

Cold Weather leads to fun

Snow days make winter break old news

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Winter Break was an enjoyable time to kick back, relax, and spend time with friends or family. After approximately four months of hectic school, it was great having time to relax. However, students had mixed feelings about the vacation. Instead of being the usual sixteen days, it was only 12 days. Some students thought this was a big deal, but others did not seem to mind.

"Usually I am excited for Winter Break, but because it was so short this year I was not able to go anywhere with my family. There was not enough time to catch up on my sleep either," said **Katelyn Hutson, 10**.

Check the weather forecast. A snow day one week, followed by three the next. Cincinnati was hit with a record amount of snow and ice in February. It was the coldest February since 1974 and was the most ice since 1989. All the inclement weather caused school to be cancelled more than usual.

"I thought the snow days were awesome, a much needed break from school. However, missing three days of school meant we also missed three days of rehearsals for the play which was the next weekend. We were called in on Thursday, but I did get Tuesday and Wednesday off. Even though the snow days set back the play, the show still went really well and we got off school," said **Dustin Amrine, 12**.

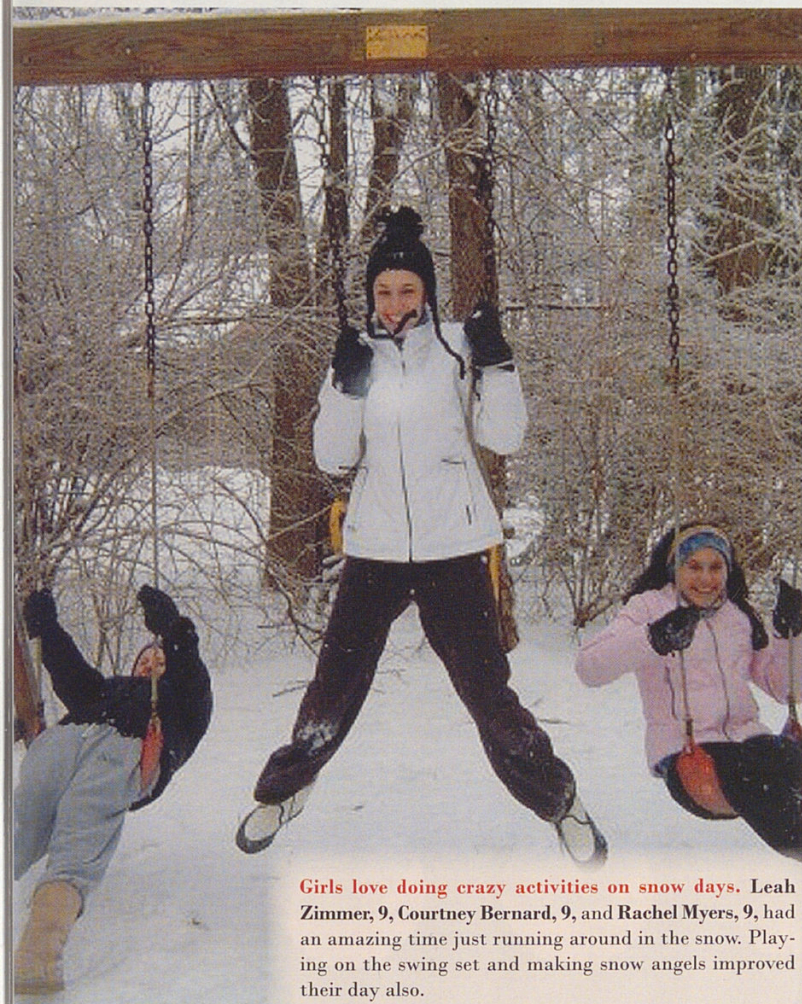
Even though the snow days held up school, some activities did not let the great amounts of snow slow them down. The winter play, Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," was scheduled for the next weekend so they still needed to have rehearsal.

Winter Break and the snow days were a great time to catch up on some rest and to spend time with friends. The warm break and the cold days off made for a good mix of fun and different activities.

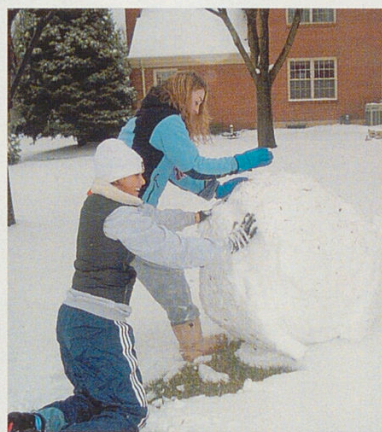


Cincinnati gets an incredible amount of snow and ice in February causing four days of school closings. Everything froze over and the trees accumulated so much weight from the ice that they started to snap. There were trees down everywhere which made driving impossible.

What a blast! Sledding on snow days was the most popular activity for students. It was a great feeling for students when they woke up to the realization of no school. While some students may have chosen to hit the snooze button, most popped out of bed to go sledding. It was a great way to get everyone together and have some fun. Being high school students, it was no longer fun going down the bunny hills or ones' backyard. This is why many students, such as **Hannah Gross, 11**, loved sledding at the many golf courses, parks, and country clubs that had great hills.



Girls love doing crazy activities on snow days. Leah Zimmer, 9, Courtney Bernard, 9, and Rachel Myers, 9, had an amazing time just running around in the snow. Playing on the swing set and making snow angels improved their day also.



Making snowmen is always fun no matter how old you might be. Jennifer Baum, 11, and Jane Robertson, 11, built a six-foot snowman on one of their snow days. Baum loved to have friends over not only to play in the snow, but also to hang out and drink hot chocolate after being out in the cold. "I used to live in Michigan where we got a lot of snow. It was nice to finally see snow on the ground which definitely brought back great memories," said Robertson.

It's time to dig out those old sleds from the garage! On the other hand, some students who didn't have sleds chose to get creative. Students tried using anything from laundry baskets to waste bags. So not only were sleds used to go speeding down the hills, but trash bags were also very handy tools to use. **Sari Goldhoff, 12**, and other friends used thick trash bags instead of sleds. They worked great and made for a unique and even more enjoyable experience over one of the many snow days.

