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All Saints students celebrate the Renaissance with festival

All Saints Catholic School's fifth-graders took a trip back to the 1500s as they completed their Renaissance unit in social studies and language arts by hosting a Renaissance Faire, complete with costumes and activities.

"When students are able to participate in these types of activities, they make vivid connections because they are acting out what they are studying," said Stacy Werner, fifth- and sixth-grade social studies teacher. "Now the kids

have a greater appreciation for the significant advancements made during the Renaissance era and what a turning point it was in history. Their studies become even more meaningful to them."

In classrooms, activities included building miniature catapults, making sculptures out of soap and painting their own versions of classic Renaissance works. The gymnasium was transformed into an area for skill and agility competitions as students show-

cased their juggling, jousting and horse racing skills. And no Renaissance activity would be complete without administrators taking their turn in the punishment stocks, while participants tossed cloth balls at them.

The highlight for fifth-grader John Almeda was building his own catapult. "We learned that when the people went to war, they used catapults, so it was fun to make my own," he said.

The afternoon culminated with a Renaissance-style feast in the

library, which was transformed into a banquet hall filled with student artwork. The ladies and lords of the fifth grade enjoyed chicken, soup (minus spoons, to adhere to the customs of the time), meat, cheese, fruit and apple juice.

"The students really seemed to enjoy acting out the parts from the era," parent volunteer Angela Klunkhammer said. "You could tell they enjoyed dressing up and using phrases from that era. Overall, they were excited about this day."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tom+Chee on 'Shark Tank'

Local restaurant Tom+Chee was featured in an all-new ABC "Shark Tank" episode Feb. 3. The episode included updates on the restaurant's business journey, its growing group of franchisees and counsel from Shark Barbara Corcoran.

"We're honored to be featured as part of the Feb. 3 'Shark Tank' episode," said local Tom+Chee owners Paul, Sheryl, Jim and Sue Cox.

"We're so proud to be a part of this growing company and really enjoyed being able to meet Barbara and hear her advice for small business owners like ourselves. We are thankful for the continued support of the show, Tom+Chee's founders and our loyal customers here in North-

ville, Troy and Canton."

Retail space sold

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions recently sold a 4,700-square-foot retail center at 41106-41124 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. The seller, RPKI LLC, sold the retail center to Adrian Home Sweet Home, LLC. Robert Hibbert, senior vice president, Brokerage Services at Friedman, represented the seller in this transaction.

MOD Pizza grand opening

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants will celebrate the grand opening of its newest Michigan MOD Pizza restaurant in Canton on Monday, Feb. 20, with an all-day "Pay What You Want" fundraiser. The new Canton restaurant opened to the

public Jan. 20 and is at 41865 Ford Road.

The "Pay What You Want" event begins at 10:30 a.m. and runs through dinner service. Guests can pay an amount of their choosing for their meal, with all proceeds benefiting the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation to aid the organization in its mission to help students achieve their highest potential through strong community partnerships that enhance the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' educational experience.

"Strong schools are essential to the quality of life and future well-being of our community and this event is a great opportunity for our local community to support our mission of giving back to the Plymouth-

Canton community schools," said Gretchen Ward, executive director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation. "As an organization committed to providing a culture of giving, we are excited to welcome MOD Pizza to the community and partner with them for the 'Pay What You Want' day."

Stella Contracting recognized

Jeff Stella of Stella Contracting Inc. has been recognized for meeting high standards of customer service in home remodeling.

"We're so pleased to award Best of Houzz 2017 to an incredible group of national customer-focused professionals, including Jeff Stella of Plymouth, Mich.," said Liza Hausman, vice

president of Industry Marketing for Houzz. "Stella Contracting was singled out for recognition by our community of homeowners and design enthusiasts for helping to turn their home

improvement dreams into reality."

Stella Contracting is a design and build remodeling contractor in Plymouth since 1976 and is certified as an Aging-In-Place Specialist.



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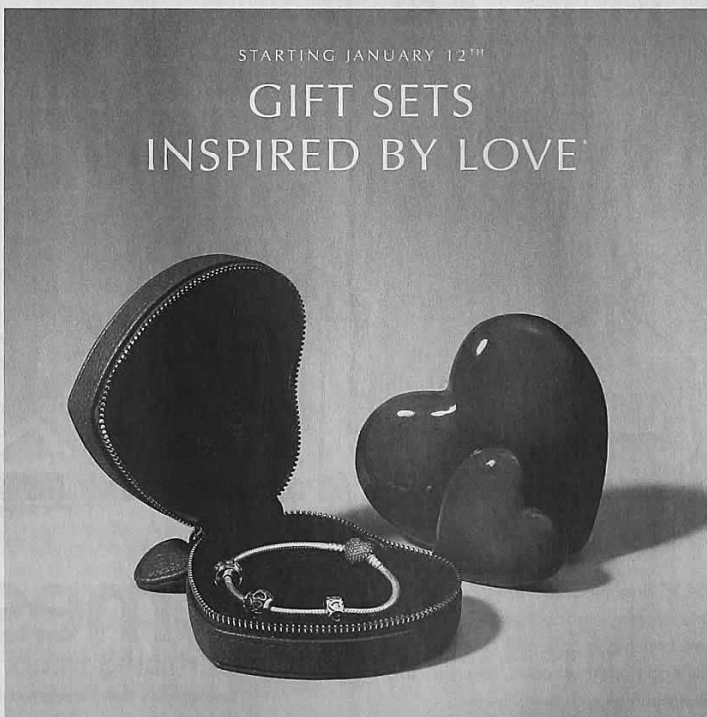
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