

SDSS invades St. Donat

If students were asked why they're taking French, ranked among reasons like to learn Canada's other language or to become bilingual and because I enjoy it, there would be two words: St. Donat.

Wed. Feb. 12 to Sun. Feb. 16 20 students from SDSS went on a ski trip to St. Donat, Que. The trip proved to be both a learning and a fun experience, giving the students an opportunity for learning about the French culture as well as having plenty of time to hit the slopes.

The students ranging in grades from 10 to OAC endured the eight hour drive to St. Donat, a town one hour north of Montreal. Their mode of transportation was an coach bus equipped with a stereo and movies to keep them company. The students accompanied by Mme. Horak and two of SDSS' french teachers, left the school at 7 a.m. and arrived at their hotel, Le Chateau Montcalm at 3 p.m. The SDSS team was named Les Explostifs and they quickly welcomed St. Donat by playing games in the snow with students from places such as New York, New Hampshire, Barrie and Collingwood.

On Thursday, students awoke bright and early to go on a two and a half kilometer snowshoe excursion up a mountain which quickly woke up any sleepy heads. All were battling snow up to their waists. Each day the stu-



dents studied French in their classroom (it can't all be fun and games.) Thursday's class was about French culture and the mapping of St. Donat. Later, they hit the slopes but not without a ski lesson, in French of course.

The following day the town of St. Donat met SDSS. There they had a scavenger hunt and participated in a music game. Our Spartans also learned how to folk dance. On Saturday, the students were snow bunnies from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and then they were visited by some kids who came in from the town and they conversed totally in French with them.

The students bid their farewells at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday but not without hitting the slopes one final time.

Some of our party left with sweatshirts they won and pizza that they bought with the \$50 the school also won. The only negative part of the trip was the food, but we won't touch that subject.

I'm sure St. Donat was on the mind of many students on Thursday, Feb. 20 when there was option card signing for next year's course selections.

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