



# ST. STEPHEN'S

SCHOOL *ROME, ITALY*



**Boarding Orientation**  
**Semester One 2020**





## Dear Boarders,

Welcome! Welcome!

We are so excited about the year and can't wait to meet and catch up with all of you. Below you will find the schedule for the opening days of school, as well as the trips and activities planned for the semester. These first few weeks will be fun-filled and exciting and will introduce you to life at St. Stephen's and this extraordinary city.

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

### **The Boarding Faculty**

\*\*\*Please note that due to measures in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all dates and activities in this version of orientation are subject to change.





## First, read this:

### Free Time

Throughout the coming days you will have time in between outings and meetings to do many 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.



# Program for Parents:

## Monday, August 31st

- 3 pm: We recommend this time to say goodbye to your child, as student orientation formally begins at 3.15pm.
- 3-4 pm: Optional drop-in meetings with Business Office, Academic Office, Boarding Head and Nurses. Refreshments available in the bar.
- 4 pm: Meeting with School Counselor and Residential Program Leadership
- 6 pm: Cocktail with Boarding Faculty, administrators, and Head of School
- 7 pm: Boarding Parent Social - Informal social gathering with food and drink. Departure from the Cultural Center immediately following the Cocktail. Walk up the hill into the beautiful San Saba neighborhood, and spend time meeting and chatting with other boarding parents in a lovely local home.



The Boarding Department suggests the following visiting times for **the first week** if family are staying in Rome after August 31st:

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



**WELCOME!**

**Monday, August  
31st**



**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. Stephens 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



# Tuesday, September 1st

**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**

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.

**12.00-17.00**

Let's Decorate! Trip to Ikea and the mall for room needs: all students attend

**17:30**

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

**18:20**

Dinner

**19:00**

Relaxation in the Chapel and Nap time :) (students bring smartphones)

**20:00**

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





**Wednesday, September  
2nd**

**7:30 –8:45**

Breakfast

**9:00-15:45**

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

**16:00**

Meeting with Head of School, Eric Mayer, followed by safety meeting with U.S Regional Security Officer from the U.S. Embassy, Auditorium: all students attend

**16:15**

Chapel Talk with School Counselor

**18:20**

Dinner on the terrace. Our First **Community Night**: On Wednesdays nights our community comes together for dinner, announcements, awards, special guests and more.

**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



**Thursday, September  
3rd**

**7:45 – 8:25**

Breakfast

**8:30 – TBC**

Day school orientation continues

**17:00**

School Supplies: Visit an office supply store to pick up any school supplies you need. All new students attend.

**17:00**

Senior boarders meet with Boarding Heads

**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 4th

*All boarders on campus this weekend*

**7:45 – 8:25**

Breakfast

**8:30 – 15:45**

Regular class schedule

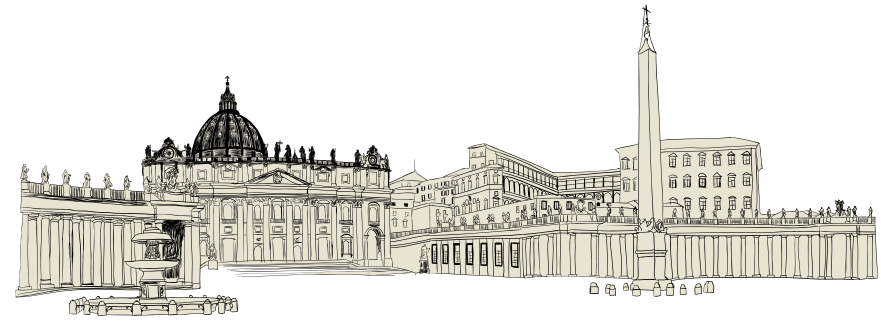
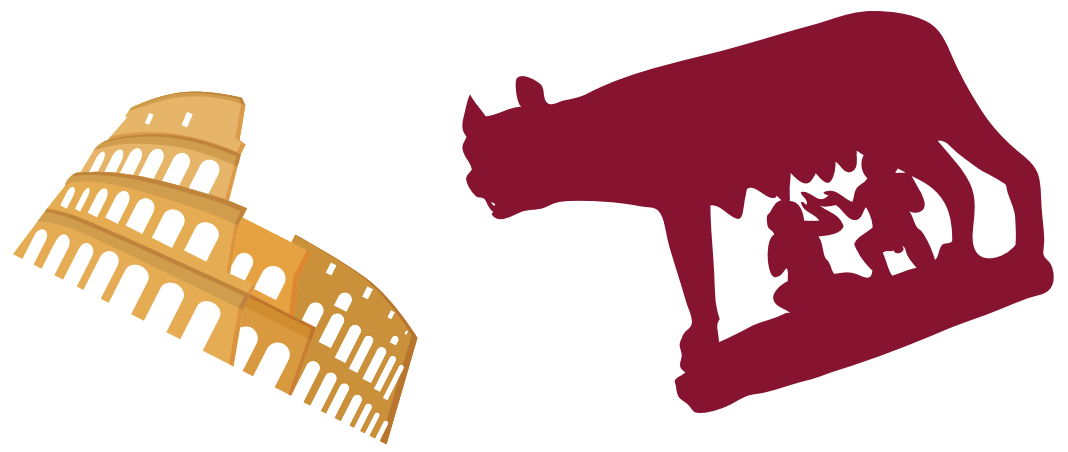
**18:20**

Pizza dinner!

**19:15**

**Welcome to Rome I**

Evening Visit to the Vatican  
(All students attend)



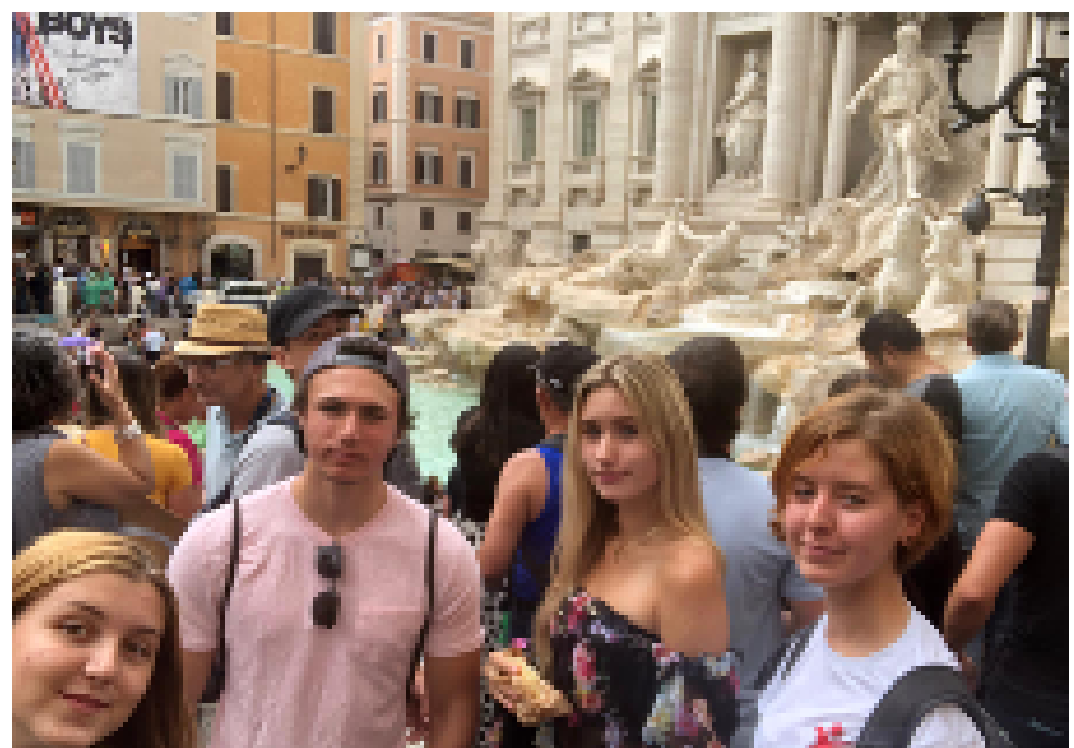
## Saturday, September 5th

**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 computer lab. One student in a black hoodie is pointing at a laptop screen. Another student with glasses is looking at the screen. A third student is writing on a purple notepad. The scene is lit with a blue desk lamp.

**Sunday,  
September 6th**

**Room Competition**

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



# Sunday, September 6th

**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 Hallway. Gather your ballots and vote!!**

**22:00**

On halls

**22:30**

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





**Monday, September  
7th**

**7:45 – 8:45**

Breakfast

**8:30 – 15:45**

Regular class schedule

**16:00**

Sports program begins

**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 with instructor from Rome's Zem Yoga Studio

**22:00**

On halls

**22:30**

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

**23:00**

Grade 9 and 10 lights out



## Tuesday, September 8th

**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 9th

**7:45 – 8:45**

Breakfast

**8:30 – 15:45**

Regular class schedule

**18:20**

Community Dinner, Sperlonga Info,  
Sustainability Workshop 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 10th

**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,  
September 11th

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, hike, and enjoy time together.







*Introducing our Boarding Dog, Wilson!*

**Friday,  
September 18th**

***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 19th**

***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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