



AIS-S SPOTLIGHT

The student newsletter of AIS-Salzburg

Making Valentine's Day Cards with Kate Krotova

By, Yegor Cherabaiev

Valentine's Day is today, and it's the perfect time to express our appreciation and love for those who make our days brighter. There are some lovely ways to show kindness and gratitude to friends, teachers, and family members this Valentine's Day. Take Kate Krotova, for example, who is a senior student with a heartwarming idea. Kate discovered funny valentines on Pinterest, sparking the idea to spread joy through funny memes and pictures. Kate and I invite you to join us in learning more about how to spread love and warmth throughout our school community!

In an interview with Kate, I learned why giving Valentine's Day cards with puns on them has become an annual tradition for her. Kate shared her favorite part of the creative hobby, explaining how "the best part is when people read them and laugh, especially teachers." Kate's perspective on Valentine's Day is both interesting and inviting. While she acknowledges it as a good holiday, she believes in expressing love every day, stating, "Surely, it's nice that you can show a person that you love them, but there shouldn't be a special day for this; it needs to be done every day."



An example of Kate's valentines

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Another example of Kate's valentines

This one day, however, allows Kate to have some fun and make people laugh. She explains, "Of course, my favorite part of the holiday is giving valentines to everyone," highlighting the welcoming spirit of the celebration. Kate joked at the end of the interview, "I can't say that it gives me pleasure to watch couples exchange sweets/gifts. This is my least favorite part... like guys, get a room."

In wrapping up, let's follow Kate's lead in spreading love through simple acts. By sharing joy with funny cards and embracing kindness, we can make our community warmer and friendlier—not just on Valentine's Day, but every day.

What are “AIS-S Compliments”?

By, Joshua Fatzinger

All of us have bad days—whether we’re feeling slighted by someone’s actions or missing homework—and these inconveniences can really affect the course of our day, or even our week. That’s why the Journalism elective is starting a system called “AIS-S Compliments,” an anonymous thread for the school community to submit, read, and share positive comments about each other. We hope this helps you make it through the bad days when you might not want to tell other people about the issues you are facing.

So, what are “Compliments”? The title refers to an anonymous form AIS-S community members can access each month to submit compliments about someone in the school (faculty or student). Our journalism team will select a handful of these compliments to share in our newsletter each month. This means that any student, at any time before the next newsletter is published, can give a compliment to others to help them with their day.

Just by going into a form and giving a response, you can help people get back on their feet and have a good day. Students don’t think about how an action like a compliment can really help and change someone. I hope this can mend the issues we have in school and therefore make it a better place for students and faculty alike.



Scan this QR code to see every compliment on the school’s instagram.



If you’re reading from the **PDF** version, click the **icon** to go to the school’s Instagram.

<p>Laura B.</p> <p>Your hair is gorgeous.</p>	<p>Milla S.</p> <p>You’re a great listener.</p>	<p>Sana Z.</p> <p>Your eyeliner is always perfect.</p>	<p>Jennet B.</p> <p>Anyone would wish to be your friend. Your loyalty, dedication and love warms the soul of every person who is acquainted with you. Stay the way you are and blast the stars with your benevolence and wisdom.</p>	<p>Dasha U.</p> <p>You are the most patient and tranquil person I ever knew. The way you treat your friends is indicative of your everlasting kindness and appreciation.</p>	<p>Katya P.</p> <p>You are the personified idol. Your posture straight and speech always graceful.</p>
<p>Jennet B.</p> <p>You have a great smile.</p>	<p>Polina A.</p> <p>You have a really pretty smile.</p>	<p>Iklım K.</p> <p>She’s a very nice person with a heartwarming personality.</p>	<p>Kit P.</p> <p>I am glad that we are befriended. You are a great person and I think you should remind yourself of that every day of your precious life.</p>	<p>Natalija J.</p> <p>Always has a smile on her face and tries to cheer her friends every day!!</p>	<p>Toma S.</p> <p>I love you.</p>
<p>Eva B.</p> <p>Being an incredibly supportive person!</p>	<p>Ms. Clarke</p> <p>For being the best Resident Help (No offense other RAs) Thanks to Ms. Clarke for being the nicest!!!</p>	<p>Nikol G.</p> <p>Thank you for making me smile</p>	<p>Bohdan M.</p> <p>Thank you for everything you’ve done. Your someone I won’t ever forget.</p>	<p>Mrs. McLean</p> <p>Grazie, for everything! You are one of the best people in the school. And we all appreciate your effort so much.</p>	<p>Lara B.</p> <p>If someone spends the effort to get to know you, they won’t regret it.</p>

Some examples of compliments submitted this past month. Over 60 compliments were submitted by AIS-S community members, check out the instagram to read them all!

Student Spotlight: Tymofii Popov

By, Vladyslav Martynchuk

The American International School of Salzburg has a great number of senior scholars who shine with their accomplishments in the school. One of them is a hard-working and friendly student by the name of Tymofii Popov.

Tymofii has gained the respect of both students and teachers for his achievements during his past two years studying at AIS-S. He is a day student and a current basketball player who always tries to put in as much effort as he can. Being a senior scholar and a former journalism elective participant, he shares more about his life with the journalism staff.

AIS-S: How many languages do you speak?

Tymofii: I speak four languages: Ukrainian, Russian, English, and German. I am fluent in Ukrainian, Russian and English, but not very good at German.

AIS-S: How many Advanced Placement courses are you taking in your senior year?

Tymofii: I am taking five AP courses this year: AP Calculus AB, AP Physics 2 (Exam only), AP Psychology, AP Environmental Science, AP German.

AIS-S: What do you enjoy the most about attending AIS-S?

Tymofii: The best thing about AIS-S has to be the amazing people I have met there – they are definitely the biggest reason why going to school is enjoyable.



Tymofii serves in a volleyball match during the Fall 2023 season (taken by Mr. Burns)



Tymofii's 2023 - 2024 school photo (taken from ais-salzburg.at)

AIS-S: What do you do in your free time?

Tymofii: In my free time, I love watching movies and TV series; I feel like it is the best way to relax for me.

AIS-S: Do you already know where and what you would like to study in your future university/college?

Tymofii: I'm leaning towards studying Mechanical Engineering in the future, and while I've applied to a few universities, I haven't finalized my decision on where I want to study yet.

Tymofii always has a nice attitude toward teachers and students, serving as a good example for others. As his fellow basketball player, I can confidently say that Tymofii always encourages the team to cooperate and support each other through his motivational words and personal comments. He is approaching the final stage of his senior year as an intelligent and resilient person, ready for any obstacles he might encounter throughout his life.

Fall in Love with These Movies

By, Jennet Batyrova



Mozartkino in Salzburg's Altstadt is a convenient cinema to visit and often offers movies in English

Are you missing ideas for making this day more special and also don't want to spend a lot of money or energy? A cozy movie evening is always the key for a memorable holiday. Even if you don't assign a lot of meaning to Valentine's Day, this list of sincere movies will help you make your evening relaxing and peaceful.

Before Sunrise (1995)

Two strangers, Jesse and Celine, meet in the foreign city of Vienna and in one short evening, these two completely different people become important to each other. The characters ponder various things that are deeply familiar to each of us. For example, we hear Celine ask, "Isn't everything we do in life a way to be loved a little more?" When watching the film you will immerse yourself in the atmosphere of young, pure love and feel the aroma of early spring, which promises new encounters.

La La Land (2016)

In contrast to the first movie on our list, this film tells a story not only about love for a person, but also about love for ambitions. It revolves around the desire to achieve goals and find one's secluded place in the world.

"Somewhere, there's a place where I find who I'm gonna be. Somewhere, that's just waiting to be found," declares Mia, a young actress and one of the main characters. The audience follows Mia and Sebastian, an aspiring jazz musician, as they support each other on the challenging path to fulfilling their dreams. But the question remains: Will their support be enough? Watch to find out!

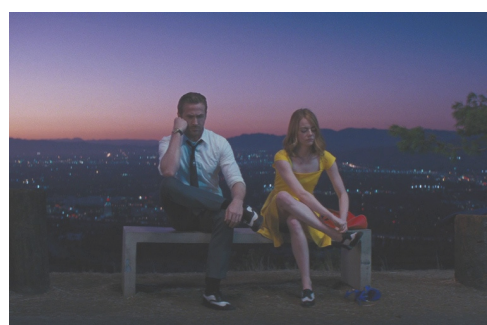
Frances Ha (2012)

"And you look across the room and catch each other's eyes... but - but not because you're possessive, or it is an attraction... but because... that is your person in this life," Francesca, the main character in this film, says in a way that nicely sums up the plot of this movie.

"Frances Ha" is a delightful film that follows the quirky and endearing Francesca as she navigates the challenges of life and friendship in New York City. Shot in black and white, the movie captures the essence of her journey with a charming simplicity. This is a film about how people accidentally collide and also accidentally diverge. The movie shows us how with each person who passes through our lives, we learn to find stability and love in ourselves and not in others.



Scene from movie "Before Sunrise" (taken from kurier.com)



Main characters of "La La Land" (taken from filmgran.com)



Frances in the movie "Frances Ha" (taken from npr.com)

Remember that love surrounds you everywhere even if you don't notice it. When you think about your family, when you call a close friend or when you smile at a cute pet in the city, your heart is full of love. Hopefully one of these movies will remind you of it. And we wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!