



## Boarding Department E-Newsletter 15

### Highlights from Last Week

Earlier in the week, we had our annual Secret Snowflake holiday gift exchange, which brought with it many smiles and much laughter. Everyone in the boarding community (including faculty, children of faculty, and our resident dog, who received a custom AS Roma shirt) participated, giving and receiving small gifts and clues. We went around and made our best guesses.



## Highlights from Last Weekend

This weekend we found ourselves in the middle of the exam period, so most boarders were buried in their books. Fortunately for them, a forecast of high winds and rain led to school (and exams) being called off on Friday, giving them more study time. Even more fortunately, the weather alert turned out to be a false alarm. In the afternoon, Mr. Ostrow hosted board games in his apartment.

On both Friday and Saturday night, we had panettone, tea, chocolate and clementines for snack, since these treats have been proving very popular recently. We scheduled some low key indoor activities, as no boarders could be lured off-campus with exams looming. Friday had the students enjoying an impromptu board game session, trying their luck at a festive puzzle, and playing some good ole foosball.



On Saturday, prefect on duty Pamela took a couple of other students to Eataly, where they hopefully did some gift shopping for their parents and families! Students and faculty continued with the foosball, panettone, mandarins, and puzzles, but also added some more treats to the mix -- Mr.



Mr. Mottola hosted a holiday baking session in his apartment, the fruits of which (cookies) were eagerly eaten up in no time at all.

Sunday saw students studying up a



storm, avoiding any and all other available activities or amusements, save for a sudden sojourn to score some sweet sweet gelato at Torce, our local gelateria.

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not introduce the newest member of our boarding community. It is still unclear whether he will be a student or faculty member, but he has certainly asserted his presence. Keep an eye out for further updates on the one who is known by many names -- so far we have tried out Micetto, Bernard, Stephen, and Cornetto, none of which garner much response. What is clear, however, is that Wilson will no longer be the only animal on duty.



## Saying Goodbye to One of Our Semester Students, Kayla

On Tuesday morning, we gathered in the Head of School's office for hot chocolate, panettone, and storytelling. We came together to share our fondest memories of Kayla, a semester student who is leaving us at the end of this week to go back to her school in California. Seated on a couch surrounded by her closest friends, Kayla retold a memory shared with each friend present: from late nights spent talking to fixing Hope's calculator the night before her math exam and the many fits of laughter which ensued during the Florence trip, there were so many memories to share that we could have spent all morning talking together.

We will miss you, Kayla, and we hope you will come back to visit us!





*Happy  
holidays  
everyone!  
See you in  
January!*