



AIS-S SPOTLIGHT

The student newsletter of AIS-Salzburg

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

By Aliesia N.

Christmas is a very important time of year for people because many often go back to their families—in order to be together— and many also celebrate those holidays of this time of year aligning with their religious faiths. When you go to the Christmas markets, you see majestic holiday lights and the smell of mulled wine and cocoa warms you up. People are in a hurry to make their homes look beautiful. Cities look especially festive and students celebrate this time in unique ways.

Everyone loves this time of year and its holidays, at least everyone who I know does. Gabriela S. from 9th grade says, “Christmas is one of my favorite holidays because I can spend it with my family and the people closest to me.” Winter is so beloved because it is often snowing and beautiful everywhere and many students get gifts while celebrating the holidays.

When asked about decorating their rooms for the holiday, some students were unsure about what they would do this year. Many students have advent calendars and some small decorations, but decided they are not going to decorate their room more than that. Although students do not decorate much, they find their Christmas spirit in the activities that they do.

There are many activities to do during the winter time and these might give you some inspiration for how to spend the next few months. Gabriela specifically says that over winter break she is, “going to Italy with [her] family and then for the rest of the winter break [she’ll] stay in Slovakia to spend time with friends.” If you are not going home, you still can go skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, or explore the Christmas markets. Additionally, you can make a snowman, go sledding, play with snowballs, and eat some snacks while watching a cozy, winter movie. These were some of our students' favorite winter activities. Many students love Christmas markets, but they also find that they are always too crowded. Students enjoy the atmosphere and how everything looks at the markets. Most of all, people like the things that are sold there. Make sure to visit them since they are only open for a few more weeks.

Winter is a very charming and beautiful time of the year. Snow is falling and it makes people feel joy and excitement because it lights everything up. Home becomes cozier than ever. You can drink hot chocolate and eat gingerbread cookies. Whatever you decide to do with your winter time, I hope you will enjoy the rest of this season!



AIS entryway decorated for Christmas

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The third year of Journalism Elective in AIS-Salzburg has started with, ironically, three members. In many countries this digit is considered lucky and a symbol of balance, harmony, and stability. Does the reality of the journalism elective really match this description?

The students surely have a lot to say about the pros and cons of the elective, but this time the focus will expand to the teacher's perspective.

As with any elective, students get to choose to enroll in the Journalism elective. For me, it wasn't really a hard decision since I've wanted to try writing something more than a school essay for quite some time and interviewing people seemed pretty entertaining. Ms. Welch, the journalism elective teacher, believes "students



Journalism elective students working on a newsletter

are drawn to taking a class that incorporates social media and reporting on the school's events. Many students have credited the creation of the Yearbook as the main reason for signing up for the course." This year the journalism team not only consists of all girls, but they are all Ukrainians too! The trio was already introduced in both the journalism students' and the official AIS newsletters, but in case someone missed it, the students are: 9th graders Veronika P. and Aliesia N., and 10th grader Juliana H.

At first, the amount of work for such a small number of people seemed unbearable, which is understandable for those who are in the elective for the first time. A lot of thinking, interviewing, writing, and use of creativity tires students easily and even takes some of the free time, but there is always a positive side. Ms. Welch shares that from her last year's experience, "smaller class size has resulted in the publication of over 8 student newsletters because it allowed the class to come together more easily to decide on topics they hoped to write about and share with the school. While the students may complain about the work involved, they should be proud of the work they've been able to accomplish and the joy they bring to the school community with each publication," boosting the mood of the new journalism team.

"The more the merrier," I thought when I chose the elective. I would've never guessed that the girls and I in the elective wouldn't have to worry about fighting over topics or contributing too little compared to other students. Nevertheless, so far I've only felt joy about my decision to join journalism class. The fact that our team is so small means we get to work together a lot, which really speeds up the processes of writing the newsletters and enhances our friendship with each other!



Our team

Do You Have a Good Relationship with Your Teacher ?

By Veronika Pavilycs

Sometimes it is hard to get good grades. However, it is easy to change your teacher's mood. One way to do this is by showing teachers that you are trying to do the best in their lessons. Examples of doing well in class include: doing homework, paying attention in class, and being respectful and friendly.

As a student, I have a simple list of teachers that I have lessons with every day. I've made a study guide for you to read that might help you get on your teachers' good sides. But don't tell the teachers about this article...I didn't say anything...here is a list for all you lazy students 🤪:

Teachers	Recommended Actions
Ms.Welch	Ms. Welch likes dark chocolate and, specifically, Tony's Chocolonely bars (dark milk pretzel toffee or dark almond sea salt)
Ms.Cerone	Do you have a bad grade in maths? Bring Ms. Cerone a cheesecake
Mr.Burns	Try to beat Mr. Burns in arm wrestling
Ms.Baehler	Bring Ms. Baehler your portion of schnitzel
Mr. Suttman	Give him some peanut M&Ms that would fill his desk
Mr.Leicher	Mr.Leicher likes to play frisbee and talk about chemistry
Ms.Monger	Ms. Monger likes to read fantasy books and drink good tea



Ms. Kasberger and Ms. Welch

It's always better to have a good relationship with your teacher. If you do not have a great relationship yet, you can still try to achieve it. The best approach is to do things that the teacher expects from you to do in his or her lesson, such as participating, taking notes, and listening to others. This might help you build better relationships with your teachers.



Andrea G.(8th grade) , Mr. Burns and Jimmena Z. (8th grade)

It is best to take a photo of this article so that you do not forget anything because who knows where and when you will need these little study guides. 🤪