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CROSS-TOWN RIVALRY, seniors Randy Flanscha, Zach Serovy, Eric Jacobsen and Colton Haight cheer after West scores against City High during the first half of the home boys basketball game Feb. 11. West beat City, 73-41, and David Dileo was named player of the game.

The euphoria of escaping school courtesy of Old Man Winter diminished as 2-hour delays began to feel like an average week. If it wasn't a delay, it was a snow day. Or vice versa. Arctic blasts stormed the nation, plummeting temperatures to negative double digits. Teachers and underclassmen dreaded making up snow days in June, but smug seniors celebrated their locked-in May 22 graduation.

The district faced controversy when it held school on Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. A drop in attendance combined with parental backlash prompted the district to give students and staff that day off in 2015.

Participants in the Mini Dance Marathon danced and mingled with families of cancer patients for five hours Jan. 19, raising \$56,100. Students and staff lined up to cut their hair or shave their heads in support of the cause.

The boys swim team also pulled out electric razors and buzzed off their bleached hair in preparation for Districts on Feb. 8. Then they started what they hoped would be a tradition, winning State for the first time in school history.

It wasn't swimming but skiing, skating and skeleton that captured the world's attention at the 22nd Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Controversy threatened to disrupt the games as Russia appeared unprepared, but that didn't stop the U.S. from bringing home 25 medals.

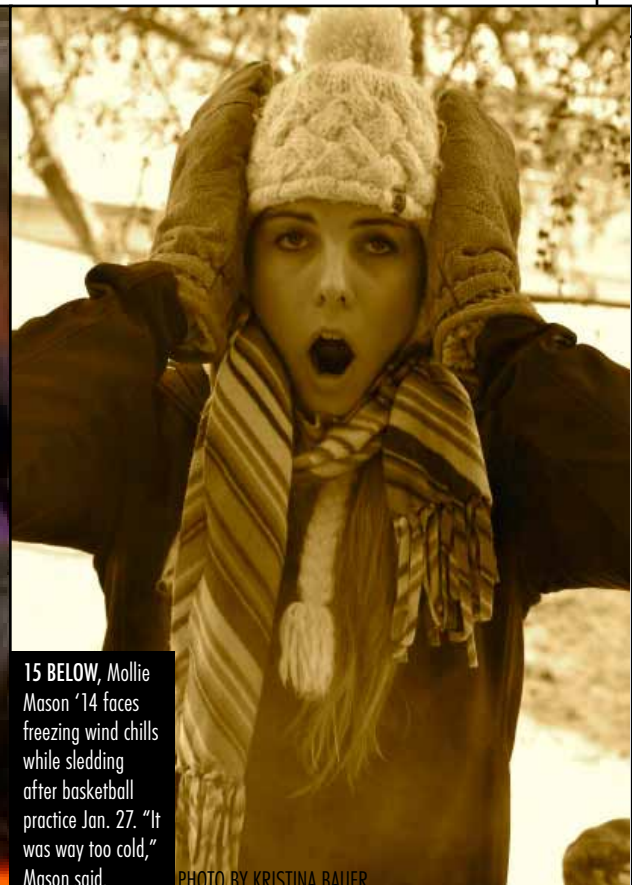
At its state conference Feb. 23-25, 23 BPA students, including four freshmen, qualified for Nationals in Indianapolis. Through ice storms and unexpected accolades, through controversy and championships, most students simply carried on. Credit their golden state of mind.

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SISTERLY COMPASSION, Maggie Taylor '15 buzzes off the hair of her sister Addy Taylor '14, while Meredith Arpey offers moral support at the end of the Mini Dance Marathon. "Whenever I started to think about backing out, I reminded myself why I was doing it," Addy said.

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15 BELOW, Mollie Mason '14 faces freezing wind chills while sledding after basketball practice Jan. 27. "It was way too cold," Mason said.

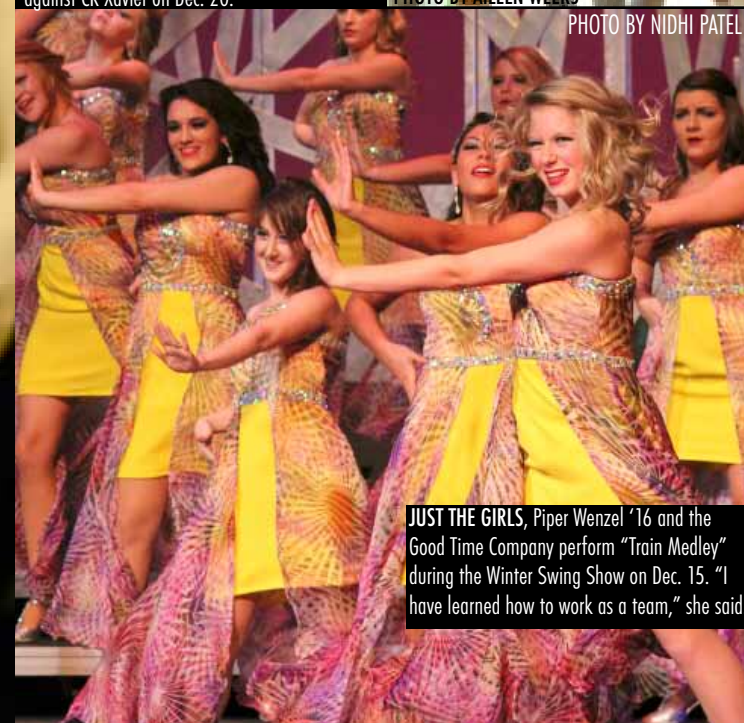
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THE GUY-GIRL DANCE, seniors Declan Doyle, Brock Hatzky, Adam Dellos, Sam Hansen, Chris Haynes and others rock out with the varsity poms squad at halftime of the girls basketball game against CR Xavier on Dec. 20.

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JUST THE GIRLS, Piper Wenzel '16 and the Good Time Company perform "Train Medley" during the Winter Swing Show on Dec. 15. "I have learned how to work as a team," she said.



VICTORY! Carson Miller '14, Will Scott '16, Matt Anderson '15, Callum Scott '14, Aidan Keen '16 and the rest of the boys swim team celebrate in Marshalltown on Feb. 15 after winning State for the first time in school history.

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