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embossed with holiday designs such as Santa Claus.

Those sweet concoctions, plus banana and pumpkin breads and a motherlode of 30 apple ples made from scratch will be available at the 14th annual holiday craft sale. The sale is scheduled for 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at East, on Middlebelt between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington

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"It's neat that the community is aware of it (the sale)," said Pare. Anyone may stop in and browse.

Also neat is that the skills context students will work the cash boxes and sell to the public the items they prepared. Most of the proceeds will pay for enrichment opportunities for the kids, including field trips to the Detroit Zoo, video games and the like. Also neat is that the skills cen-

A portion of sales will go to East Middle School's Special Olympics program; Pare said many kids enrolled in the center many kids enrolled in the center also are pretty good Special Olympians, particularly in sports such as poly hockey, snow skiing and team handball.

Almost like Santa

The baked goods will result in steady sales. Pare predicted that

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But also sure to draw some
interest: house plants, poinsetitas, miscellaneous crafts and,
from Buller's wood shop, a variety of items put together by
eighth graders. There were bookends, wall plaques and file card
holders in various stages of completion. Band saws roared in the
background.

"It's just like Santa's workshop," joked Pafe. He really wasn't far off the mark.

On Thursday morning, for
example, student Janette Baker
slapped soms red paint on a
wooden sleigh, which can be
used as a doil chair. Buller
helped instruct student Joremy
Teddy about sanding the edge of
a wall baseball cap rack.

Another youngster, Stephanie
Meade, painted wood crafts.

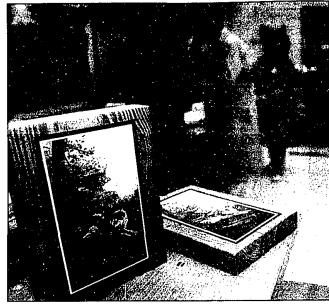
Down the hall, teacher Filbin

was working with students Ramiz Mansour, Stephanic Yurkus and Lauren Ettinger as Yurkus and Lauren Ettinger as they completed Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer tree orna-ments. They fashloned the nilty ornaments from tongue depres-sors, buttons and small, red

pom-pons.
Buller said the skills center Buller said the skills center program is a stepping stone from sixth to seventh to eighth grades. Sixth graders are taught to learn independently; seventh graders work in small groups, while the oldest kids do mass production.

"These are job skills," Buller said. "We start them off early (about) being good workers. They follow directions, stay on task and learn to be productive. If they learn those things, they can be very good workers."

The many itoms to be available at the holiday craft sale are evidence they already are.



Getting ready: Students made all of the crafts for the sale.

Community Chorus to deck the halls with sounds of music

The Farmington Community
Chorus will present its 20th
annual winter concert "It Must
be the Holiday Season" at 8
p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 and Saturday, Dec. 18 at Mercy High
School Auditorium in Farmington Hills.

Traditional holiday
favoritees, as woll as rarely
heard and contemporary seasonal selections, will be performed by the eighty-voice chorus under the direction of
Steven SeGraves, Plano and
keybéard accompaniment will

The winter concert always.

includes an audience carol sing and a visit from Santa Claus for the younger members of the audience.

In past years, these concerts have been sold out. Tickets for either the Friday or Saturday performance are available from any chorus member or from the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services. For further information to order tickets and/or CDs and tapes, call Harry or Dixie Deern at 788-6322.

