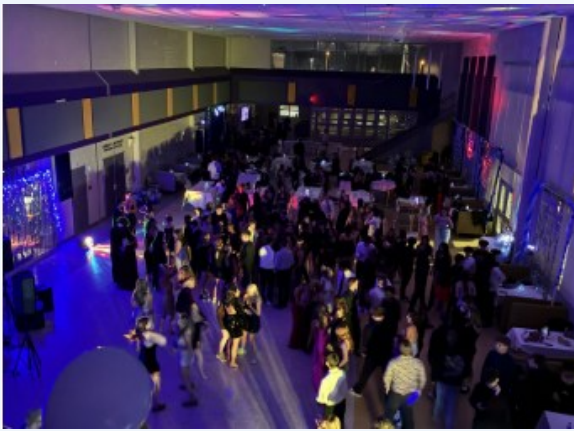




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# Winter Formal Recap

By: Emily N.



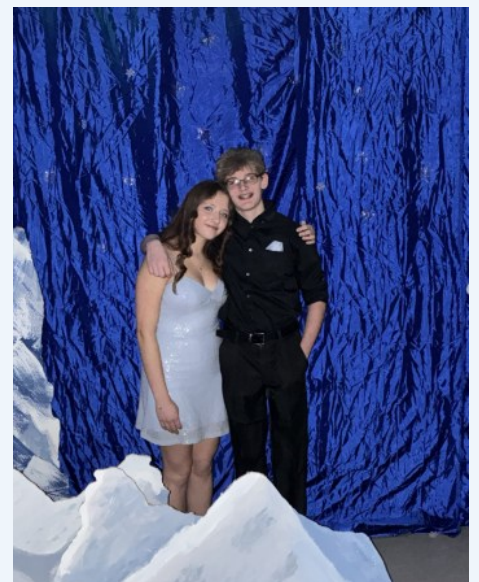
School dances are major events for many people. Young people spend hours getting glamorous. In addition to the hours it takes to be glamorous, Student Council members spend hours prepping the venue for a special night. The two biggest dances of the year are Home-

coming and Prom but Lexington High School has a dance in between them to help conquer the winter doldrums. This year the Winter Formal had an icy winter theme. This dance is different from the others because the preparation wasn't a singular development club, many clubs came together to contribute and help out with the set up and clean up of this dance. The diversity of people working on this was amazing since many different ideas came together through creativity and teamwork. There were many hands on props that brought the wintery theme together and made the night a blast for the students.

Couples and friends' enjoyment of the dance made all the hardwork a worthwhile endeavor. Everyone had a delightful and great time at the dance.



*Thank you Mrs. Bigley and all the clubs for a special Winter Formal:*



# Snowmageddon 2026: How Students and Teachers Spent the Snow Days

By: Libby N.

When winter storms shut down schools students and teachers suddenly found themselves with several unexpected days off. While the snow kept most indoors, many used the time to relax, be creative, and catch up on hobbies they normally don't have time for during the busy school week.

## [Cute Winter Animal Videos](#)

### **Ms. Klink: Books, Crocheting, and Cozy Snow Days**

English teacher Ms. Klink spent Snowmageddon enjoying relaxing hobbies indoors. She said she read several books and crocheted a baby blanket during the snow days. The blanket was made for Mrs. Keeney, Klink's co-teacher, who recently had a baby and is currently on maternity leave.

Klink said the storm also reminded her of snow days from her childhood. She grew up with a large hill in her front yard, which she and her brother used for sledding. "We would sled forever," she recalled. "Then we'd come inside, have hot cocoa, and play video games like Super Mario Brothers. It was the best."

She encouraged students to use snow days as an opportunity to try hobbies that don't involve screens. Activities like crafting, painting, crocheting, or playing board games with family can be relaxing and memorable ways to spend time during winter storms. Although it may sound old-fashioned, she said those are often the moments people remember most about snow days.



## **Emily N.: Productivity and Creativity at Home**

Emily N., the snow days were an opportunity to reset and focus on things she enjoys. One of the first things she recommends doing during long days at home is cleaning your room. Emily explained that organizing your space can improve your mood and make it easier to relax afterward. Once everything is tidy, she said it becomes much easier to enjoy cozy activities like decorating your room, setting up lights, or getting back into favorite hobbies. During the week off, Emily spent time playing her Nintendo Switch and setting up her Animal Crossing Lego set again. She also suggested doing creative projects such as crocheting, which she says is a perfect activity for snow days. “You can sit on the couch, crochet, and watch a movie,” she said. “You’re being productive and relaxing at the same time.” Emily also used the extra time to get ahead on homework and catch up on shows and movies she had been wanting to watch. She said snow days are a great chance to work on assignments early so that the rest of the month feels less stressful.

## **Mr. Poiner's Perspective: Slowing Down and Childhood Snow Adventures**

Choir director, Mr. Poiner described using Snowmageddon as a chance to slow down and take a break from the usual busy routine. During the snow days, he spent time drinking coffee without worrying about schedules, playing video games, reading, and starting a new sewing project. Like many teachers and students, he also admitted to checking his email frequently to see if there were any updates about school. When reflecting on snow days from childhood, he remembered spending hours outside playing in the snow with siblings and cousins—one of his favorite memories involved sledding at a large hill near a local reservoir. The group even built a ramp at the bottom of the hill and launched themselves off it while sledding. “We would fly off the sled completely and land in the snow,” he said. “It was probably my biggest snow-day memory growing up.”

# 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Olympic Games Recap

By Sophie P.

Every four years, the winter Olympics take place. This year, the event was held in Milan and Cortina, Italy, between February 6 and February 22. This year 93 countries competed, totaling 2,916 athletes across all Olympic events. The sports included in this year's winter Olympics are: Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Bobsleigh, Cross-Country Skiing, Curling, Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Ice Hockey, Luge, Nordic Combined, Short-Track Speed Skating, Skeleton, Ski Jumping, Ski Mountaineering, Snowboarding, and Speed Skating.



## Alpine Skiing

1. Switzerland—9 medals
2. Italy—5 medals
3. USA— 4 medals
4. Austria—4 medals
5. Brazil—1 medal

## Biathlon

1. France—13 medals
2. Norway—11 medals
3. Sweden 3 medals
4. Italy—2 medals
5. Bulgaria, Czechia, Finland, and Germany—1 medal

## Bobsleigh

1. Germany—3 medals
2. USA—3 medals
3. Switzerland—1 medal

## Cross-Country Skiing

1. Norway—14 medals
2. Sweden -10 medals
3. France - 3 medals
4. USA—2 medals
5. Switzerland—2 medals



### *Curling*

1. Sweden—2 medals
2. Canada—2 medals
3. Switzerland—2 medals
4. Great Britain—1 medal
5. USA—1 medal

### *Figure Skating*

1. Japan - 6 medals
2. USA—3 medals
3. Finland, Kazakhstan, Georgia—1 medal

### *Freestyle Skiing*

1. China—9 medals
2. USA—8 medals
3. Canada—5 medals
4. Australia—4 medals
5. Norway—2 medals

### *Men's Ice Hockey*

- Gold—USA  
Silver—Canada  
Bronze—Finland

### *Women's Ice Hockey*

- Gold—USA  
Silver—Canada  
Bronze—Switzerland

### *Luge*

1. Germany—5 medals
2. Italy—4 medals
3. Austria—4 medals
4. Latvia and USA—1 medal

### *Speed Skating*

1. Netherlands—13 medals
2. USA—5 medals
3. Italy—5 medals
4. Canada—5 medals
5. Norway—4 medals



### *Nordic Combined*

1. Norway—3 medals
2. Austria—3 medals
3. Finland—3 medals

### *Short-Track Speed Skating*

1. Netherlands—7 medals
2. South Korea—7 medals
3. Canada—5 medals
4. Italy—4 medals
5. China, USA, Latvia, Belgium—1 medal

### *Skeleton*

1. Germany 6 medals
2. Great Britain—1 medal
3. Austria—1 medal

### *Ski Jumping*

1. Norway—5 medals
2. Slovenia—4 medals
3. Poland—3 medals
4. Austria and Germany—1 medal

### *Ski Mountaineering*

1. France—3 medals
2. Spain—3 medals
3. Switzerland—2 medals

### *Snowboarding*

1. Japan—9 medals
2. Austria 4 medals
3. South Korea—3 medals
4. Italy—3 medals
5. New Zealand, China, Australia, Czechia, and USA—2 medals

### *OVERALL MEDAL COUNT*

1. Norway—41 medals
2. USA—33 medals
3. Italy—30 medals



# More From Milan, 2026

## *The Cheaters:*

Possibly one of the most significant controversies to come out of the Olympic games is the curling cheating scandal involving Canada and Sweden. While both of Canada's curling teams present at the Olympics were accused of cheating, this scandal in particular has a far larger focus on the men's team. Sweden had claimed that Canada was cheating, with athlete, Marc Kennedy, poking the stone after release, resulting in an illegal double-touch. While Sweden's team had recorded the incident, no action was ever taken. With a no re-play policy in Curling, there was no official way for anything to be verified or re-umpired. After this, Canada had followed Sweden's claim with denial, saying no one had cheated and accusing Sweden of a filming violation. In the end, neither accusation went anywhere officially, but the scandal did create a trend on *TikTok* where people would film themselves, putting an item away, like a book, and then going back and pushing it again for a second time, claiming to be putting things away "the Canadian way".

## *Norwegian Athlete Admits to Cheating on Girlfriend on Live TV*

The second controversy of the 2026 Milano Cortina Olympics, was when Norwegian biathlete, Sturla Holm Laegreid, admitted on live television to cheating on his girlfriend. After winning bronze in the 20k individual biathlon, Laegreid had told NRK, "Six months ago I met the love of my life - the most beautiful and kindest person in the world. Three months ago I made my biggest mistake and cheated on her." Further he would claim that he wanted to fix things between them, however his ex would disagree. Staying anonymous, she had told VG that what he had done was "hard to forgive" and furthermore that she wished he had kept that part of their lives to himself.



## Letters of Love Club News

By: Emily W.

The Letters of Love Club has met seven times this school year and has made 500 cards to send to kids battling serious terminal illnesses, like terminal cancer. The club had their first fundraiser to raise money for Letters of Love Global and they raised over three hundred dollars. The fundraiser took place during Valentine's Day Week and make-your-own flower bouquets were sold. The prices were six dollars for a small, nine dollars for a large and one dollar for a single flower. Executive members are planning two more fundraisers for the spring semester, as well as more card making meetings for kids. Members are excited for what the spring semester holds and looking forward to making even more cards.

Executive board member Campbell S. loves being social media manager. She says, "I love the Letters of Love club and all the people it has brought together is great." Campbell runs our social media page and creates cute posts for others to see. She uses a digital camera to take pictures and then makes collages on Canva. General member Ben W. says, "Going to these meetings is always a great time, I'm surrounded by like-minded people that want to cheer up others."

As the school year winds down, we are looking for new executive members to run the club next year. We will be posting a google form soon for club members to apply to be on the executive board next year. If you are interested, reach out to any executive board member with any questions or concerns. Thank you all for supporting the Love Club, we couldn't do any of this without our awesome members. Go Lex!