

High School Activity Report

October 28, 2004

1. Mr. Donovan will travel to Harrisburg on Wednesday, October 20, 2004 to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Education's committee on Safe Schools. This is an opportunity for the ECTS administration to keep current with trends in school safety and it offers an opportunity for the State Safe Schools Committee to learn about the special concerns of technical educators.
2. Thanks once again to both the Millcreek and Fort LeBoeuf School Districts for the provision of bus transportation for the students of the Tourism and Hospitality Program. On Tuesdays and Thursdays students are transported to and from the Courtyard by Marriott on Peach Street for their practical experience. This cooperation is very much appreciated.
3. The annual ECTS Fall Fest Open House will take place on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 from 5:30 until 8:00 PM. Teachers will be available in their labs to meet with parents to discuss their curriculum and show off the equipment used in the program. The Fall Fest Dinner will run from 5:30 until 7:00 PM. This buffet is an excellent example of the capabilities of high school students enrolled in technical programs.
4. The ad hoc attendance committee has met twice to begin collecting and analyzing data related to severe absenteeism. The ECTS vision calls for a culture of quality and accountability; data driven decision making is a proven tool to support such a culture. The committee is working to get to the root causes of severe absenteeism before we begin taking steps to solve the symptoms of the problem.
5. The annual Skills-USA candy fundraiser is proceeding more slowly than in recent years. Due to the increased cost of chocolate, the size of the candy bars has been reduced. It has been difficult to sell the average size candy bar for \$1.00. We are confident that all of the candy will sell, but not with the same ease that we've come to expect.
6. Mrs. Elaine Shaffer and Mr. Michalak will travel to Harrisburg on November 17, 2004 to participate in the PAA-AYES Annual Conference. This mandatory meeting will allow our Automotive Technologies program to maintain their affiliation with the Automotive Youth Education System (AYES) program