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PAINTING THE TOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 4, 2008) It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...everywhere you go in downtown Suffolk! Thanks to the talented art students in Suffolk Public Schools, many businesses will have their halls decked just in time to usher in the holidays and next Saturday's "Christmas on the Nansemond" Holiday Parade. This morning over 50 students from elementary through high school will use their painting skills to decorate windows at the Suffolk News-Herald, The Virginian-Pilot, Sun Trust, Suffolk Red Cross, BB&T, Wachovia, Bank of America, Baron's Pub, Chamber of Commerce and Pisces Restaurant. This marks the 8th year that the Downtown Business Association has sponsored this event and partnered with Suffolk Public Schools. Coordinated by Diana Klink, Media & Community Relations Manager for the City of Suffolk, and Lesa McNamara, Suffolk Public Schools, this holiday tradition brings a festive touch to downtown Suffolk and makes the season bright for all employees and shoppers.

Following the students hard work, they will be treated to a luncheon at the Workforce Development Center on North Main Street.

Students began at 9 a.m. this morning and are scheduled to finish their projects by noon. Anyone interesting in coordinating photos or interviews with today's participants can coordinate with Diana Klink at 757-284-9488.

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