

High School Activity Report

August 2011

"Ready – to – Go":

The custodial and maintenance crews have done a wonderful job cleaning and preparing the buildings for the upcoming school year. Both buildings are "ready-to-go" to support the educational activities of the High School, Regional Choice Initiative, and the Career and Alternative Education Program. KUDOS to Steve Sceiford and his staff!

Secretarial Support:

I have to say it again, behind every great organization there is a good woman --- ECTS has many! Pam Lasher, Sue Tatalone, Jenny Alick and Tiffany Neely have done an outstanding job supporting the variety of office duties and administrative requests to prepare for the school year. Their willingness and ability to assist each administrator's needs are invaluable and very much appreciated!

Principal Meeting:

The Erie County Principals gathered at ECTS on August 16th for the first of four scheduled meetings. Joe shared student information with the principals so each school could be proactive with attendance and low-grade issues from last year; also shared were junior students from each district that will receive PSSA remediation.

Faculty In-Service:

Our instructors will return to school on Friday, August 26th for the first of two in-service days. The staff will be engaged in CPR re-certification, literacy plan preparation, NOCTI analysis and review, and End-of-year Portfolio review and discussion during the two day session.

"Eight Great Days":

Lisa Sorensen and Patty Palo have planned out the first eight days of welcoming activities for the ECTS student body. These activities are being incorporated to help the students feel a part of the Erie County Technical School, and not just a lab. Please consider joining the ECTS faculty and students for any of these opening day activities, contact Lisa Sorensen for more information

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National Skills USA:

The Erie County Technical School's national competitor Paul Schaefer and Mr. Tarasovitch enjoyed the festivities of the Skills USA organization in Kansas City during the week of June 19-25. Paul and Mr. Tarasovitch had a busy week by being engaged in many daily activities such as opening and closing ceremonies, orientations and competitions. Paul was engaged in two full days' activities in the "Technical Computer Applications" competition which really challenged his knowledge of computers.

We are extremely proud to announce that Paul placed sixth in the national competition out of thirty participants. With Paul only being a sophomore in this competition, he has the opportunity with the experience gained to continue his quest to be the BEST within the SKILLS USA competitions in the next two years.

NAEYC Accreditation:

The review of the annual report submitted by the Erie County Technical School's TECH TIKE Preschool was completed and the accreditation was maintained. Many KUDOS to Ms. Donna Erdman, the Early Childhood Education instructor, for her efforts to this tedious renewal process and her commitment to keep the preschool NAEYC compliant.

Early 2011-12 enrollment numbers:

As of July 19, 2011 the 2011-12 enrollment reports are indicating an enrollment of 793 students. These numbers will fluctuate because of some late additions and withdrawals; and a more official count will be supplied in August with both district and program enrollment numbers.