

High School Activity Report
November 22, 2005

1. Thanks to Mr. Jerry Baker and his staff, as well as Linda Harpst and Pam Lasher, high school secretaries for all of their diligence with regards to our first attempt at Report cards and grade reports with our new **SchoolDESX** data management system. The grade reports were faxed to all sending schools on Friday, November 11, 2005. In addition, all report cards were mailed out on Monday and Tuesday, November 14th and 15th, 2005.
2. The annual SkillsUSA candy sale will occur between Friday, November 18th, 2005 and Friday, December 16th, 2005. The funds raised from this candy sale will be used to offset the cost of the competitions at the local, state and national levels.
3. On Thursday, November 10th, 2005, many of the principals from our sending schools attended the Erie County Principals Meeting. This meeting was held in the ECTS board room, and, once again, served as a great avenue for discussion among the sending school principals. Much of this month's discussion centered on PSSA remediation and the new recruitment/admissions process at the ECTS.
4. Ms. Elaine Amos, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, spent Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 8th through the 10th, 2005, at the ECTS. Ms. Amos completed the Perkins Grant Audit. The Perkins Grant has provided the ECTS with approximately 1.5 million dollars over the past five years. The audit reviewed the past five years. Ms. Amos left the ECTS thoroughly impressed with the work which is being done at the school. This makes two successful audits, including the ISO audit which was completed in October.
5. Weekly Staff Development sessions have been on-going at the ECTS in order to improve our instruction. These sessions occur during the time between a.m. and p.m. classes and generally last for 30 minutes. On Mondays, Ms. Phylis Zimmerman, our Networking instructor, conducts technology training instruction. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Dr. Jackson, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Kennerknecht, and Mr. Holland oversee "Rigor and Relevance" sessions which focus on Bloom's Taxonomy and general organization of classroom activities. Finally, on alternating Thursdays, Ms. Kennerknecht works with the faculty with regards to curriculum development.