

High School Activity Report

October, 2010

Public Relations:

Principal Board Presentations: Joe Tarasovitch has been actively visiting a few of the consortium's school board meetings during the last month. Joe has attended the Northwestern School District meeting on September 20th, the Fort LeBoeuf School District meeting on October 14th, and the Wattsburg School District on October 18th.

During his 10 minute presentation, Joe shares the ECTS Program Descriptions and the district's enrollment numbers to spur the conversation and questions. In addition, Joe also has attempted to have a student accompany him to the meetings to share the student's work and opinion of ECTS. Dylan Huya of the Drafting & Design lab attended the Northwestern meeting and Andrew Morris of the Metal Fabrication lab joined Mr. T. for the Fort LeBoeuf meeting.

Student Shadowing: Mr. Tarasovitch has continued his student shadowing program that he initiated last school year.

Joe took the opportunity to "shadow" two students this month, one from the Harbor Creek School District and another from the General McLane district.

On October 8th, Mr. T. shadowed Alysia Knight from Harbor Creek and the Cosmetology lab. During that day, Alysia and Mr. T. shared in four academic periods and the Cosmetology lab. The highlights were the Social Studies lesson in which he learned about the WIKI website and of course working with the perm rods to roll hair.

On October 15th, Mike Stoddard of the Networking program was the student shadow. Mike showed off General McLane High School by taking Mr. T on a morning tour. Then Mr. T. and Mike were engaged into academic courses; English 12 and Basic Physics. Mr. Tarasovitch heard about the MacBeth Tragedy and Newton's Laws Of Force. At ECTS, Mike and Mr. T. were active in Mrs. Theuerkauf's lesson on the OSI Model Layers.

Guidance Counselor's Meeting: The Home School Guidance Counselors had their initial meeting of the 2010-11 school year at ECTS on Thursday, October 7th, 2010. The meeting was hosted by our Patty Palo and Lisa Sorensen.

The information shared ranged from the Erie County Technical School Withdrawal Process and the "new" Standardized Grading Policy to the PSSA testing schedules. Patty and Lisa reported that 8 of the 11 Guidance Counselors were in attendance.

OAC Luncheon: On October 11, 2010 the Occupational Advisory Committee membership gathered at ECTS for the "Fall" Luncheon and meeting with their respective instructors. There were 117 participants that represented some 59 companies at this year's meeting.

Again, Elaine Shaffer did an outstanding job organizing the luncheon, and the instructors did a fine job acting as hosts and hostesses for their OAC members.

Golden Apple Award Winner: The Erie County Technical School was extremely proud to have Mr. Joe Salorino be awarded with the "Golden Apple" Teacher Award from JET-TV and Edinboro University on October 13th. Mr. Salorino, who is our Graphics Instructor, was nominated by Sean McElhenny, who is a level three Millcreek student.

Career Cruising: Patty Palo has begun her busy schedule of engaging our student body with the “Career Cruising” program. The Guidance Office utilizes this career investigation program to enlighten the ECTS students to the educational and employment opportunities associated with their technical labs. The career cruising program will continually be available to our students so their investigation into their opportunities can be a year-long process.

Advanced Training Day: Erie County Technical School hosted its annual Advanced Training Day on Thursday, October 21st. Patty Palo arranged 35 post-secondary institutions to be available for our students to investigate.