



Farmington High's marching band provided entertainment for Downtown Farmington Center shoppers at last year's Christmas Walk.

Downtown Christmas Walk will start the holiday season

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'Tis the season to be jolly — and the place to catch the holiday spirit

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is downtown Farmington this weekend.

The third annual Downtown Farmington Christmas Walk Open House kicks off Friday 6-9 p.m. It continues Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Holiday decorations will be in full bloom. Apparel and other gift items will be on display in downtown businesses.

"The whole object of the Christmas Walk is to have a number of activities going on simultaneously," said Wendy Sirip Sittamer, Downtown Development Authority executive director.

On both Friday and Saturday, many businesses will offer refreshments. Free popcorn will be handed out between the Pelican and the Art Above.

Free letters from Santa will be available at participating businesses in the Village Commons shopping center. The letters can be postmarked with a Santa Claus, Ind., postmark.

On Friday, carols will resound around the grand piano in the Village Mall lobby at Grand River and Farmington Road. Strolling carolers from the Farmington High School choir group will also entertain.

On Saturday, Santa, that rosy-cheeked soul, arrives by fire truck at noon at the Village Mall. The Farmington High School band

parades through downtown 2-5 p.m. Saturday.

KIDS WITH an artistic flair can have fun with sidewalk chalk and receive a surprise from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday at the fountain south of Harmony House in the Downtown Farmington Center.

Also that day, Detroit Free Press chief photographer Tony Spina will autograph his book "Tony Spina Chief Photographer," at Books Abound, 33335 Grand River.

Judging of window decorating contest participants will take place Friday night during the Christmas Walk Open House. Winners will be announced at 3 p.m. Saturday at the fountain.

The contest is sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and the Farmington Observer. Evaluation will be based on originality, creativity and overall appearance.

Judges are: Jan Raim, advertising representative, Farmington Observer; Shirley Richardson, Farmington City Council member; and Gwen Tomkow, Farmington Area Arts Commission artist-in-residence.

The big news is prizes in this contest — \$1,750 in advertising from the Farmington Observer. First place is \$1,000; second place, \$500; and third place, \$250.

Educator to write column answering your questions

Is your daughter receiving A's in English, yet has difficulty composing a simple sentence? Is your 5-year-old "slow" because he's in kindergarten? Are teachers overpaid?

Concerned with today's educational system? If so, answers are at hand.

Beginning today, Dr. James R. Doyle, an educator with wide experience, will answer questions in a weekly column on education in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

His answers are direct and simple, written in a no-nonsense, down-to-earth style reflecting years of experience.

"I respond in different ways, from being informative to being angry with some of the stupidity I've seen in education the past 30 years," he said.

of national educational leadership, and "Accountability to Whom" for the Michigan Association of Supervision and Curriculum.

Q: Is seventh grade an appropriate age for sex education?

A: - Michigan Public Act 226 allows parents to review all materials prior to class. Typically, sex education deals with anatomy and physiology, the basic plumbing. I have found very few parents opt their children out of the experience, less than 5 percent. The bottom line is, children are going to get a sex education one way or another — from talking with peers, jokes, magazine, cable TV. Better to get at least factual information in an educational environment than in the locker room.



Dr. James 'Doc' Doyle
new columnist

Q: Our child is in grade 7 at a middle school. Yet when I look at his schedule, it looks like a high school schedule, six periods, six different classes.

A: A real middle school program is different from what your child is experiencing. Districts that call schools "middle school" and then track students similar to a high school schedule, are simply using the term because it has a ring of innovativeness and credibility. It may be a junior high disguised as a middle school.

DOYLE, NOW assistant superintendent of instruction for the Troy School District, has previously taught high school and college. He is a federally certified educational auditor and is completing certification as a licensed psychologist.

He has consulted on numerous educational projects at the district, state and federal levels, including career counseling at Madonna College in Livonia, the Michigan bilingual program and substance abuse for the U.S. Department of Education which later became a model for area educators.

He has also consulted on such varied programs as training on diesel engines for General Motors, intergenerational understanding for the University of Michigan Department of Gerontology and training for youths incarcerated by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Doyle has authored such publications as "Hidden Gold," an account



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