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# the Centro Scuola

TCDSB Newsletter



## Ciao Italia!

The Centro Scuola trip of 2011 to Italy has been nothing but filled with educational learning, joy, and excitement for the students of this year. The students landed at Fiumicino airport in Rome, taking in the sun at the Amalfi Coast in Salerno, and diving into Italian history visiting Pompeii and Pesteum. Soon following these fun filled days was our trip to Atri, where the students are studying until their return home to their families.

## Students Quotes

“Atri is so beautiful, the pool is especially great. Love it here!”

-Samantha

“Atri is full of amazing Italian culture, and very nice Nonna’s.”

-Eric

“Within two weeks, we’ve gone from strangers to a little, Italian famiglia.”  
- Darielle

## Teachers Quotes

This has been an incredible experience thus far. Travelling through such a beautiful country, so rich in culture and history and making such a magical place into a classroom has proven not only highly educational but the experience of a lifetime for both students and teachers. What a wonderful group we’ve got as well! I couldn’t have asked for better students. Do we have to go home?

-Miss. Capin

What an enthusiastic group of students!

Within days of arriving in Italy, students were speaking Italian and impressing the locals with their linguistic abilities. Every moment is a teaching moment and every piazza, church, café, bakery... a classroom.

The students are wonderful ambassadors of the Toronto Catholic Separate School Board and Centro Scuola!

- Ms. DeRubeis



## First Few Days in Italy

Below is a summary of the students first few days in the new country of Italy. Also referred to as their home away from home!

### Salerno

Once landing in Italy the students were able to gather their luggage and board a bus, which made its way to Salerno. Along the way the students made one of their stops, before reaching the hotel Cristallo, to purchase and enjoy their first gelato in Italy!

### Amalfi

During the students stay in Amalfi they were able to take a boat tour along the coastline and visit a mystical cove. Along with this they were able to enjoy an afternoon at one of the beautiful Amalfi beaches while soaking up the blazing sun.

### Pompeii & Paestum

Visiting Pompeii and Paestum was like taking a walk through time while learning fascinating Italian history throughout the journey. Paestum revealed beautifully preserved ancient cynidels, along with the most well preserved cyndel in the world. Pompeii was like a walk into the days before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the students were able to see and learn about what life was like at that day in age from their spectacular tour guide.

### Atri

Atri is the student's home away from home. From the delicious Italian cuisine to the well made up rooms everything is at it's finest. The students spend their days at the high school nearby, taking their classes, followed by lunch at the hotel and free time until dinner. During their free time they are able to take in all that Atri has to offer, from the Italian gelaterias to the Monday mercato(market), it's more than what was expected.



## Welcome to Atri!

### Education

The students explore their studies at a local high school nearby where they have access to a classroom, art room and an open class for viewing films regarding their studies. They begin class at 8:30am and finish at 1:30pm where they then return back to Hotel du Parc for a deliciously prepared lunch.



### Piazza

In the piazza the students have access to local gelaterias and the town church in which they visited last Sunday for mass. They were able to see an exciting town parade and had an opportunity to try different foods and deserts, which were made locally by the town's people.

### Pineto Beach

Last Saturday the students were able to spend the afternoon at the nearby beach where they swam in the Adriatic Sea and relaxed on the beach. Many of the students played a game of soccer while others read and swam the afternoon away. The students thoroughly enjoyed their visit and topped it off with a gelato before returning to the hotel for an excellent



### Family

The Centro Scuola group of 2011 has become a close-knit family within the last two weeks. From the constant entertainment provided by Vadym, Eric and Igor to the factual discussions started by Stefano and Alex, the boys have been nothing but joy to our Italian family. The girls have been great providing Andriana with local pastries for her sixteenth birthday, exploring the markets and putting great use to the Italian language that they have learned. Lastly, the teachers have all been great providers and parents away from home along our journey in Italy.

# Ciao for Now!

Thank-you again for providing the students with this unique experience, the Centro Scuola family would like to thank all the parents for their support, understanding and patience during the start of our journey. We hope you enjoy the newsletter that was created by the students of this group and we will be sending out more as the weeks go by. Stay tuned!



## Arrivederci!



**Principal's Message:**  
The students have adjusted to life and study in Italy. They have been model students adjusting well to the Italian culture. Thanks to all those students who assisted with the newsletter especially our editor Danielle Wuebbolt.

**Sandra Filicetti**

