

NEW MEMORIES



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"I haven't sledded in like three or four years so when everyone was doing it sounded really fun and I just missed that."
— Isabella Lincoln (12)

Annabel Heath (12), Audrey Fowles (12), Isabella Lincoln (12)



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"I think that the senior snow day was a great way for everybody to get together and hang out."
— Brynn Bussanmus (12)

Brynn Bussanmus (12), Maren Steiner (12)



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"I think other classes could have fun doing the same thing and it was just a nice little break in the middle of the week."
— Jackson Jordaan (12)

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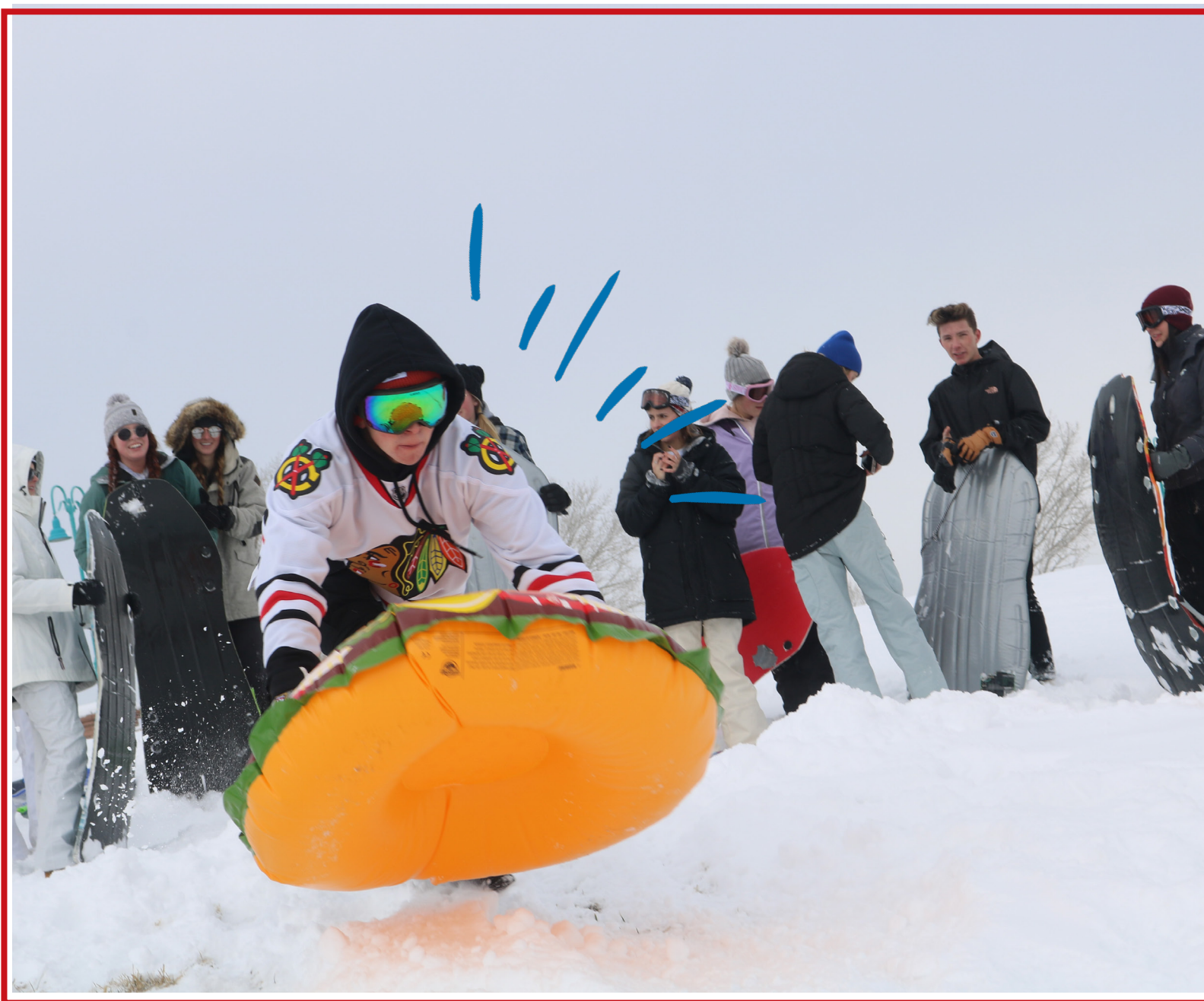


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"I definitely think it was the most unified our grade has ever been because even with basketball games or football games there were always people who weren't really into it, but everyone came [together] around this idea... best day of senior year."

— annabel heath (12)

CATCHING AIR A crowd of seniors watches as Hayden Reeder (12) makes a run down the hill at Purple Park on his burger tube. To add some adrenaline to the sled hill, the students made various ramps for the more adventurous sledders to test out. "They made a big jump and then they took picnic benches and put them on the opposite side of the jump and kids would go off the jump and grind on the picnic table and fall off. It was awesome," Reeder said.

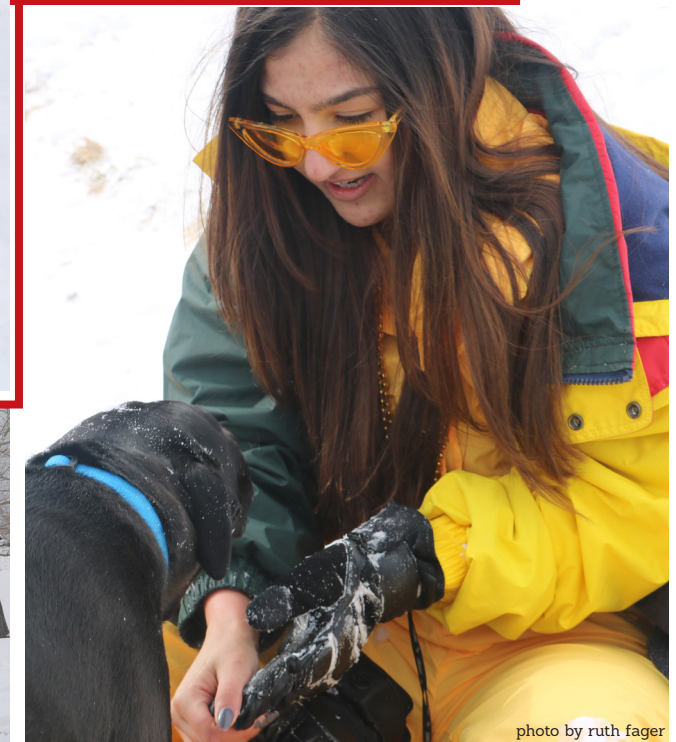


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WAIT. IS THAT A DOG? Sheema Satar (12) takes a break from sledding to give Toby, Maya Beck's dog (12), some well-deserved love and attention. Satar greatly enjoyed spending a day outside of school with her classmates. "I hope this can be [a tradition] for everybody because it brings everyone together," Satar said. **ROLL UP** Spencer Stilson (12) gets ready to slingshot Benjamin Chen (12) down the hill. Stilson had arrived later in the day, and by the time he got there, Senior Sled Day was already in full swing. "When I got there, there were probably seventy to eighty kids. There were ramps built. People had skis and snowboards and a lot of sleds," Stilson said.

the cold NEVER BOTHERED THEM

Ask any student in BVSD about snow days, and there's sure to be a myriad of opinions and complaints about the lack of such breaks. BVSD snow days were a long standing joke among students due to their scarcity.

2019ers create a new tradition of winter fun

"I drive an old car, so it's hard on the bad roads. I've had to stay home just so I don't crash my car on the way to school," Spencer Stilson (12) said.

After weeks of on and off intense snowstorms, and with a particularly menacing snowstorm in the forecast, schools districtwide were given a two hour delayed start on February 7, not a snow day. Due to delayed start, the senior group chat "2019ers" was thoroughly confused and angry, and overall wondering 'why didn't they just cancel school?'

Principal Neil Anderson said "the purpose of a two hour delay is to give everybody time for safe passage to the school" and that skipping school could end up creating more stress in the long run for students and teachers.

Seniors, however, had their minds on making decisions and memories for themselves.

"Everyone was mad that we didn't get a snow day, so we took matters into our own hands," Jack Jordaan (12) said.

The night before delayed start, 2019ers was alive with talk of a 'sled day'. It all started when one senior suggested that the whole grade just go sledding instead. All of a sudden, a time and place were being decided on, and a poll was made in which over a hundred kids said they intended to go. With that, 'Senior Sled Day' was set.

"I remember getting there and thinking maybe ten people were going to come and then walking up, there was a line at the top of the hill and I didn't even know half of the people," Annabel Heath (12) said.

People brought hot chocolate and donuts, along with sleds, inner tubes, skis, snowboards, and even a bungee cord to sling-shot seniors down the hill. Jackson Jordaan (12) and friends came early to set up jumps as well.

Even though the forecast was in the single digits, the senior class gave themselves a break from the week, along with a warm memories to take with them after they graduate.

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