



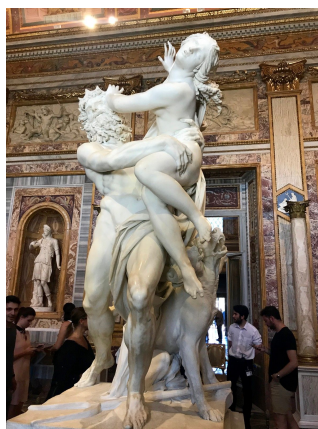
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Highlights from Last Weekend

On Friday night, a group of new and returning boarders joined the Peer Mentors for a night at the Escape Room in Trastevere. In small groups, the students attempted to escape Atlantis, free themselves from a haunted house, avoid Chernobyl, and outsmart Jack the Ripper. We concluded the evening with pizza and suppli at Grottino Pizzeria in Testaccio.



Saturday morning began with study hall in the library from 11 to 1 pm. In the afternoon, new students and several other boarders toured the famous Galleria Borghese with a local Ph.D. student as their guide. The tour of the gallery's six famous Gianlorenzo Bernini sculptures was a unique Italian immersion experience as the tour was conducted in Italian, with simultaneous English translation.



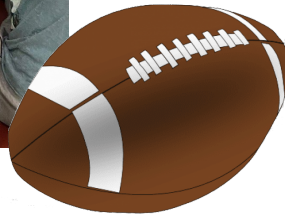
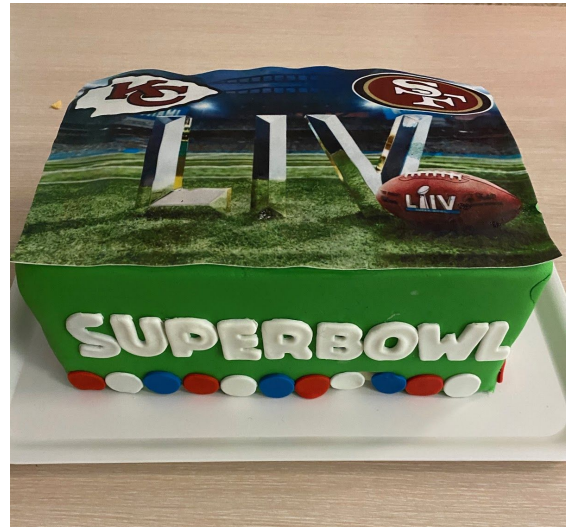
At 7 pm, the Italian immersion continued when the new students met and were paired with eight Italian students (five day students and three boarders) who will serve as their Italian Language Partners for the semester. Together, the group went on a "Gelato Crawl" through the city center, ordering gelato from four different gelaterie. By the third gelato, the evening's learning objective--to learn how to order gelato in Italian--had been achieved!



On Sunday morning, three students headed to our favorite local farmer's market to pick up fresh fruits and vegetables and sample homemade breads and cookies. Back on campus, study hall was held from 11 to 1 pm. In the afternoon, a group of new students joined forces with a couple returning boarders for a trip to Ikea to purchase necessary room items. At 5:45 pm, weekly room checks were conducted (everyone passed!).



On Sunday night we celebrated the 54th edition of the Super Bowl with an all-night party. Just after 11 pm, those who elected to stay up for some or all of the American football game filed into the dining hall. The students and teachers who gathered to watch the game enjoyed chips and homemade guacamole, pizza, trapizzini sandwiches, sushi, cannoli, and, best of all, a giant Super Bowl cake which paired excellently with Mrs. DC's utterly delicious homemade chili. Impressively, eight students stayed up all night with Mr. Mottola and Mr. Powers, finally shuffling out of the dining hall just before five in the morning. And, as promised, everyone in attendance arrived on-time to school on Monday morning. What a weekend!



What's On This Weekend

After much deliberation and far less than cooperative weather conditions, the ski trip has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. While students and trip leaders are equally disappointed, we are looking forward to all the activities going on back in Rome. On Friday, we plan to offer an excursion to Zem for heated yoga with Abby, followed by typical carnevale snacks. On **Saturday** students are likely in for suppli and trapizzini, and we will try to coax them into a movie or museum excursion. Finally, on **Sunday** Ms. Di Cataldo plans to take any interested students to Ikea and/or Decathlon to shop for room and spring trip supplies.

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.

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

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