

[free time off we love]

Winter Break

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Stressing over exams, homework, and work in general, students felt like they needed a break. They got it. Whether traveling, sleeping, or working, students seemed to have fun.

Students and faculty that stayed in town were hit with a surprise. Cincinnati experienced a level three snow emergency. No one was allowed to drive on the roads for a day. People spent time with friends and played in the snow during this time.

"Even though the big snow storm was an inconvenience, my friends and I had a blast playing in it," said **Leah Morand, 11**.

While some stayed home and enjoyed the snow, others had to stay in town in order to work hard and get things accomplished.

"Although I looked forward to winter break, I also dreaded it because it meant 'hell week' which was two weeks of double practices of swimming," said **Lauren Truax, 12**.

Many were lucky to escape the cold weather. Although many people that went away went somewhere warm, others did go to places to ski or snowboard.

"I went to Park City, Utah, and went snowboarding," said **Aaron Cain, 9**.

"For winter break, my family always goes skiing in Pennsylvania. I tried snowboarding this year, and I was terrible. I got so many bruises from falling so much," said **Belinda Wen, 11**.

No matter how they spent it, winter break was a well-deserved rest from the stresses of school.



WINTER BREAK SOMETIMES MEANS FAMILY traditions. **Liz Walsh, 10**, and **Adam Walsh, 12**, went to Pittsburgh to visit relatives. They had fun over the holidays with family and came back just in time to play in the snow!



KRITTIKA BARAVKAR, 12, ASHLEY CUMMINGS, 12, LAURA EBETINO, 12, CAITLIN Bokulic, 12, Katie Grueninger, 12, Leah Boyll, 12, and Jamie Nesbitt 12, spend New Year's Eve at the Ebetino's. They rang in the new year with their friends. "We all had a lot of fun, we danced, and at midnight to carry on the Ebetino family tradition, we banged pots and pans outside in the neighborhood," said **Bokulic**.



IT'S ALWAYS FUN TO PLAY IN THE SNOW! **Emily Thomas, 11**, and **Leah Morand, 11**, enjoyed their time off and spent much of it in the snow. Many experimented with new sledding areas and hills over break because of the heavy snow fall.

75%
of students who stayed in
town played in the snow at
least once

