



Boarding Department E-Newsletter 22

Highlights from Last Weekend

This weekend we enjoyed unseasonably warm, sunny weather. Most of us spent the weekend studying, playing, and generally lounging around outside, on the terrace, on the grass at Circo Massimo and really anywhere we could position ourselves in front of the sun.

After school on Friday, our new second semester students joined their Italian Language Partners for coffee at a local cafe. The group practiced introductions and conducted mini-interviews over coffee, juice, and snacks.

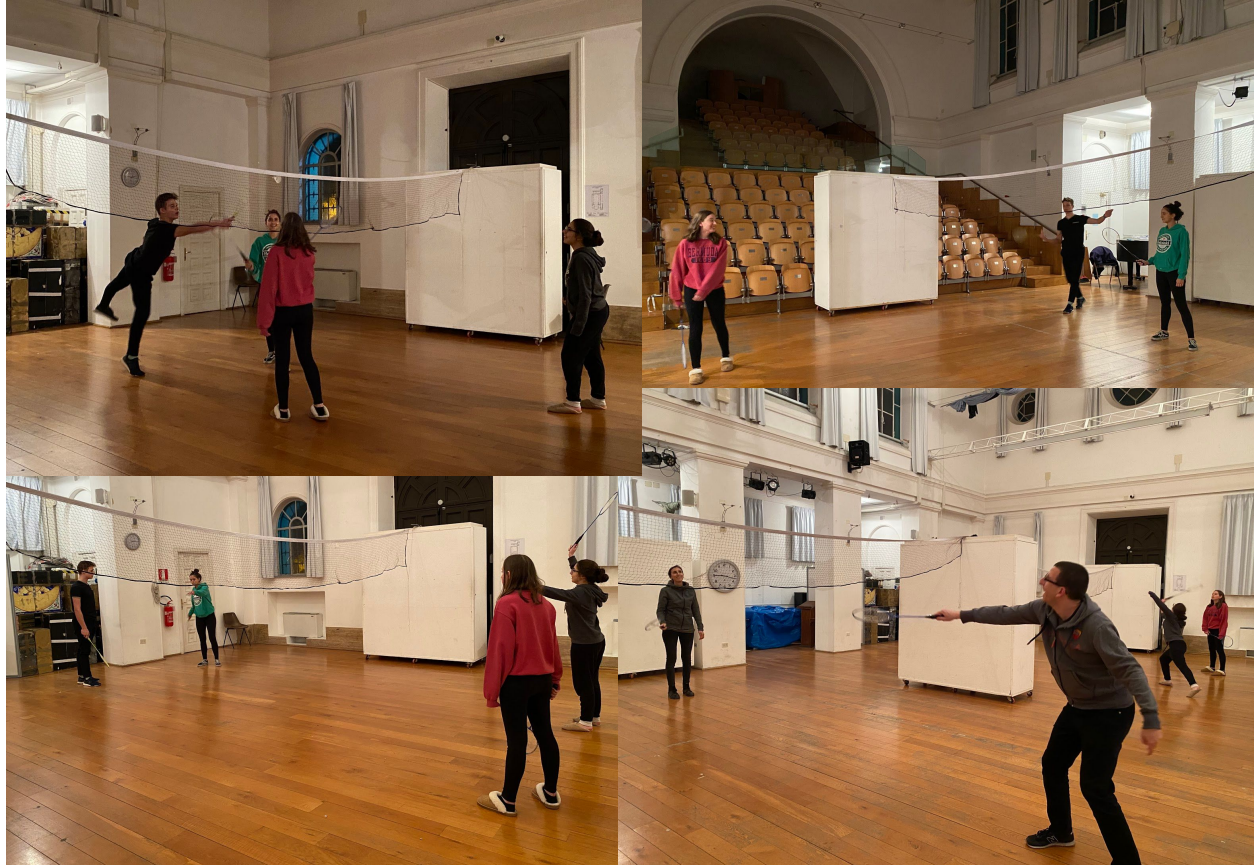
At 6 pm, we kicked off the weekend with a friendly student v. faculty game of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," hosted by the Student Council. The geography questions proved difficult but it was a question about the name of the princess from the movie Shrek that threw everyone off (spoiler alert: it's Fiona). This year's winning team came as no surprise given that the very same team (featuring one of our boarders, Jax) won last year, in grade 11. Friday night, we enjoyed freshly baked cornetti and bombe filled with cream, chocolate, and Nutella from our favorite late-night bakery, il Pangocciolaio.



On Saturday, we started the day with study hall in the library from 11 to 1 pm. Natalie didn't have any takers for her *castagnole crawl* activity but, as a self-identified *castagnole addict*, she took one for the team and brought back a tray of delicious, doughy castagnole and sugar-dusted frappe to share with boarding. In the evening, we embraced a healthier diet of greek salad, greek yogurt, hummus, pita (and maybe one or two french fries) from our neighborhood Greek restaurant. While some of us were munching on tomatoes and feta, six students joined Mr. Ostrow for a laser tag outing. The group ran, jumped, ducked, and laughed their way through two games. Alvaro won both of them before declaring the activity "by far the best boarding outing ever."



On Sunday, study hall was held in the library from 11 to 1 pm. In the evening, Mr. Ostrow set up a game of badminton in the chapel. The students were having so much fun that even a couple of boarding faculty decided to get in on the action.



What's On This Weekend

This weekend, almost the entire student body and most of our faculty will leave their classrooms and board planes, trains, and one ferry boat for weeklong trips to destinations both near and far, from Slovenia to Portugal, Morocco, Bosnia, and beyond!

On school trips, students learn not from textbooks but from real life! As one author of the 1981 St. Stephen's yearbook put it, the trip program is our opportunity 'to soil our hands with knowledge.' According to current Trips Director, Jan Claus Di Blasio, trips offer "an opportunity for students to travel as a small community outside of the school and to explore places in Italy, Europe, and beyond on trips designed by faculty." Indeed our trips are not something you would get from a travel agency, they are designed by our teachers for our students. We hope everyone has a wonderful time!

Buon Viaggio!

Useful Information

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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