week, before or after dinner, each student will have a brief introduction with one of the school counselors. Schedule will be provided.
- Boarding B-Fit (our in-house group fitness classes) at 9pm on Tuesdays and occasionally on Thursdays
- Morning runs with a member of the boarding faculty will also be scheduled. These usually take place at 6:45am
- Hall meetings during snack time





Friday, Sept 10th -
Sunday Sept 12th

16:00

All boarding weekend beach trip to Sperlonga!!

We'll leave immediately after school, so have your walking shoes, swimsuit, towel, clothes and hat packed and ready to go. There will be time to relax on the beach, explore, and enjoy time together.



**Friday,
September 17th**



**All boarders on
campus/No sign outs**

**Dinner: Check in for all
9th-11th grade students**

19:00

**Peer mentor outing &
dinner: All new students,
prefects and buddies
attend**

**Saturday,
September 18th**

**All boarders on campus/No
sign outs**

12:00 - TBC

**Welcome to Rome IV - Our
final orientation activity! One
of the following activities will
be on offer: Villa Borghese
exploration, hike, segway
activity, laser tag/soft
archery. Back at school, final
orientation meeting on
weekend routines. All students
attend.**

19.00

Gelato crawl





Welcome to the family!!



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