

Unusual start to school creates lifelong friendships

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As a junior at OSSM, I often am asked by my friends from other schools if OSSM has social functions and if we do anything outside of academics. Last weekend, I got to attend my first winter formal turned Spring Fling dance. After having dealt with a tumultuous past few weeks due to ice storms and returning home, it was wonderful to take a break and have fun with friends.

OSSM's Great Hall ceiling was strung up with hanging flowers and lights illuminating the tables pushed together and covered with tablecloths and bouquets for our special Spring Fling dinner. I think the most fun was getting ready with my floormates.

It's hard to believe that only last year I had never met some of my OSSM floormates because they now feel like such an integral part of my life. After getting dressed up, we went downstairs to take pictures with all of our other classmates.

Despite the cloudy weather, everyone's enthusiasm and excitement brightened the place. After photos we



From left: Stephanie Kim, Jane Gou and Anusha Fathepure enjoy OSSM's Spring Fling dance.

reconvened inside for dinner.

At my old school, I was never one to really take center stage and dance that much. I always felt terribly awkward and insecure in front of everyone, but at OSSM we are all so comfortable with each other that it felt almost natural to scream-sing Taylor Swift and slide to the Cupid Shuffle.

Experiences like Spring Fling really demonstrate the closeness and tight knit

bond that's formed under strange and unique situations like a pandemic. I don't think the friendships and bonds I've formed this semester would be half as close as if it had

been any another school year.

This year has been such a strange school year to start OSSM with, but I don't think I'd have it any other way.



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