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SDSS NEWS
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Romance hopeless in storm

The snow piles higher and higher around us. Harsh winter winds tear through clothing as icy claws of cold pinch and penetrate to the bone. Winter, in all its frozen fury, is upon us.

Yet in this frost bitten environment, one building in Stouffville was warm and toasty with pleasant, seasonal day dreams. The building? Why, SDSS of course.

This past week, our local high school was filled with misty-eyed, day-dreaming students as Valentine's Day came closer and closer and dreams of "The Big Dance" approached realization.

Ah, and what a day last Friday was scheduled to be. A Red and White Spirit day, Valentine's Day Surprises, and the first dance since the New Year were all scheduled.

But rumor has it Mother Nature became jealous because nobody "surprised" her with anything, and no matter how you look at it, she definitely had the last laugh. This year's first major snowfall caught SDSS dreaming, thus forcing a 'Snow Day' and a cancellation of all classes and extra-curricular activities.

So it turned out most of SDSS's romantics spent their Friday night alone — gazing out into the snow, dreaming of that special someone.

But what exactly was Stouffville's youth dreaming about? In a telephone survey (I didn't go to school either on Friday), romantic fantasylands included mountain top chalets with extremely large fireplaces and even larger wine cellars and long beaches of white sand, surrounded by palm trees and leagues of crystal blue water. Ah... to be in Jamaica right now.

But by far my favorite response (and a popular number one on the survey) was a chilly invigorating stroll along the Seine River in Paris. The City of Lights, and undisputed romance Capital of the World.

But what's the point of all this? Well, let's just say firstly, romance at SDSS is alive and well, and secondly, most romantics at SDSS are wishing they were anywhere but here in Stouffville in the middle of the worst blizzard of the year.

And what were my plans for the most romantic weekend of the year? Well, the roses were placed gracefully into the crystal vase, the chocolates were opened and nibbled upon and the wine was absolutely superb. The fire cast a warm orangy glow over the room, and the stereo played soft, soothing music. My beloved stared at me across the top of her glass with those alluring brown eyes...

As much fun as reporting is, I really must be going. If you'll excuse me...