

# **JANUARY** #it happens for a reason...

## ...when **BAND** goes to **LONDON** (128-129)

...making baskets with **VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL** (130-131)

...participating in **ALTERNATIVE SPORTS AND INTERESTS** (132-133)

...while awarding the **TEACHER OF THE YEAR** (134-135)

...as the **CHOIR** hits high notes (136-137)

...throwing waffles during **YOUNGLIFE** (138-139)

...backstage during the **MUSICAL** (140-141)

...presenting projects at **SCIENCE FAIR** (142-143)

...out on the farm in boots with **FFA** (144-145)

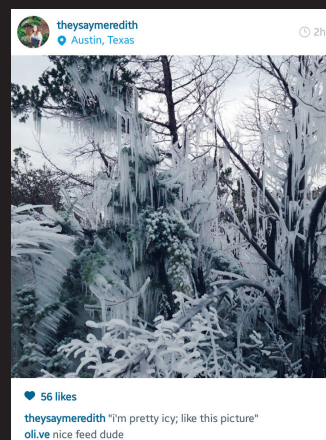
...on the court with **JV AND FRESHMAN BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL** (146-147)

## TO THE POINT

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DEGREES UNHAPPY MONTHS  
KIDS



Brandon Gorrie, 12  
@gorrie\_



Meredith Warren, 12  
@theysayermeredith

## North Pole, TX

Temperatures below freezing  
create unfavorable conditions

One of the things Texas is known for is its moderate climate. Winter temperatures typically average around a crisp 60 degrees Fahrenheit and wearing shorts in January is commonplace. However, due to the 'polar vortex,' Austin saw numbers as low as 22 degrees Fahrenheit on thermostats.

"I wasn't ready for the cold weather, but I was happy to wear my newly acquired football letterman because there isn't heat in the hallways. It was crazy to see icicles on my truck. These temperatures were unheard of as a Texan," junior Josh Brown said.

With no windows on the first floor, the school building didn't help ease the pain.

"The weather was pretty miserable outside. I had to wear tons of layers, and then once I got inside, I had to take a lot of them off. It was just kind of annoying. The delays were nice though. It gave me

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time to either sleep in or go out and get tacos," junior Ben Bell said.

The cold affected students in unexpected ways as well.

"Every time the temperature went below freezing, I had to fill up gallons of water and haul them to the farm. They turn the water off at the farm, so every time it freezes we have to hand water our animals. It was always such a pain to carry all the jugs of water across the farm while freezing your butt off," sophomore Sam Roberts said.

To the school's dismay, the low temperatures lasted for over two months. They taught students not to take the sunshine for granted.

**"I'm cold in my dress but beauty is pain so I will gladly take looking on point even if it means frostbite"**

Carlyn Crow, 10  
@carlync99

**"All I am going to say is @AustinISD better send heaters to #Bowie or those kids will freeze. #NoSandalsDay #Heaters4Bowie #Tundra**

Alex Sanchez, ex-representative  
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 Ashley Franco, 11  
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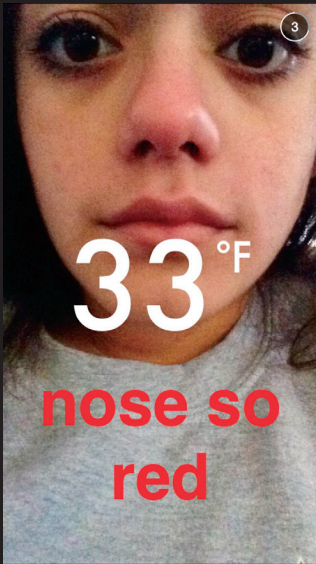
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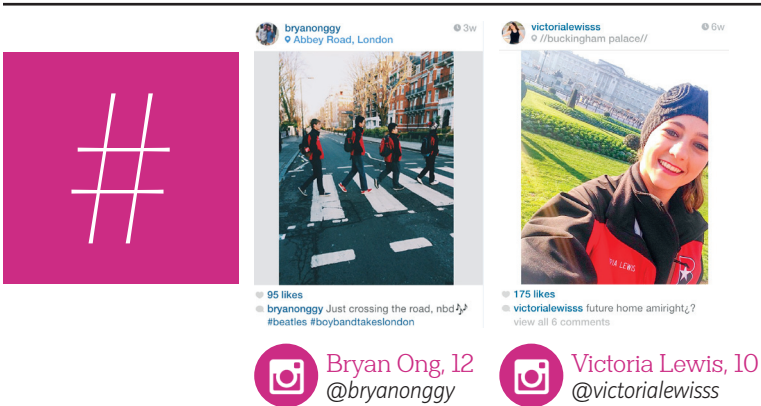
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**US TO UK** **AN OPPORTUNITY OCEANS** away, JBHSOPE marks its legacy in a new country. Over the course of years, a committee reviewed the band to deem its eligibility to perform in the London New Year's Day parade. It was accepted and formally invited by the Minister of Westminster in the spring of last year, see page 128-129.



## MAKING A (CLIMATE) CHANGE

**IN BIO7 EVERY** Thursday after school, the members of Earth Club meet to discuss the human impact on the environment. Each meeting was devoted to a particular topic. "I really enjoy some of the discussions we have with the sponsor Mr. Stamper because he knows a lot about the world and various issues involving the environment," junior Angel Reyes said. Earth Club was restarted by junior Lili Benitez in an effort to bring more awareness to the school. Some of the club's goals include beautifying the softball sign, having a 'Green Out' day and restoring the greenhouse. "Our Earth is the most precious and beautiful thing we have. It deserves our respect," Benitez said.

- Junior Jayme Martone
  - Junior Lili Benitez
  - Junior Angel Reyes
  - Junior Nicole Moore
  - Junior Minh-Thi Nguyen
  - Junior Jacob Gonzales
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