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Brendan Mott '19 and Alex Geasland '19 devour some fries Jan. 13. "Friday nights at Steak 'n Shake are fun because everyone goes there. not iust West kids." Mott said.

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Emma Brustkern '18 sorts through deals at White Barn on Jan. 14. "I don't normally get to go to the mall ... but it was nice to get out with my friends."

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Mary Longmire '19 and Avery Carneol '19 celebrate Longmire's birthday Jan. 13. "Long weekends are great, but they can be boring without friends," Longmire said. "It makes me happy when I'm just messing around with them."

Juniors Nathan Dill and Anna Buckingham attend SPIT on Jan. 13. "It was awesome to see a student-led play that was funny, well-acted and kept my attention," Dill said.



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making it count

Laughing so hard you SPIT, stuffing your face with birthday cake, shopping till you drop, or dancing the night away. A long winter weekend Jan. 13-16 offered lots of options.

Fun and games was how Mussab Musa '20 planned his weekend.

"I'm gonna play soccer, go skateboarding and kick back and chill with my homies," Musa said.

From dusk to dawn, Maddy Epping '20 tried not to lose one second.

"I spent the whole weekend with my best friend, Chloe Gretter. Then on Sunday I danced at Mini Dance Marathon, and on Monday I celebrated MLK with practice and a nap," she said.

Keeping it cool as ice, Andrew Stewart '19 skated through the weekend.

"I had a hockey tournament on Saturday and Sunday, then on Monday I was relaxing with some friends," he said.

Taking it easy was how Sophie Gist '19 planned her long weekend.

"I'm planning on sleeping in and probably just working and hanging with friends," she said with a smile.

For Wala Siddig '18, adding an extra day didn't mean adding any downtime.

"I have my friend's birthday party, then I'm recording a video for MLK Day, going to an award thing for SAHD and preparing for a debate tournament," Siddig said.

It was all ball for Dashawn Willis '18.

"I'm probably just gonna hit up some friends, go down to the Wellness Center and play basketball," Willis said.

Alex Ruppert '17 used the long weekend to get gains and make progress.

"I went weightlifting a couple days, and then I ate and slept the rest of the weekend," he said.

Mackenzie Bonner '17 spent the long weekend doing what she loves.

"Sunday, the poms team and I will be performing at the Mini Dance Marathon, and then Monday we have a practice ... to prepare for Nationals."

Whether doing the usual or stepping outside their comfort zone, students found ways to make those 24 hours count.

—By Josey Gale

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Sidi Keita '20 stirs Hersheys into a pot of milk to make some hot chocolate while he was at home on Jan. 16.

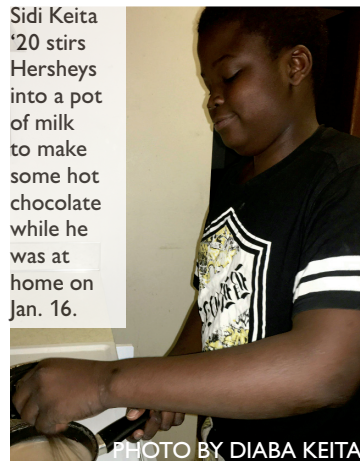


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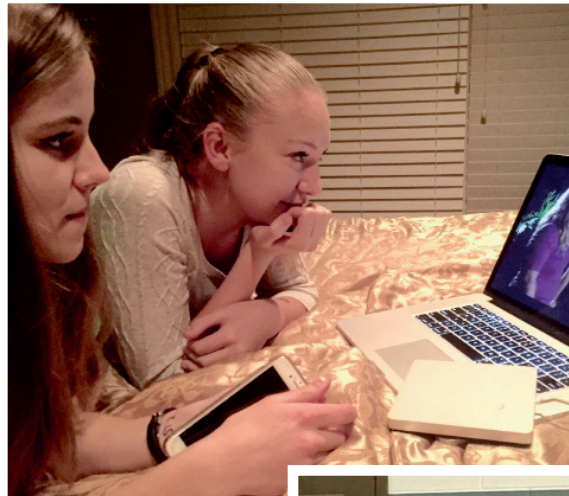


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MOVIE NIGHT

Sophomores Emma Gehlbach and Taylor Streck watch *Pitch Perfect* on Jan. 15. "It's a fun thing to do with my friends to get my mind off the stress of school," Streck said.

AWAITING AN AWARD

Leen Hamza '19, Sarah Ahmed '17, Lujayn Hamad '18, Jade Merriwether '17 and Safeya Siddig '18 prepare to receive a service award Jan. 16 at Grant Wood Elementary.



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