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## Weather



TODAY:  
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 2  
LOW OF -8



TUESDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 4  
LOW OF -6



WEDNESDAY:  
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 2  
LOW OF -2



THURSDAY:  
SNOW

HIGH OF 1  
LOW OF -5



FRIDAY:  
60% CHANCE  
OF FLURRIES

HIGH OF 1  
LOW OF -6

# Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) builds leadership skills



## THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) in Mansonville strives to build leaders, one youth at a time. The CABMN started a SADD chapter in 1987 and for over 30 years now, non-stop the group has existed through the Volunteer Centre. The group has changed over the years with a record number of youth ages 12-18 on the Board of Directors that once boasted 28 youth. Some years there have been as few as 5-6 youth on the BOD.

This year, numbers are growing with 15 youth now on the Board of Directors that meets every Friday from 5-6pm at the youth centre. The group follows an agenda, has a youth secretary, the youth take turns chairing the meetings and a youth treasurer assures that any votes to spend money are backed by the majority being represented.

The SADD youth partake in a variety of activities and events in the community which include: a SADD awareness day, Police information evenings for youth and parents, helping at the school fundraisers, donating to the two local elementary schools annually, serving mocktails (cocktails without the alcohol) for a variety of community events, Winterfest family fun days and more...

On March 10 from 8:30am to 2:30pm the SADD group will be holding a second hand jewelry, purse, scarf and miscellaneous sale as a fundraiser at the Youth Centre located at 282 Principale in Mansonville. The group is looking for dona-

tions of these items as well as music cds, dvds etc... Those wishing to donate can contact Mable Hastings at 450-292-3114 extension 104. The money raised will help SADD with the various events and programs that they organize as well as their initiatives organized for youth at the Youth Centre.

For over thirty years now, the Mansonville SADD chapter has been giving youth the experience of organizing, initiating, complimenting and leading activities. The skills provided and the experiences lived have brought the majority of those who apply themselves, a plethora of rewards and growth.

SADD first began in Wayland Massachusetts in the US where then hockey coach, Robert Anastas and his students, after losing classmates to two consecutive drunk driving accidents, joined together and started the first ever SADD in 1981 (then called Students Against Driving Drunk). The name eventually

changed to encompass other destructive decisions and for thirty seven years now, the SADD movement has been going strong across the world in many countries.

The Mansonville SADD Supervisor was once told by Police that even if one youth remained on the SADD Mansonville Board of Directors, it would be worth the effort as it could result in one life saved. Mansonville SADD continues to be a part of the Potton Community and at the seven entry points into the Township, a SADD sign hangs, as it has since 1991 stating that, "Ours is a SADD community."

To learn more about SADD Mansonville call 450292-4886 or 450-292-3114 extension 104. To make a donation to SADD, visit [www.cabmn.org](http://www.cabmn.org)

SADD's slogan is, "If we can dream it, it can be done." The Mansonville SADD continues to dream and so it is...



MABLE HASTINGS

The 2017-18 Mansonville Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Chapter...building leaders for over thirty years in Potton.

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