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Salve Canada!

September has come to its end but the weather is still as warm as ever. Exciting news has made its way around Atri that this October is the warmest Atri has experienced within the last century! The students have been enjoying every last minute of it, from swimming to walks around the town it's been nothing but warmth and excitement. Since the last newsletter was sent out much has occurred. We hope you enjoy each student's opinions and experiences on the various topics within this month's newsletter.

Students Quotes

"I would have never have thought that I would be able to go swimming in October! It's amazing!"

-Emily

"I can hardly believe that I'm wearing shorts in the middle of October, it's incredible!"

-Stefano

"From the mountains to the nature to the beautiful architecture, I have been able to take such incredible photographs."

-Julia

Teacher Quote

I continue to be amazed with all our students here in Atri. Their commitment to their studies, their appreciation of the Italian culture and their respect for one another have made my teaching experience a pleasure. I am particularly proud of the level of maturity our students have displayed in their interaction with everyone they meet. I extend my compliments to all the parents for the wonderful job they have done with their children. I thank you for the opportunity to work with such fine young individuals

Rossana DeRubeis



Hotel du Parc

The students of Centro Scuola have been privileged with the opportunity to stay in such a homey and beautiful hotel during their stay.

Staff (Lindsay Gordon)

Living in a hotel has had its many benefits. One huge benefit has been the amazing staff working here and our teachers who have become second family to us. Everyone from our chef, who cooks our meals, to our maids, who tidy our messy rooms, everyone here at Hotel Du Parc has welcomed us here with open arms. The staff is very attentive to all our needs and makes a big effort to make us feel at home by practicing their English whenever they can and always greeting us with a smile.

Food (Ashley Rhamey)

When one thinks of Italy, one thing is a constant in nearly everyone's minds; food! While in Italy our group from Centro Scuola has enjoyed traditional Italian meals from our own hotel chef as well as restaurants on our occasional travels to historical cities and towns. At Hotel Du Parc, our meals consist of three courses. The first includes rich pasta or soup and the second often provides vegetables and meat. The last course is dessert, most often providing fruit or a slice of cake made by our chef that has won several awards for her cake-making skills.

Pool & Rooms (Danielle Wuebbolt)

Hotel Du Parc has some of the most beautiful, clean and homey facilities in Atri. There deep blue pool is surrounded by a large patio deck filled with lawn chairs and large umbrellas in which the students and teachers were able to soak up the sun and swim from the day they arrived until the first week of October. The rooms are filled with warm blankets and, for some, a balcony in which they are able to take in the view of Atri. The facilities overall are wonderful and allow the students and staff to enjoy their days and receive a good nights rest after all their hard work and activities.

Study Hall (Farrah Doner)

Study hall is an opportunity for students to read, finish homework, work on projects, and study for quizzes and/or tests. They can work either independently or with each other depending on what they're working on. If someone doesn't understand a concept in class or want someone to proof read an assignment, study hall is the perfect time to talk to the teachers, as study hall is mandatory for them as well. Typically study hall is in the evening for an hour and a half after dinner, but occasionally it will be after lunch. No matter what time study hall is at, it is always a place where the students work diligently and quietly, ensuring that they finish their work and understand everything.





Shopping Trip: Citta Saint Angelo

Vadym Semko

The first shopping trip the students and teachers had been to was the Citta Saint Angelo shopping center. It was an outdoor mall with many great shops and cafes. All the students and teachers had an amazing time, returning back to the hotel with hands full of bags. One of the most visited stores during our visit that day was the Lindor chocolate store because of their rich and creamy chocolates they had to offer. There were clothing stores that the students were able to recognize in Canada such as Guess and Nike, but there were also stores in which they have never seen before but were able to enjoy shopping at. Overall it was an amazing shopping experience while also being our first one in Italy. All of the kids had the biggest smiles, and wished return once again.

Papal Visitation: Serra San Bruno

Danielle Wuebbolt

A special opportunity came among six of the students while in Italy. Paige Johnston, Igor Tchoudinov, Vadym Semko, Eric Bizzarri, Emily Mosher and Danielle Wuebbolt were chosen as Canadian Ambassadors for a Papal Visitation in Serra San Bruno, Calabria. All the students were escorted by their principal, Ms. Filicetti as they journeyed by train to the southern most part of Italy. During their stay they were able to explore the small town in which they stayed, attend a local mass and attend the Pope's ceremony to the people of Calabria. The students are extremely grateful for their opportunity and would like to thank the staff and parents for allowing them to pursue their arisen opportunity. Thanks to Mr. Domenic Servello of Centro Scuola who made this possible.

Principal's Notes

As we reach mid-term the students continue to complete their course work diligently. Mid term reports will be mailed to parents during the week of November 7, 2011 via Canada Post. Ms. Capin has returned to Canada to tend to a family emergency. We welcome Mr. Paul Corcoran who will teach English and Art History. He will arrive with the parents during the parent trip. Staff and students are looking forward to meeting the parents in Tivoli this weekend. I will leave Atri on November 3, 2011 to return to my school in Toronto. The students will welcome Mr. Petrolito for the remainder of the semester. On a personal note, I would like to thank Mrs. Parwicki, Ms. Gauthier and Mr. Di Giovanni for the opportunity to be the principal of the semester overseas. It has provided me with a unique opportunity to work in a new and enriching environment with students eager to learn and make each day enriching and rewarding. I will return to my school with fond memories and many new friendships. Sandra Filicetti

Atri: Our Italian Home

Churches (Alexander Pattiston)

Through out the many sights we have seen, the places we have visited I think I find that the churches in Atri seem the most wondrous of all. Every Sunday or Saturday when the students go to church we are able to see the entire Italian community come together to sing, pray and simply participate together in one mass and with in that hour I feel that I'm not just on a trip visiting Italy, but rather part of their community.



Dances (Eric Bizzarri)

The students here on this trip are many things. We are smart, productive, creative, visionary and innovative. But what makes these teachers so special is that aside from the education they still like to boogie. Boogey, you ask? Well it may not be a word everyone is familiar with but it includes Miss Filicetti's Billy Jean dance by Michael Jackson, and loud music, with tons of pictures and laughs. Yeah we have had our share of dances at the hotel and they have all been fantastic! Everyone always meets together in the dining area, gets their groove on and dances the night away. Overall, dances have definitely been one of our memorable moments, check out the picture and see for yourself!

Schedule (Darielle Segovia)

Life in Europe is more relaxed and easy going compared to life back home. However, we combine both life here and life there into our daily schedule. We are down for breakfast by 8am; it's always funny to see each other in the morning, just waking up. By the time school finishes we have lunch by 1:30pm and we're happily chattering away. Afterwards, we usually have free time and do our own things; from watching Harry Potter, to grocery shopping around town. Our daily life is filled with hard work and laughter, usually combined.



Gym (Paige Johnston)

This year, Centro Scuola has a mandated a weekly gym class and what better Italian sport to feature than soccer! This class gives us an opportunity to get outside, exercise and enjoy the incredibly beautiful weather. These classes have taught us the basic soccer skills that every soccer player needs to succeed. We have also gained an incredible sense of teamwork and determination. Our gym class incorporates various forms of exercises including; running, stretching, aerobics, and scrimmaging. The experience has encouraged the incredibly competitive nature of many resulting in an engaging, fun and exciting atmosphere for everyone.



Ciao...

The students and teachers are filled with excitement regarding your upcoming visit. We can't wait to show you the home we've created away from home, our newfound independence, maturity and all Italy has to offer. Another thank you is sent out to all of the amazing, supportive parents the students have. We can't wait until your arrival!

...e a presto!!!

