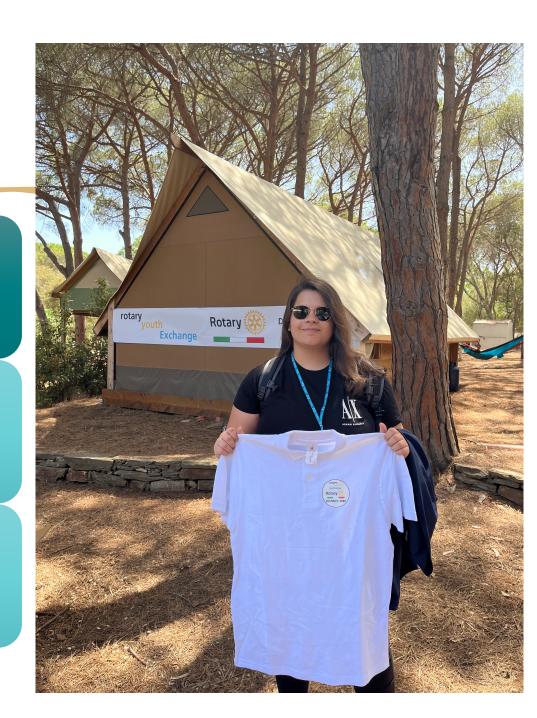


About me...

My name is Chiara, I'm 17.

I'm from Cagliari, Italy.

I like music, travelling, playing tennis, hanging out with my friends and a lot of other things!!



Where do I live?

- Who knows about Italy?
- Well I live there but in the coolest and most unknown place of Italy:





I LIVE IN SARDINIA!

- Sardinia is the second biggest island in the Mediterranean Sea after Sicily.
- It is a beautiful place, known in the world especially for the beaches.







CAGLIARI

- Cagliari is the city where I live.
- It's the main city in Sardinia
- The population is about 500,000 people
- Cagliari is a really old city, founded between 6000 and 3000 AD.

CAGLIARI

- Cagliari is a very ancient city, and due to its strategic position, over the centuries, it has been under the dominion of various populations.
- Cagliari was first conquered by the Phoenicians between the 7th and 6th centuries BC, by the Carthaginians in 531 BC. and then passed into the hands of Rome in 238 BC. and became part of the Roman Empire.



CAGLIARI

- During the Middle Ages Sardinia passed under Spanish domination.
- Still today in the streets of "Castello", the medieval center of Cagliari, it feels like you're walking through a medieval Spanish town.









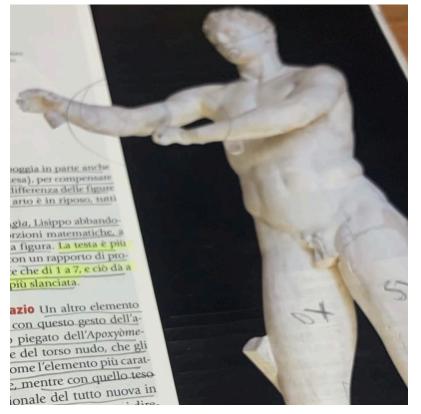
- My favourite place is Santa Luria, a seaside locality outside Cagliari, where I spend all my summers.
- There we have a Beach House and for me it's a special place.
- I spend a lot of time there with my family and my friends.

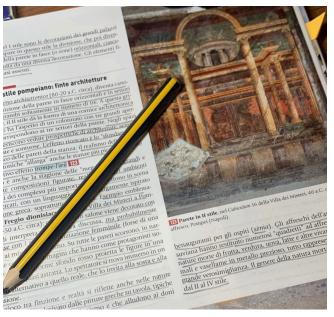
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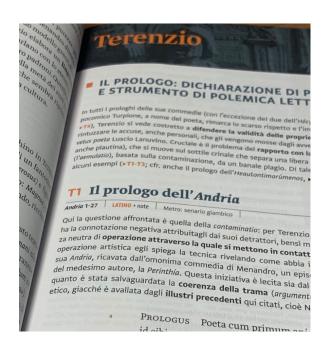
My SCHOOL

- My school is called Liceo Classico «G.M. Dettori»
- It was founded in 1852 and today it's one of the oldest schools in Cagliari.









My SCHOOL

- The school works differently; I have 5 hours a day and I go to school from Monday to Saturday.
- I stay all day in the same class and the teachers change.
- I attend 12 classes: Latin, Ancient Greeck,
 Philosophy, History, Italian Literature, English
 Literature, Physics, Math, History of Art, P.E.,
 Chemistry and Religion.

MY CLASSMATES

In Italy we stay in high school for 5 years with the same people, and after a while they became my second family:

















MY FRIENDS

- Hanging out with my friends is the thing that I love the most.
- We are always together, especially during summer and we are always doing new experiences.





My FAMILY

I love my family, I enjoy spending time with them.

My dad is called Luca, he owns a Building Company and he is a Rotarian.

My mom is called Rita, she is an Engineer but she also teaches.

My sister is called Giulia, she's 22 and she is studying law at University of Cagliari.

I've a beautiful relationship with my sister and we spend a lot of time together









My family is hosting 2 rotary youth exchange students!

- They are hosting Phoebe from Arkansas,
 United States, she will be with them
 from September to February,
- And from February to June/July they will be hosting Ivanna, a girl from Mexico











I ALSO LOVE LIVE MUSIC AND CONCERTS!

- I've been to many concerts of my favorite Italian artists.
- Since international artists do not tour in Sardinia, I can't wait to be 18 to travel in Europe with my friends to see our favorite singers live.

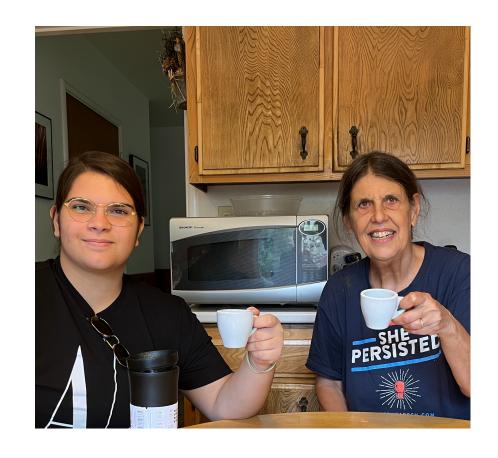


I HAVE A REALLY COOL HOST FAMILY

My first host family are Craig and Elaine.

I'm having a lot of fun with them and I'm learning a lot of new things.







I taught Chiara, our Italian exchange student, cribbage about three weeks ago. Tonight I dealt her four 5's in her hand. I don't think I've ever had that dealt to me in 50+ years of playing.



CRIBBAGE

- Craig taught me how to play cribbage about a month ago, and it's became one of my favourite games.
- I'm pretty good at it and I've already beaten Craig many times.
- And for those who know how cribbage works, once I got four 5s in my hand. It's a lots of points and it's a really unusual thing.





CONTRA DANCING

- They also introduced me to contra dancing,
- I didn't expect it to be so fun, and so far is one of the best things I've done

I JOINED THE TENNIS TEAM

- I have played tennis before, and I've always watched on TV, so I decided to join the tennis team this fall.
- I really like playing tennis and my tennis mates are really friendly and nice.









SCHOOL SO FAR 13 GOING GREAT

• I'm making some friends at school, they are very nice and I like spending time with them during lunches







I'VE MEET A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THE RYE INBOUND CAMP!

Can't wait to meet them all again!!



AND I SAW NEW THINGS!!

- THE REDWOODS
- A BEAUTIFUL TRAIL IN PT. REYES
- THE PACIFIC OCEAN
- AND LAST BUT
 NOT LEAST IN-N-OUT



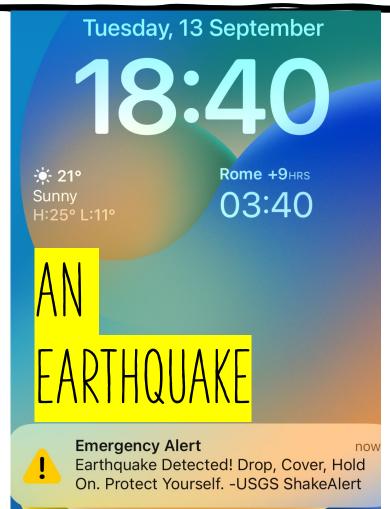


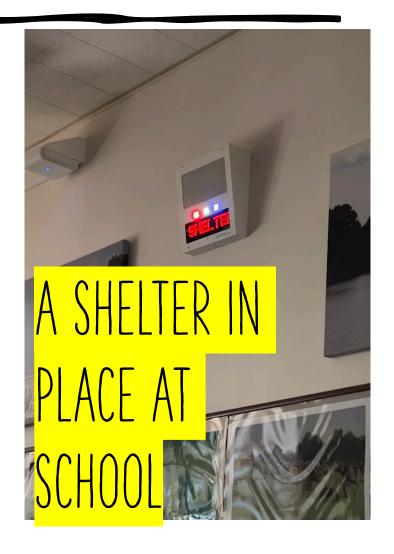




AND SINCE I'M HERE I'VE BEEN EXPERIENCING A LOT OF EXCITING THINGS LIKE:







THANKS TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA ROSA AND OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA ROSA EAST/WEST TO MAKE THIS EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE FOR ME.

WITH LOVE, CHIARA