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enforcement officers.

There will also be comments from the deputy fire chief and a reading of the deceased firefighters' names.

Near the end of the ceremony, there will be a presentation of wreaths and playing of taps from North Farmington High School.

Fire Inspector Mike Kish said the event is in conjunction with the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Fire Lt. Tom Shurtleff is also helping with organizing the event. He said, "People didn't know the firefighters would be such a large part of the body count when it happened. Most of us in the fire service felt a big hole."

According to fire officials, the tolling of the bells started when fire departments used the telegraph to communicate using special codes to receive fire alarms from those once-familiar red fire alarm boxes that stood on America's street corners.

When a firefighter was killed in the line of duty, the alarm office would tap out a special signal. This would be tapped out as five measured dashes, a pause, five dashes, a pause and five more dashes.

This came to be called the tolling of the bell and was broadcast over the telegraph fire alarm circuits to all station houses in the vicinity.

FARMINGTON'S OBSERVANCE

The City of Farmington will hold a solemn observance with activities starting at 9:55 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Farmington Public Safety Department will display fire engines on Liberty Street at 9:55 a.m. in front of the flag.

"The significance of the times

are important," said Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss, who planned the event. "At 10:05 a.m., the south tower of the World Trade Center collapsed. This observance follows the recommendations of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and we expect that fire stations throughout the nation will be having similar observances."

At 10:05 a.m., there will be presentation of the Colors followed by "Taps," during which the flag will be lowered to half staff.

As in Farmington Hills, there will be tolling of the bells at Salem United Church of Christ on Oakland at 10:05 a.m.

Goss will speak at 10:10 a.m. followed by Monsignor Walter Hurley of Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 10:15 a.m.

The flag will be returned to full staff with a volley salute at 10:25 a.m.

Refreshments will be available following the ceremony.

CANDLE-LIGHT VIGIL

The Farmington Area Jaycees will host a candle-light vigil at Farmington High School from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Wednesday night, marking the beginning of a partnership with the American Legion, The Legion selected emcee Joe Gagnon, known as the "Appliance Doctor." Sponsors also include Farmington Schools, the Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council, Salvation Army and Farmington Auxiliary.

Donation jars will be available for contributions toward a scholarship in the name of Joshua Rosenthal, whose father Skip owns Books Abound in downtown Farmington. Joshua was one of the World Trade Center victims.

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PRINCE OF PEACE

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host a candlelight remembrance and memorial service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. Prince of Peace is located at 28000 New Market Road in Farmington Hills.

North Congregational North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills will hold prayer and remembrance services 7-7:30 a.m. and 8-8:30 p.m. on Sept. 11. The Church is located at 36520 12 Mile.

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Farmington Hills will hold a Sept. 11 memorial service 7-7:30 p.m. with prayers, scripture readings and music. The Church is located at 29200 W. 10 Mile.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield will begin observance of Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. with a variety of special presentations including a special presentation to the West Bloomfield Police and Fire Departments. The JCC Kahn Building is located at 6600 W. Maple Road.

NARDIN PARK

Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills will observe Sept. 11 with a service of remembrance 12:15-12:45 p.m. and a community candle-light vigil at 7:30 p.m. at Farmington High School. The church sanctuary will also be open all day for prayer. The church is located at 29087 W. 11 Mile.

ST. FABIAN

St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills will host an ecumenical prayer service 12:15-12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11. The Church is located at 32200 W. 12 Mile Road.

ANGELA HOSPICE

Angela Hospice will hold a Sept. 11 memorial service 7-7:30 p.m. with prayers, scripture readings and music. The hospice is located at 29200 W. 10 Mile.

LOCHINVAR

Lochinvar will hold a Sept. 11 memorial service 7-7:30 p.m. with prayers, scripture readings and music. The store is located at 29200 W. 10 Mile.

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SCHOOLS

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encouraged to wear red, white and blue. The Advisor/Advice time will begin with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Patriot Day/ World Peace page will be read.

"When we start to have thoughts of peace and understanding toward one another, we begin the process of constructing global peace," is the message shared with Dunckel Middle School students.

"Let's construct a little peace in the world today, Patriot Day, by making a special effort to understand one another. How can you contribute to peace in the world? Make it a great day. It is up to you."

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The consensus among elementary school administrators and staffs is to acknowledge Sept. 11 is a special day, without bringing up disturbing memories for younger children.

When the day starts, each elementary school will commemorate the day in a low-key manner which reinforces lessons regarding cooperation, communication, caring and positive relationships.

Some activities include a moment of silence, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and wearing red, white and blue.

A consistent parent letter was sent home to all families to share what is planned.

"School schedules will continue to operate on a normal basis," the letter said.

"Television and radio broadcasts of Sept. 11

AGENT

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The plane disintegrated when it hit the ground, and the windows of the cockpit blew in.

"The plane was broken into zillions of pieces," Casey said.

"The plane hit so hard and so fast, it took three days to recover the flight and data recorders which were located 300 feet below the ground."

Less than 500 pounds of human remains were recovered. "That's less than six percent of the victims' remains," he said.

"Through DNA, the FBI was able to provide something tangible to families." We could say,

this is from your loved one," Casey said.

Everyone in the small town of 250 people did their part to help and to Casey's surprise, about 10,000 people came to a candlelight vigil two days later.

He described the hijackers as "petite individuals."

Two hijackers made it to the cockpit and either a passenger or the pilot was killed before 9:35 a.m.

From 9:35-9:40 a.m., passengers came together as a community and came up with a plan, he said. Passengers were allowed to use their cell phones and one man called his wife four times, Casey said.

Before passenger Todd Beemer gave his often-quoted instruction, "Let's roll," he recited the "Lord's Prayer" with several passengers. Then they made their move.

"Flight 93 had big men and talented women," Casey said.

Mercy students to plant peace pole

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As part of an 8:15 a.m. Sept. 11 prayer observance, Mercy High School students and faculty will assemble at the flag pole courtyard on school grounds at 11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads.

A peace pole will be installed at the student entrance to the building.

Mercy Student Government purchased the handcrafted monument, which stands as an international symbol of peace.

The pole displays a message and prayer in 12 different languages: "May Peace Prevail on Earth."

The languages represent the diversity

of the student body and includes Arabic, Native American, and Chinese to name a few, said Nadine Maynard, director of marketing.

"Mercy High School is a Catholic college preparatory high school enriched by young women from diverse backgrounds," she said.

The school is recognized nationally as an Exemplary Private School. About 98 percent of the graduates attend four-year colleges or universities.

"Lighting a candle in remembrance for all those who suffered and died on Sept. 1, students and staff will unite by praying for peace," said Maynard.

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activities will not be available for the elementary grades."

At buildings without students like the Farmington Training Center on Thomas Street, employees will wear red, white and blue.

The district Crisis Response Team and other district counselor, social workers, psychologists and student assistance work-

ers will be on alert, according to Diane Bauman, director of school community relations.

The Administrative Response Team will also be available to address district needs. The team is Bauman, Barbara Fries, Estralee Michaelson and Sue Zurvallee.

All administrators will have their cell phones on and have access to e-mail.

"The provisions of the Jaycee Creed should be the way to conduct our lives," Mitchell said. "The blows struck that day affected all of us."

Bates spoke of the importance of quiet time in remembrance, observing Sept. 11 in a personal, private and protected manner.

Farouk Naseem, a member of the Twoheed Center in Farmington Hills, delivered the ending benediction in two languages.

"As most Americans, we have faced a lot of pain," Naseem said.

"Keep your minds open toward Islam. Islam in no way recommended it. It is wrong,"

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