



Students seek entertaining activities on snowy days

by Michelle Moore

Many high school students today look forward to weekends and days off as a time to relax from the stress of school and to spend time with friends. Yet, when it unexpectedly snows and they are snowed in, many may have trouble figuring out what to do. While students may not realize this, there are multitudes of ways to entertain themselves on a snowy day and to avoid boredom.

For those who do not like the cold, there are plenty of ways to be entertained in the comfort of warm, cozy homes with the heat turned up to one's liking. Those who enjoy reading could try the latest book by their favorite author or maybe even start reading that book they were supposed to begin weeks ago in English. For those more adventurous students, one could try wandering back to his or her childhood years and build a fort or castle out of blankets and sheets and perhaps even spend some time with their younger brothers or sisters. If neither of these activities appeal to those in fear of the cold, it might be a good idea to stay in bed and catch up on missed sleep or watch those movies one has been dying to see.

Those students who actually like the cold, or are descended from Antarctica, might enjoy venturing out into the deep snow. Opinions on what is the best winter activity vary from student to student.

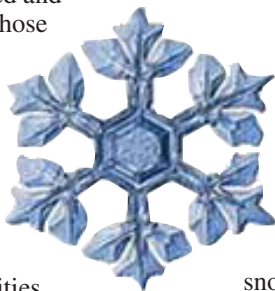
Junior Christine Andrew loves the typical winter activities.

"I really love going sledding in the snow," she said. On the other hand



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A buconic scene of snow covered branches and changing leaves inspires students to venture outside.



junior Maggie Valent has a different idea of fun outdoor activities.

"I like taking pictures with my friends in the newly fallen snow," Valent said.

While the typical snow ball fights, sledding and ice skating are always great choices, one can try something more

extreme, such as making snow cones, building a snow fort and having a snow war with friends from the same neighborhood, or making snow animals instead of men. While having this much fun in the snow, it is hard to be sensible, so remember to go inside before one's fingers turn white and not after.

Those extreme dare-devils out there may wish to actually try and leave their neighborhood. For those attempting this, remember to be careful and do not travel

if there is more than three feet of snow on the ground or if the roads are closed. If all is safe and clear the hard part is deciding where to go when everyone else is at home. There is always the movies or the mall but there are also many better options. The best answer for these adventure-getters is to go snow-tubing, skiing or snowboarding. With all of the different places offering these activities, such as Blue Mountain and Bear Creek, it is sure to be a true adventure. After going once, it may be hard to come back into reality.

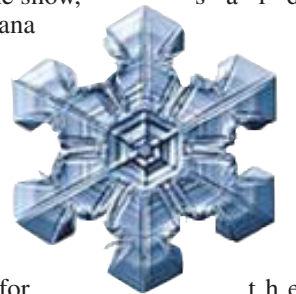
One, two, three days go by and students are still stuck at home with nothing to do. Soon crazy activities such as cleaning rooms actually take place and students might even beg to go back to school. In fact, many students hate the snow for this reason.

"I hate not being able to go anywhere or drive in the snow," said Junior Elana

Rapport.

While there are many obvious answers such as

watching that movie for the thousandth time or sleeping the day away, the best thing to do may be to just to relax. Eventually school will be back in session and students across the school will be wishing for it to snow once again, forgetting their boredom from the last snow storm. If all else fails, though, and it is still snowing a week after boredom sets in, it may be best to move down to warm and sunny Florida.



Thrift store shopping becoming a more popular choice

by Mark Walsh

In this new high school era of trendy clothing being a must have for every student, the prices for clothing can skyrocket. With a struggling economy, what better reason to turn to thrift store shopping? Stores such as the Salvation Army and Goodwill are growing in popularity among students in this current age. These stores, which run completely on the resale of donated clothing, can house some of the most interesting things.

Students who can not get enough of T-shirts, polo's, jackets, occasional hats and belts, 80's records and cassettes and even Titanic 2 VHS Special Edition can feel at home in these stores. At the Salvation Army, literally hundreds of T-shirts are sold every day for an average price of a dollar apiece, and at Goodwill for a solid \$2.50 a shirt. The Salvation Army has a wall full selection of odds and ends such as coffee mugs, dishware, desks, old computers and Televisions, as well as sofas. Goodwill houses a complete library of random books, cassettes and boxes of records of your favorite Christmas songs among others, and a selection of suit jackets and flannels.

Assorted by color and size, the variety of clothing can not be matched anywhere



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else. These stores house clothing from brands of Hollister and Abercrombie to popular brands that fall into Zumiez stores. More often a large selection of NFL, colleges and high-school sports shirts can be found among the racks, as well as pants and shorts of all colors and sizes from throughout the years.

One of the more amusing things is the amount of staff T-shirts and polo's housed from a variety of local businesses.

Wednesdays at the Salvation Army are deal days, which give half off on tags of a certain color, which take up over 50% of the store. On these days jeans range from \$2.50, dress shirts from \$1.50 and T-shirts for just two quarters. This means leaving the store spending 20 dollars on several outfits, when one could buy just one T-shirt or a quarter of a pair of jeans at Pac-Sun.

The biggest question with thrift store shopping is the idea of wearing someone else's clothing. Most cringe at the idea of slipping into a stranger's shirt, while others could care less. A joke that commonly arises from the idea of the thrift store, is pre-packing your clothing with old cigarette smells. Some might get thrown off from the



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All the Above was the first Coffeehouse performance of the year.

eerie feeling of lines of used clothing, or the occasional stained shirt. Do not let a simple washing prevent great deals of second chance clothes and saving money.

Some second chance shops, such as The Attic in downtown Bethlehem, house a variety of sorted designer and current style clothing. The Attic will buy good

condition clothing and give you either cash or store credit. The appraised item will be given 65% store credit or 35% cash. The selection of clothing includes anything from DC to Calvin Klein. This store, which has gained a lot of popularity locally, is trading and selling clothing seven days a week.