

**High School Activity Report**  
**October, 26, 2006**

1. At the present time, we have 823 students attending ECTS in our 19 programs. This is 5 fewer students than our September count of 828. A detailed count of students by program and by district is available in the supplemental information portion of the board meeting agenda.
2. The Erie County Technical School Advanced Training day was held on Thursday, October 19, 2006, during the school day. Advanced Training Day provides our students with the opportunity to meet and ask questions of approximately 30 representatives from colleges and postsecondary technical schools. Elaine Shaffer, Patty Palo, and Pam Lasher did an excellent job of planning and carrying out this wonderful opportunity for our students.
3. Mrs. Palo, Mrs. Kennerknecht, and Mr. Holland have just completed our Scantron reading testing with all of our tenth grade students. Once again, all of our instructional assistants worked with our special needs students to make sure that accommodations were made for testing these students. Mr. Jeff Smith and the tech department have done an excellent job ensuring the smooth operation of this on-line testing. We hope to use the results of this testing to help align our instruction with reading standards found on the PSSA assessment as well as with the reading skills needed in the individual technical programs.
4. The Annual Fall Fest Open House for current students/parents took place last night, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The buffet dinner ran from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This was an excellent example of the capabilities of high school students enrolled in technical programs. Thanks to Mr. Oakes, Mrs. Grossman, and Ms. Gangemi for all of their hard work. Our teachers were available in their labs from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Parents had the opportunity to discuss curriculum and view the lab areas for each program.
5. Ms. Sorensen, Mrs. Palo, and Ms. Shaffer will be wrapping up the high school visits this week. Ms. Sorensen, Mrs. Palo, and Ms. Shaffer spent most of October visiting each one of our sending schools in order to inform the ninth graders of what we have available at ECTS. During the first week of November, ECTS will conduct 9<sup>th</sup> grade visits from each of our sending schools.
6. Finally, ECTS hosted the Erie County Principals Meeting on Wednesday, October 25, from 8:30–10:30 a.m. This is a great chance for discussion and dialogue among the principals in the Erie County Area.