

# [dances we love / Winter Formal

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It was 1:30 PM on January 22nd, 30 more minutes to watch the TV, anxiously wondering if indeed the dance was a go. The weather forecast anticipated a winter storm with 14 inches of snowfall, however later there was minimal snow.

The dance was on. Winter Formal was considered a "Sadie Hawkins Dance" also known as, 'the one where the girls ask the guys'. Asking your date was a creative gesture made by the girl.

Asking your date creatively ranged from simple signs in the commons, writing messages in the snow, decorating cars and rooms, and even giving your date a visit during early morning hours to dance around him in footie pajamas, like **Emily Thomas, 11**, did. **Rachel Costello, 12**, asked **Alan Kelpe, 11**, by using food coloring to write

"Winter formal?" in the snow.

Dinner was the first step. With restaurants ranging from Silver Spring House to Bravo's.

"My date and I went to Bravo's with another couple, the food was amazing!" said **Ali Shewman, 9**.

Next, on to the dance. The theme was Candy Land. Walking in the scent of cotton candy grabbed your attention and the decorations looked great.

"There was candy on the wall and the decorations looked amazing...Student Council did an amazing job," said **Sarah Porter, 11**.

**Eddie Clark** was the D.J. for the night. He played a nice variety of songs ranging from "Ice, Ice, Baby" by Vanilla Ice; to "Bia, Bia" by Lil John and the Eastside boys

Overall, the dance was a hit, and will go down as one to remember for the snowy and icy conditions, slipping and sliding into dinner because of the ice, the breath taking decorations, and the variety of music.

**RACHEL CASTELLO, 12, ASKED Alan Kelpe, 11**, by writing with food coloring in the snow. This was one of the many creative ways that students asked one another to the winter dance. Girls spent weeks plotting ideas to find the perfect plan.



**ALEXUS BRANDENBURG, 12, KATIE SWANTKO, 10, James Swantko, '04, and, Chris Flint, '03**, dance together. All had a great time at the dance. Green and red were popular colors for dresses.



**KELLY LEBUHN, 10, AND CHRIS GRANNEN, 12, SWING EACH OTHER AROUND** for fun. DJ **Eddie Clark** played a swing song for a nice change of music. **Grannen** and **Lebuhn's** matching outfits were a unique approach for attire.