



# AIS-S SPOTLIGHT



The student newsletter of AIS-Salzburg

## Winter Activities at AIS-S

By, Joshua Fatzinger

You might have noticed winter events are taking place right now in the town of Salzburg. There's a Christkindlemarkt, with great food and even better gifts! Some winter activities you can and should take note of are the previously mentioned markets, ice skating, building a gingerbread house, snowball fights and more. After visiting the market, you can see the decor on peoples houses on a nice walk, or just participate in some weekend activities to explore everything winter in Salzburg has to offer.

As the season fades from Fall to Winter, we have new activities available for everyone. As of now, ice skating has

been the most popular activity for AIS-S students, with more than 20 people going on Saturday, December 2nd, and 18 students scheduled to go on Saturday, December 9th. You can find places to skate on your own time in Mozartplatz or Volksgarten for a more "Pro" feeling. People mostly enjoy ice skating because it's relaxing and calming. For others, though, skating across the ice is a way to interact with friends, make timeless memories, and to try something new.

Although it is popular, ice skating isn't the only thing to be excited for in the upcoming weekend activities after the break. We also have ski trips, along with snowshoeing, sledding and much more. With all these opportunities for winter fun, enjoy your break and rest up so you're ready to join in the many winter activities when you return!



Students Jennet B. (grade 11) Vlad M. (grade 10) Lybomyr C. (grade 7) and Joshua F. (grade 9) ice skating under snowfall in Mozartplatz with the Christkindlemarkt in the background (Taken by RA Ali)



Valeriia K. (grade 9) skating at Volksgarten (Taken by RA Tom Henry)

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# Making the Most of Winter Break

By, Yegor Cherabaiev

The winter break is just around the corner, and it's time to plan for some well-deserved downtime after all of the hard work done during the first trimester. Have you ever wondered how to make the most of your break without any difficulty? In this article, I'll tell you easy ways to enjoy your winter break in the best possible way. Let's make this break the nicest one yet!

During your winter break, take advantage of the opportunity to rest as much as you can. Give yourself some time to sleep, relax, and refresh your mind after several months of active study.



AIS-S students playing board games  
(Taken by RA Ali)



AIS-S students enjoying their winter time (Taken from AIS-S Instagram)

Let yourself get away from the stress of school and enjoy the holidays. Spend time with your close ones, such as family and friends, participate in holiday activities, and engage in hobbies you might not have time for during the school year. My favorite ways to spend a break include: gathering my family for board games and puzzles, having a movie night with popcorn, or traveling around the world to find new adventures. Enjoy the winter weather with outdoor activities, such as sledding or building a snowman, and consider going into the mountains for skiing or snowboarding.

Don't forget, the break is a time to rest and prepare yourself for the upcoming school months. By enjoying these winter break activities, you'll feel refreshed and ready to go back to school with a clear mind and new energy.

# Boys' Basketball Season Begins

By, Vladyslav Martynchuk

"BRRRING," echoes Nick's whistle through the court. Up, down, up, down bounce the basketballs. Shoes are squeaking backward and forward. Players' screams and runs bring the court to life. The AIS-S basketball season has started.

We interviewed two basketball players about how the season is going so far and learned about their future expectations. Mykyta Karmazin, a returning basketball player, says, "I feel satisfied with our team's performance so far." Karmazin believes all of the players try to put in as much effort as they can and he reveals, "the team's spirit is always high. After the winter break, I expect lots of victories in tournaments [and] better teamwork, communication, and dribbling." Erno Varadi, a new basketball player this year, explains how the team's "performance is efficient and intensive. We are always focused on the training. I expect our team to keep everything up." The players' attitude will hopefully yield better outcomes for the team.

Our teams and players are fully purposeful and filled with lots of energy. The basketball season always reveals new hidden talents and possibilities.



Boy's Basketball practice on Friday

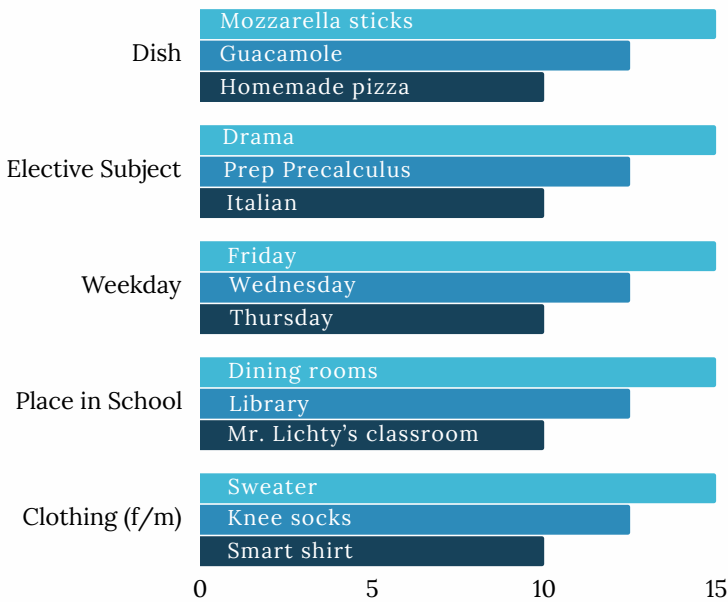


# Favorites of AIS-S

By, *Jennet Batyrova*

What is popular at AIS-Salzburg today depends only on you. Students can feel themselves lag behind because the world is moving at a fast pace. But do not forget that your tastes and actions determine what will be popular among the school. So let's learn about trends that you personally influence.

We interviewed students from different classes and ages to discover what's currently trending in our community. Their responses are listed in the graphic below.



Precalculus elective class with Mr. Lichty

These charts showcase the top trends among our students in the 2023-2024 school year thus far. You might find some personal favorites among them. And always remember, instead of just following trends, you have the power to create them.



P.E. lesson starts a Wednesday morning  
(taken by RA Tom Henry)

CHRISTMAS FUN FACTS

- Germany started the Christmas tree tradition in the 16th century.
- An estimated 85% of American kids believe in Santa Claus.
- Santa Claus is based on St. Nicholas.
- 'Jingle Bells' was the first song played in space on 16 December 1965.
- "White Christmas" is the best selling Christmas song.
- In Sweden, they leave a coffee for Santa instead of cookies.
- The tinsel on your Christmas tree used to be made from real silver.



German elective class with Mrs. McLean

Time for a Challenge from Ms. Cerone

1. Can you make 24 using the numbers 3, 3, 8, 8, and the operations + - × ÷ ( )?
2. How can I measure exactly 8 liters of water, using just one 11 liter and one 6 liter bucket?

Submit your answers on a paper to Yegor Cherabaiev's mailbox by Friday, December 15th!