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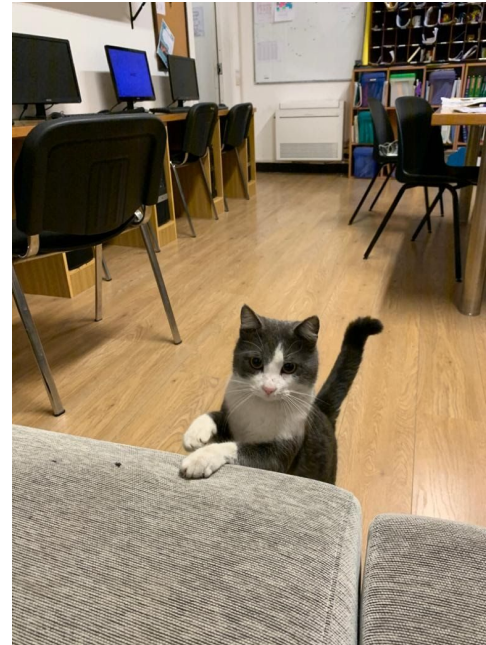
Highlights from Last Weekend

This weekend we welcomed 6 new students to our boarding community! We kicked off our two week orientation period with tours of our neighborhood, a visit to the Capitoline museum, a street art tour, and, of course, lots of gelato!

Students enjoyed a four day weekend to mark the end of Semester 1 and the beginning of Semester 2. Friday was the calm before the storm, as everyone eagerly awaited the arrival of the newbies. Students and faculty enjoyed sushi while prepping the big orientation weekend.



On Saturday, the new boarders started trickling in around 10 AM. Many of our current boarders came downstairs to greet the new students and help them move into their rooms. In the afternoon, we headed to the phone store for SIM cards and took a tour of our neighborhood before heading back to campus for icebreakers with student leaders. On Saturday night, we enjoyed pizza and gelato for dinner with a mix of new and old boarders!



On Sunday, breakfast and brunch were served in the dining hall until 1 pm. We took the new students on a neighborhood tour of the Aventino area, pointing out useful landmarks and cool hangout spots and giving them tips for getting

around. At 1pm, our resident Art Historian Natalie led us on a tour of the Capitoline Museums. On our way back to school, we stopped to pick up extra supplies for decorating our rooms. During dinner, we screened the infamous Roma -- Lazio derby soccer match. After dinner, the prefects led a game of Sardines (similar to hide-and-seek) on campus.





On Monday, new students had a chance to meet with the Assistant Head for Academic Affairs, Ms. Dostert, to discuss their class schedules. After lunch, Natalie led a Street Art tour in the nearby Testaccio and Ostiense neighborhoods. Later that night, new students were introduced to the boarding community by their roommates and buddies. At 8:30 pm, some students elected to join us for our weekly Monday yoga class in the auditorium.



What's On This Weekend

This weekend, we will continue orientation with activities both on and off-campus. Here is a peek at some of the activities we have planned for this weekend:



Friday

5 pm - Outing with Peer Mentors to the Escape Room in Trastevere followed by dinner together at Il Grottino pizzeria in Testaccio.

Saturday

7:30 to 12 pm - brunch served in the Dining Hall

12 pm - *Italian Immersion Activity*: guided tour of Bernini's sculptures at the Galleria Borghese in Italian with simultaneous English translation

7 pm - *Italian Immersion Activity*: Walk through the historic center and gelato crawl with Italian Language Partners

Sunday

9:30 to 12 pm - brunch served in the dining hall

11 am - Optional trip to the nearby Farmer's market

2 pm - Prefect led outing. Details to be announced!

7 pm - Study hall in the library

9 pm - Snack in the Dining Hall

11 pm - All-night Super Bowl party!

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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