

By Invitation Only

Dancing in moon light

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8 The night air was crisp and cool as students attended the winter dance. The nightclub-inspired theme, "By Invitation Only" created an atmosphere of fun.

Tradition has held that the change in weather also brings a change in who asks whom to the dance. Girls went to outrageous lengths to ask the dates of their dreams. Extravagant ways of asking included difficult scavenger hunts, decorating cars, and having it announced at a restaurant.

"Asking a guy to winter can be really nerve wracking, but since the guys get to ask the girls to the other dances, this is our chance to do something creative," said **Sarah Brown, 10**.

Students arrived after eating at various locations. Popular restaurants included P. F. Chang's, Chilli's, Teller's, and Iron Chef. Some students decided to mix it up by cooking dinner themselves at their own homes.

"I had a lot more fun making dinner for Winter than going out to eat. We were able to take as much time as we needed and wear whatever we wanted

to," said **Sari Goldhoff, 12**.

After delicious dining, students went through the standard procedure of random Breathalyzer testing at the entrance. Every eighth person to enter the dance was tested and, if they passed, the student's names were entered into a door prize drawing. There were also some unexpected tightened security measures, such as car searches and the use of drug dogs.

"My date got Breathalyzed so I had to, also. It was kind of a pain but I guess having that security is nice," said **Francis Ricci, 12**.

Students were reassured by the increased security measures, leading to a safer and altogether more fun dance environment.

Once students made their way through all the red tape, they took a stroll down the red carpet, and were bombarded with paparazzi-like camera flashes. As soon as they hit the dance floor, the party finally began.



Students have fun on the dance floor at Winter Formal. The theme of the dance was 'By Invitation Only' and the decorations gave off a fun, club-like feel. Students had a good time dancing to the variety of music.