



AIS-S SPOTLIGHT

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Student Spotlight: Yegor Cherabaiev

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One should not overlook the fact that it is not easy to be a student at the AIS Salzburg school. Students have a lot of work, which means they have little time for their hobbies.

You may be interested in something outside of class, and maybe that passion even brings you money. Or maybe you can even use your accomplishments to flex your abilities.

Yegor, a student in the 12th grade, has many hobbies outside of school. One hobby Yegor likes in particular is writing electro music. I interviewed Yegor to learn about his approach to this hobby and his various achievements.

Below you can see Yegor's answers from the interview.

How did this passion for music start?

My passion started when I was 12 years old, after discovering electronic music. I remember begging my parents to let me take music production classes. After spending two years working with different producers and songwriters, I released my first electronic/experimental album in 2018. When quarantine hit, I spent almost every day writing and creating new music with my friends in my home studio.

What motivated you to work on this?

My friends have been my biggest inspiration and motivation. From the very beginning, they supported me—attending my small concerts of 20–30 people, listening to all my ideas, giving honest feedback on what worked and what didn't, helping me choose my stage name "honeymoon1e," and simply being there with me every step of the way.



Yegor Cherabaiev, 12th grader at AIS-S

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Weekend Activities Review

By, *Aliesia Nerozia*

It's Saturday evening, and you are craving a snack. Luckily, you are going to the no bake activity, where you can cook and eat delicious food. You might make new friends and chat with them for a little bit.

Every weekend there are many activities for students to choose from. The Journalism team did some digging to find out which activities students choose and how AIS staff feels about them.

Patrick, one of the five RAs at the school, says that he really liked leading a pasta-making activity. "Cooking is not only an essential life skill but also a wonderful form of self expression that requires patience, attention to detail, and care," he explains. By the end of the activity, both Patrick and the students were able to eat their creation, or as Patrick explains it, "feast on some fresh homemade pasta and reap the rewards of our hard work." As a participant myself, I want to add that the pasta was delicious. Patrick also says that he would like to lead another no-bake activity sometime soon, sharing, "The no-bakes are always an excellent occasion to have some laughs, learn something, and snack on some delicious food."

Now that we have heard from a staff member, let's look at how students feel. Students completed a three-question survey while signing up for weekend activities at the end of October and I've compiled their results. It seems as though the most chosen activity each weekend is yoga, due to the fact that it is calming and easy. Many people also like running, probably because it is a short activity and they like sports. The no-bake and BBQ are favorites since they are fun and students can eat snacks there, too.



Pasta making

Additionally, I asked students what activity they would create if they had an opportunity. Some ideas of new activities included: a Slavic food no-bake, coloring Easter eggs, meditation without yoga, walking in the city but with 1 entertainment point not 0. Based on the results of the survey, it seems that certain students prefer more sporty games and sports.



RA Matt and Mariana B. make chocolate pretzels during a no-bake activity



Weekend Activity visiting Burg Hohenwerfen Castle

Thank you all for your answers and creative suggestions. If you want some of your ideas to become a reality as a weekend activity option, you can talk to the Student Government to propose your ideas. Different people have different opinions and interests, but I think that everyone should try different activities and maybe they will find new things and hobbies that they like.

A Fang-tastic Holiday

By, Juliana Hnidets

BOO! Gotcha?! Oh, it's just the new volume of the AIS-Spotlight. Even though the spooky season was only a few weeks ago, students are still talking about funny memories from the holiday. No matter your opinion, everyone can at least appreciate the effort put into costume making.



Pumpkins carved by students on an activity

Some students believe that on Halloween people can dress up as anything they want and not get judged. It's the time to use imagination and creativity to embody different characters. Even though Halloween is not very exciting for more than half the students here, there are those who devotedly choose their costumes and prepare them attentively each year.

Speaking of them, the star of this holiday was Joshua Fatzinger, a 10th grader, who managed to surprise everyone for the second year in a row by making a fascinating costume. This time he went as a "homemade attempt at the 'Spirit Walker', a popular trend in social media." Those who chose the bbq activity on Friday had the opportunity to witness Joshua's full costume, which was an even bigger shocker in the evening's darkness.



Decorated activity board



Another student who took part in the contest last year and dressed up this one is Kit Papesch, a 12th grader. She didn't go all out as Joshua, but the devil costume surely caught people's attention while technically staying in the school's dress code. She loves Halloween and always participates in themed activities – such as her personal favorite, the well-known trick-or-treating. Sadly, it's not as popular anymore, so people nowadays can't experience the real fun of going around the city with friends and collecting sweets. Kit also shares, "Last year there was this fashion walk we had and people walked down with their costumes. It was so cool." It's a pity that this Halloween there was no runway to show off their costumes.



Joshua Fatzinger, a 10th grader, in his costume

Despite the lack of Halloween mood in students, the school tried its best to make up for it with decorations and activities. This year's Halloween might not have been the biggest event on campus, but it still brought joy and laughter with it. Who knows, maybe next time the celebration will be more prominent (and spookier).

