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Highlights from Last Weekend

On Friday evening, we concluded Boarding Orientation with a trip to an 'Escape Room' in Trastevere. We were joined by fifteen day students. We divided into groups of eight; each group was tasked with "escaping" from a themed room. In the Game of Thrones-themed room, escaping required crawling through a fireplace and pulling a chandelier from the ceiling while, in the Space Wars room, a successful escape required taking directions from robots and deciphering Morse code. While not every group managed to successfully "escape the room" in the allotted hour, we had fun and enjoyed getting to know each other better.



Afterward, we went out for pizza and suppli at *Il Grottino*, one of our favorite Roman pizzerias. Naturally, the evening concluded with an obligatory stop at our neighborhood gelateria.

Saturday began with study hall in the library from 11 am to 1 pm. All ninth and tenth graders must attend weekend study hall on either Saturday or Sunday mornings. 11th and 12th graders are welcome to join but they are not required to do so. On Saturday evening, our new boarders enjoyed their first night out in the city with friends. Back at school, we enjoyed Tiramisu from Rome's famous *Bar Pompi*.



On Sunday morning, five brave souls joined Natalie and Mrs. Johnson for the 5km Run for Peace 5 km race at the Vatican. Despite the rain, everyone finished the race. We celebrated our triumph with treats from our favorite bakery in the Jewish Ghetto. We even brought some back to school to share! On Sunday evening, we concluded the weekend with 5:45 pm room checks. All rooms passed with flying colors!





What's On This Weekend

Friday

At 4 pm, a group of students will take off a weekend of hiking and beach time on the Amalfi Coast with Mr. Di Blasio and Ms. Levenson.

Back at school, at 5 pm, Student Council will host a dinner on the terrace, followed by a movie (to be chosen by the students) in the Auditorium.

Saturday

11 am - 1 pm Study Hall for grades 9 & 10.

We will have a variety of activities for the students not going on the Amalfi Coast trip, including a midday run and the first unveiling of our famous chocolate fountain.

Depending on student interest, we may embark on a gelato crawl.

Sunday

11 am - 1 pm Study Hall for grades 9 & 10.

We will once again offer a group run for our students, as well as the opportunity to make and enjoy ice cream sundaes with our prefect on duty.

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 Fall Term Break: Saturday 26 October-Sunday 3 November

- Boarders may leave after classes on Friday, October 25th or in the morning on Saturday, October 26th. The dorms close at noon on Saturday, October 26th.
- The dorms reopen in the morning on Sunday, November 3rd.
- Please schedule returns by 18:20. If returns will be later than 22:00, please arrange travel plans for arrival the following morning.

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

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