



## BMS SEES BACK-TO-BACK-TO BACK SNOW DAYS



By Mia Shankle

Your alarm goes off, you hit snooze, and you wake up late. You wake up panicked- you are going to be late, but, no! You just remembered the school district called your parents last night. There is no school. It's a snow day!

On Tuesday, December 9, Bexley had the first snow day of the school year. However, there was a three-in-a-row snow day that occurred on Monday, January 26 to Wednesday, January 28. This was one of the longest school closures we have ever had, since 2000.

Many students had a feeling that we would not have school on that Monday. Eighth grader Dalton Mack said, "I thought we would have the day off so I went to bed at like 11 PM." Some students, like Thomas March, a sixth grader, were more cautiously optimistic. "I was not sure that we would have school, but I expected to not have it. It was better to assume that

we would've had school instead of thinking that we wouldn't and being caught off guard."

Students seemed to start their snow day in a similar fashion, waking up late and doing very little. Thomas Marsh noted, "I woke up at about nine confused and then happy, and did not change out of my pajamas for the rest of the day." Another sixth grader, Isabel O'Nan said, "I got up very late, and I didn't change out of my pajamas until I had plans."

Not all students were able to relax in their pajamas all day, however. "I started my day by waking up at ten, changing into some winter clothes, and went to clear the driveway," said an anonymous sixth grader. Seamus Meyer had a little time for himself before the chores began. "I played some games and then went outside to shovel some snow."

Many students spent their days off the same way. Dylan Easley, a sixth grader said he "played with my friends and played games." Julius Kristoff got a little

# BMS ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES CONTINUE TO IMPRESS



By Penelope Hickman-Filipow

The conductor's baton is held aloft. Students bring their instruments to the ready position. The performing arts classes have been preparing for this moment for months, their teachers pushing them to get their music to sound perfect, so they could perform in front of their community and hear the applause of all their friends and family.

Back in December, the Bexley Choirs and Orchestras had an amazing performance. Mila Judd, a sixth grader at Bexley Middle School, said that during the preparation they "were rushing to prepare all of the songs in time for the double concert. It was hard, but worth it." Another sixth grader, Adina Friedberg who is in orchestra said that they "Practiced a LOT" and that the hardest part was getting "The whole ensemble had to stay in sync."

Mr. Spangler, the orchestra teacher, agreed, saying students had to practice intensely. "Students listened to examples of the pieces and strategized phrasing and delivery."

However, all the hard work was worth it. Mila Judd said the most fun was when they got "the rhythm down," and once they did, "it sounded great when we played." She also mentioned that everyone "singing Feliz Navidad in class was really fun." Redmund Crist, an eighth grader in the Bexley

Orchestra said that they "did well, but there is always more to work on" for the concert. Mr. Spangler thought the "performance went really well. This entire year, performance and musicianship has really increased. Overall reactions towards the concerts and their preparations were positive, and all the performers were very supportive of each other with everyone complementing how they all sounded.

The next concert is on Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 PM. You should attend the concert to enjoy some great music and support your classmates!

## BEXLEY BY THE NUMBERS, JR.

The Newspaper Staff surveyed BMS students about their feelings about winter. Here are their responses.

Question	Yes	No
Do you like Winter?	77%	23%
Do you like eggnog?	27%	73%
Do you enjoy hot chocolate?	93%	7%
Do you celebrate Christmas?	93%	7%
Do you celebrate Hanukkah?	21%	79%
Did you travel for Winter Break?	66%	34%
Do you enjoy winter sports?	75%	25%
Are you into the Winter Olympics?	70%	30%
Can you name an Olympic Athlete?	33%	67%

# SIXTH GRADER WINS SPELLING BEE SCHOOL CHAMPION

By Adina Friedberg

When you think of intense, high stakes competitions, what are you thinking of? Maybe televised baking shows? The soccer playoffs? Maybe even Jeopardy? What you probably don't think of, is spelling bees! Yes, this multi-level competition where one wrong move can get you disqualified is way more high stakes

than you'd think! But first, let's take a look at how a spelling bee works.

A spelling bee has multiple levels. It usually starts with a class spelling bee so every student has a chance to participate! Class champions move on to compete in the schoolwide spelling bee. The winner of the school bee would then usually proceed to a regional spelling bee where they will compete against students from other schools in the state. You go, round after round, and if luck is with you and you've studied enough, you'll make your way to the championships in Washington, D.C.!

On January 16, Bexley Middle School held its school championship spelling bee. The winner was Henry Heckler! Henry is in the sixth grade and won the rigorous competition. Henry prepared for the spelling, saying, "I studied as many words as I could from books and had my parents quiz me on the list for 30-45 minutes each night." This strategy must have been a good one because he won!

Henry survived nine rounds of competition. Along the way, he correctly spelled the following words:



mind, especially, mustache, Everest, prestigious, delphine, chartreuse, swaggering. Henry's championship word was 'swaggering.'

The school spelling bee runner-up was another sixth grader, Asher Zelkowicz! He says he feels proud of himself and is excited for the next spelling bee.

Mr. Sidel, the teacher who is the spelling bee coordinator, said, "We had 13 students attend the final school bee. By the end of the first day, seven people did not miss a word. Henry Heckler, Asher Zelowicz, Maxine Tate, Lilly Pickrell, Shoshana Conn, Charlie Hayler, and Maisie Streeter. They all did a great job." Mr. Sidel added, "I also want to thank Mr. Warner for serving in the role of judge during the spelling bee."

Finally, wish Henry Heckler luck! He took the online regional test, and he is waiting for the results. If he qualifies, he will participate in the Columbus Blue Jackets Regional Spelling Bee which will be held at Nationwide Arena in March. Wish Henry luck if you see him!

## IS 6-7 DEAD? A STUDENT TREND TRAILS OFF

By Myella Davis

The numbers 6 and 7 was a sensation with young people that many people participated in. People made reels, songs, and cheered for just hearing it.

Many believe this all started when songwriter Skrilla said it in a song called "Doot Doot (67)." The song was quickly adopted into social media video edits of big time basketball players, one of them LaMelo Ball of the Charlotte Hornets, who is 6 feet 7 inches tall. Then a boy, Mason 67, made a video with a hand gesture to go with it.

Jayden Tphan, a sixth grader, stated, "it was a very big trend. When people started saying it, it started to get annoying."

This trend was spotted by teachers before the school year really even started. Mrs. Riegler, the Middle

School librarian said, "When I was meeting the new sixth graders, I got asked how tall I am by a lot of small groups followed by giggles." At the beginning of the school year, Mrs. Sexton also noticed this trend,

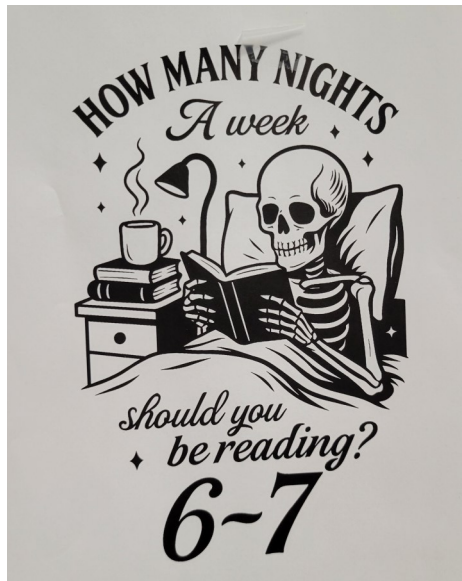
"every time I mentioned these numbers, the entire class would use a hand motion and say "6, 7" in a long, drawn out way."

However, Mrs. Sexton also says, "I have noticed that it must be nearly over, as weeks have gone by without hearing it."

Mrs. Riegler said, "I don't think it is over, but it has quieted down in comparison to the beginning of the school year." One way you can tell a trend is over is when teachers adopt it. Mrs.

Riegler summed up by saying, "When

I say 6, 7 and do the up/down hand motion and everyone just groans." Do you think 67 is over?



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more hands on in the snow, saying, "I made a snow fort with my neighbors and friends and had several snowball fights."

By the third day, however, teachers had to assign some work on Canvas. Students responded to these assignments in a variety of ways. Eighth grader Cobi Abeles said about her various assignments on Canvas, "I did all of them and completed everything. I emailed some teachers if I had any questions and was very focused." Others were happy that the assignments did not take up too much time. Dalton Mack said he "got it done in two hours."

Julius Kristoff noted that while the assignments were "okay. It was hard to find all the teachers' assignments. Some were emails, some directly on Canvas, and some on an educational website."

Despite the assignments on Wednesday, students seemed to really enjoy the three days off. While the chances of another snow day are slim, you can always try some superstitions about snow days. Some people put pennies on the windowsill, put a spoon under their pillow, or flush ice cubes down the toilet. Only time will tell if the superstitions work and we get another snow day this school year!