

High School Activity Report January 2005

1. The 2004-05 ninth grade recruiting week ran from Wednesday, January 4th until Thursday, January 13th with over 1,200 freshmen from all eleven sending schools participating. Recruiting week is an opportunity for students to experience a trade show set-up in the cafeteria where they can glimpse each of our 19 programs. In addition, students each visit three labs of their choice and tour the school. Each year Mrs. Elaine Shaffer coordinates this major project with great attention to ECTS and sending school staff needs. Reaction from visiting students and staff members has been consistently positive.
2. The second Open House of 2004-05 was held on January 13th. This “recruiting” Open House serves the needs of potential sophomores for the following year. We distributed two mailers to ninth graders which advertised the event and encouraged students and parents to attend.
3. As mentioned above, two four-color ECTS promotional brochures were mailed to the freshman students of Erie County in the months of December and January. The brochures served the purposes of promoting the vision and public perception of our school and announce our recruiting Open House. Each brochure included a tear-out business reply card which enabled ECTS staff to follow-up with a personal phone call and/or additional mailed information on our programs.
4. The topic of the January Co-op Seminar held on January 19, 2005 was “Career paths; How your career may take unexpected twists and turns” Mrs. Shaffer interviewed Mrs. Palo, Mr. Sceiford and Ms. Fatica on their career histories which offered our students an opportunity to learn from their unexpected problems, opportunities and career changes.
5. The Erie County Technical School will purchase three LCD projectors at a substantial savings as a result of a grant provided by the Smarter Kids Foundation. We have ordered three NEC VT470 projectors which will greatly improve our ability to project from a computer, DVD or VCR in classrooms, labs or meeting rooms. New technology allows the VT470 to offer a bright image even in a relatively well lit space.
6. Erie County High School Counselors held their quarterly meeting at the Erie County Technical School on Friday, December 17th. These meetings hosted by Patty Palo and Elaine Shafer enable our sending school counselors to discuss matters related to their students’ tech school issues. The attendance and productivity at these meetings is exceptional. Many logistical and communication problems are solved before they arise.