

High School Activity Report

1. Mr. Donovan addressed the sending school guidance counselors on Friday, February 11th on the topic of the ECTS Tool and Die program enrollment. Mrs. Palo invited Mrs. Light from Horsepower Inc. to assist Mr. Donovan in expressing a need to recruit students for Tool and Die. Recent media stories have shed encouraging light on the upturn in the region's machining and tool industry. Local companies have contacted our Co-op coordinator, Elaine Shaffer, who has documented 21 requests for ECTS Tool and Die students for employment/training. We have only been able to fill two of those requests. Our counselors have been informed that the industry is on the mend and that precision machining is still a viable career option for their students.
2. The students of the Erie County Technical School will enjoy a spring dance to be held in the school cafeteria on the night of Friday, April 15th. Typically, these extracurricular activities are held at the sending schools, but several students approached Mr. Donovan to request a dance, and the administration agreed that it would be a positive event for our school. The theme is "Masquerade" and many teachers have volunteered to chaperone that evening.
3. On Tuesday, February 15th Automotive Technologies instructors from Butler and Crawford County Technical Schools traveled to The Erie County Technical School to compete with our students in a written exam sponsored by Ford and AAA. This annual event is held at the regional, state and national levels with winners earning tools and scholarships. We will learn how our students fared in the spring.
4. The Graduation committee held its first meeting of the 2004-05 school year in late January. It is gratifying to see our staff volunteer to participate in this event each June. Many teachers and instructional assistants offer to do a part of the project which makes the entire effort manageable. This year's event will be held at Millcreek's Little Theater on the evening of June 1st. We hope to add a couple of special touches this year to make the evening special for students and parents.