



Where Italy Comes Alive for Everyone!™

The Westchester Italian Cultural Center's programs for school and community groups are designed in collaboration with teachers, community organizers, students and families to create an active learning environment. Our goal is to engage all participants in meaningful experiences with Italian art and culture. Opportunities are available for school, community, and non-profit groups of all ages.

School Groups: Through guided discussions, our educators encourage students to apply critical thinking skills and gain an appreciation for the fine arts, as well as the Italian culture and traditions. Students learn to look carefully at works of art and other examples of Italian culture and are given the opportunity to articulate their thoughts and opinions.

The Cultural Center is open during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm; school and community groups by appointment only Monday through Friday 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Please note: On occasion we may record group activities in photographs or on video. We reserve the right to display these images on our website and in other media to promote our mission and/or to advertise our programs.

The Westchester Italian Cultural Center preserves, promotes and celebrates the rich heritage of classic and contemporary Italian culture by encouraging an appreciation of the Italian language, arts and letters, history, cuisine, and commerce through educational programs, exhibits, and events.



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Benvenuti!

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Guidelines

Reservations

Reservations are required for all school and group visits. Please call our Program Office at 914-771-8700 to make a reservation, at least four weeks in advance. Please contact us as early as possible. Please be prepared with the following information: your school name, address, phone number, visiting teacher's name, phone number, email, and grade of students. Also, please indicate any special needs at the time of registration. You will receive a confirmation call prior to the visit.

Create a New Workshop

Work with our instructors to create new workshops customize tours to meet your curriculum needs and interests.

Special Needs Students

Our facilities are fully handicap accessible. Arrangements for handicap accessible seating may be made through the Program Office.

Group Size

A total of twenty five students is recommended per workshop. A maximum of fifty students is optimal and will be divided into two groups that will alternate between workshops.

Chaperones

One adult chaperone per ten students is required at all times. Up to three chaperones are free of charge. Chaperones are responsible for enforcing proper behavior. Chaperones will be asked to actively assist during the workshop.

Arrival Time

Groups must arrive at the Center at least 10 minutes before their scheduled appointment is set to start. Please plan travel accordingly.

Payments/Deposit

A \$200 refundable deposit is required at the time of registration. Payment in full must be received at least one week prior to the visit in order to confirm. We accept checks, cash, and money orders, as well as credit card payments through Visa, American Express, and MasterCard.

Cancellation

48 hours notice is required to receive a full refund. Cancellations made less than 48 hours prior will result in a maximum of a 50% refund.

Presepio

The *presepio*, a centuries-old tradition in Naples and southern Italy. It is an elaborate Nativity scene, recreated with miniature figures and animals, arranged in a detailed panorama.



Westchester Italian Cultural Center's vibrant handcrafted Neapolitan *presepio* is one of the finest examples of its kind, featuring more than one-hundred superbly modeled human, animal, and angelic figures, accessories, and architectural elements.

Guided Tours of the Neapolitan Presepio

Students will enjoy an instructor led discussion with an introduction detailing relevant aspects of *presepio*, including tradition, history and culture. Visits with a guided discussion and video are 90 minutes long.

Available November 19—January 14.

Passport to Italy

Students will learn about different aspects of Italian culture, such as differences between regions, major landmarks, sports, songs, and food. As they learn about each topic they will earn a special stamp to fill their "Italian Passport."

Available year round.



All workshops require a minimum of 20 students and a recommended maximum of 25 students. Each program can be made suitable for grades K-12. The fee for each program is \$17 per student.

Carnevale Workshop

Carnevale is the traditional pre-Lenten celebration in Italy. One of the common elements found at every *Carnevale* celebration is the mask. The program, led by one of our talented instructors, includes the screening of an educational video, which will teach students of all ages about the history and traditions of *Carnevale* as well as inspire them to decorate their own masks in the mask-making workshop that follows.

Available year round.



Pasta/Pizza Making Workshop

Pasta:
Students will learn about the history and tradition of pasta, while having fun making their own from scratch.

You may choose to make either fettuccine or cavatelli. A warm plate of pasta with tomato sauce and a salad will be served for lunch. Students will take the pasta they made home with them.

Pizza:

You may also choose to make pizza from scratch, which students will prepare themselves, and will then be cooked for them. They will enjoy the pizza they made for lunch. The pasta/pizza workshop can be combined with any other workshop. The workshop is 90 minutes long.

Available year round.

