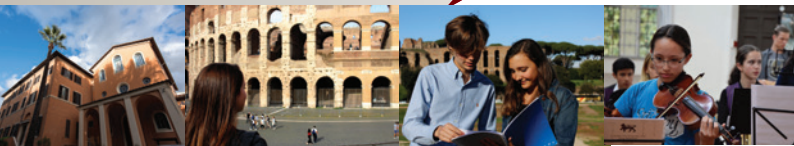




ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOL *Rome, Italy*



**BOARDING
ORIENTATION
SEMESTER ONE
2019**





Welcome!

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

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: cosiest 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: Saturday, August 31st

- **3pm:** We recommend this time to say goodbye to your child, as student orientation formally begins at 3.15pm.
- **3-4pm:** Optional drop-in meetings with Business Office, Academic Office, Boarding Head and Nurses. Refreshments available in the bar.
- **4pm:** Meeting with School Counselor and Residential Program Leadership
- **6pm:** Cocktail with Boarding Faculty, administrators, and Head of School
- **7pm:** Optional dinner for Boarding Parents - departure from the Cultural Center immediately following the Cocktail.

Note: This is a no -host dinner. No school representatives are present. It is an informal gathering at a local restaurant and serves as an opportunity for boarding parents to meet each other. Menus range from 30 to 35 EUR. Details and RSVP to follow later this summer.

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.

Saturday, August 31st

- 10:00 - 14:00** **Student arrivals.** All students must arrive by 14:00 in order to receive your room assignment and attend the 15:00 meeting.
- 12:30** **Optional lunch** available in the Dining Hall.
- 15:00** **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 – you have 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** in the Chapel. Relaxation session.



- 22:00** On halls
- 22:30** In rooms (showers, etc. finished by this time.)
- 23:00** Grade 9 and 10 lights out

Sunday, September 1st

- 08:00** **Optional** morning run in the historic center with Ms. Johnson
- 09:00 - 09:30** **Breakfast** in the Dining Hall.
- 09:30-12:00** **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 :)**
- 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**

Monday, September 2nd

07:30 – Breakfast
08:45

09:00-15:45 **Follow academic/day orientation schedule**
(distributed by Dean of Students/Academic Affairs Office)

16:00 **Meeting with Head of School, Eric Mayer,**
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**

19:00 **All community activity:** Street Art Tour - all attend

22:00 **On halls**

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

23:00 **Grade 9 and 10 lights out**

Tuesday, September 3rd



07:45 - Breakfast
08:25

8:30 - Day school orientation continues
TBC

16:00 **School Supplies:** Visit an office supply store to pick up any school supplies you need. All new students attend.

16:15 **Senior boarders** meet with Boarding Heads

18:20 **Dinner**

19:00 **Special Cremolati outing and walk:** optional or students stay on campus and rest

21:00 - **Snack**
22:00

22:00 **On halls**

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

Wednesday, September 4th

07:30 – Breakfast

08:25

08:30 - Regular Class Schedule

15:45

16:00 **School supplies, phone, room necessities,** and an outing to see the local gym where students have the option of signing up

18:20 **Dinner on the terrace. Our First Community Night and Gelato:** On Wednesdays nights our community comes together for dinner, announcements, awards, special guests and more.

19:00 - Study Hall

21:00

21:00 **Relaxation in Chapel**

22:00 **On halls**

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

23:00 **Grade 9 and 10 lights out**

Thursday, September 5th



07:30 - Breakfast
08:25

8:30 - Regular Class Schedule
15:45

16:00 Outing with Student Council Reps- New
boarders attend

18:20 Dinner

19:00 - Study Hall
21:00

20:30 Boarding yoga (optional)

22:00 On halls

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

23:00 Grade 9 and 10 lights out

Friday, September 6th

(All boarders on campus this weekend)

07:30 - Breakfast
08:25

8:30 - Regular Class Schedule
15:45

18:20 Pizza dinner

19:15 Welcome to Rome I: Evening Visit to the Vatican (All students attend)

Saturday, September 7th

08:30 - Breakfast & Brunch in the Dining Hall
12:00

12.00 - The Amazing Race around Rome!!! All students attend. Includes lunch in the center.
15.00

18:20 Dinner BBQ on the terrace

20:00 Decorate Your Mug, Faculty Open House & Desserts: all students attend.

Sunday, September 9th



Room Competition:

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

- 08:30 – 14:00** **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** **Welcome to Rome II:** Prefects lead a Testaccio food walk (optional): The day is free for studying, relaxing, exploring the city and getting your room ready for ROOM AWARDS!
- 16:00** **Service Clean Up and Gelato:** 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 9th – Friday, September 13th

- **Normal class and boarding schedule.** Dinner @ 6.20pm. Study Hall 7-9pm.
- This week, before or after dinner, each student will have a **brief introduction** with one of the school counselors. Schedule will be provided.
- **Yoga** Monday night, September 9th at 8.30pm
- **Community dinner** on Wednesday night @ 6.20pm
- **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

Thursday, September 12th

18:45 **Chapel Talk:** all students attend.



Friday, September 13th - Sunday, September 15th

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.

Friday, September 20th - no sign-outs

19:00 **Dinner:** Check in: all 9th-11th grade students check in at dinner.

Peer mentor outing & dinner: All students
Grades 9-11, prefects and buddies attend



Saturday, September 21st - 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, meeting on weekend routines. All students attend.

19:00 **Gelato crawl**



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