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## Clubs and Activities Sign Up Fair

The first week of the new academic school year ended with the Clubs and Activities Sign Up Fair in the Cortile. Student Leaders of clubs including: Women's Club, Debate Club, Gardening Club, Library Crew, Embrace, INK, and Global Citizens, set up their tables and spoke to new and returning students about their activities. All clubs are run by students and overseen by a member of faculty. Students can join as many clubs as they choose and can participate in

weekly meetings, fundraising events, outreach activities, and awareness campaigns. It's an excellent way to meet new friends and make a change.

## Reflections on the Summer Service Trip to Casa di Andrea

Reflecting on their time at the Casa di Andrea, in Rome, with Annie Jacquet, Angelica La Rosa and Marina Appoloni describe their experiences:



“La Casa di Andrea is a lovely and loving home to children suffering of terminal diseases, where these find strength so that these diseases may be overcome. The home bursts with laughter when the sun is out and the kids play, and this serenity shows to increase my own admiration of the children, from which much can be learned. Sometimes it is hard for everyone to play together because some children are under special medical care and are unable to walk, run, play outside. It is devastating to imagine how the children may feel when they decide to retire themselves in their rooms, alone, rather than in company, because of fearing feeling left out, or fearing to be unable to keep up with the group. Yet, many put all their hearts and souls in the things they love. I met a boy whose dream was that of becoming a dancer, and he loves singing. Due to a grave disease on part of his leg he is most probably forced to give up on his career life dream, and yet he dances, and with great passion he sings

and teaches dancing, rising onto the tips of his toes for some more difficult steps. Our supervisor Annie was also a source of inspiration, always caring towards every child and friendly to make sure each parent felt comfortable with our activities. Overall, I would recommend this experience to anyone looking forward to spending time with children, anyone strong enough to look beyond the label of sickness and into the eyes of rebirth.” - Angelica La Rosa

“This week at the Casa di Andrea has been special for me and all my classmates because we’ve been able to stay with the children staying at the Casa di Andrea and we were able to make them smile and laugh. I will never forget when by chance I meet this little girl, who just came by all the way from Puglia to get checked in the hospital. She didn’t stay much but was able to change my whole life. I will never forget how she immediately fell in love with me and I fell in love with her. She would stay with me all day and would get sad if I left her to play with other children. I will also never forget the smile her dad had when he saw how happy she was with me and how hard she tried to speak so that I could understand, he would always come and see us play and I will never forget the smile he had when he thanked me for staying with her and making her smile. I will never forget this wonderful trip because being able to give a smile to these children who are your same age or younger fills your heart with joy. I want to thank our supervisor Annie Jacquet for letting all this happen and for always believing in me and in this project. Without her, myself and the Casa di Andrea would not be as we are now...happy.” Marina Appolloni

## **Requirements for MP1**

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