

Cooling down Warming up

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To a cold winter in

FOR THIS FIRST TIME IN SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS TEMPERATURES ROSE TO 63 DEGREES ON JANUARY 3.

But despite 60 degree weather, it was still winter break.

"I slept all winter break. It was great because I caught up on all of the sleep I had lost. But now, unfortunately, after an amazing break I have exams to study for. They should really give us exams and then the break so that we can actually have something to relax from, it makes a lot more sense," said **Katie Daniels, 10**.

There is so much to celebrate from Christmas to New Years. The winter season brings joy and cheer. Many students such as **Mallory Mandel, 12**, spent the vacation on cruise boats. "It [New Years] was amazing. Everyone on the boat was standing in the main hall watching the ball drop on the big screen, and then once it did thousands of balloons dropped from the ceiling," said Mandel.

The state of Ohio changed the amount of calamity days the schools are allowed to miss, such as snow days, from five days to three days.



STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO. Trying to grind, **Chris Bregger, 11** finds a log that looks fit to grind. Throughout the trip Bregger and his family skied all of the 5 different peaks on the one resort. "It was the coldest I have ever been, even under all of my layers I could feel my toes freezing," said Bregger.

COSTA RICA. Traveling around the beautiful country of Costa Rica, **John Zalucki, 11** and **Nick Zalucki, 10**. Getting away from the winter cold in Cincinnati, the Zalucki brothers explored riding ATV's, fine dining and being introduced to new cultures.

