

December 2011
High School Report

Skills USA Leadership Conference

Mrs. Sandy Carr escorted a group of ECTS Skills USA students to the annual Leadership Conference which was held at the Erie Courtyard Marriott on Thursday, December 1st. Approximately 25 ECTS students attended the conference where they were afforded the opportunity to interact with students from the western regional career and technical centers.

The workshop activity engaged the students in leadership activities that can be utilized to strengthen the individual and their school community. Mrs. Sandy Carr was a presenter at the conference where she showed the fundamentals of the FISH philosophy. The session also included a speech and discussion with Pennsylvania State Representative Patrick Harkins who was a technical school graduate from the city of Erie in the late 1970's.

Again, an extra bonus for ECTS was that Bob Craft and the Tourism & Hospitality students were directly involved with the organization of the entire event.

Open House for 9th Graders

The Erie County Technical School hosted an "open house" for the 9th grade recruits on Thursday, December 1st. The event was a huge success with a total of 183 students visiting their lab of choice or more.

Mrs. Sorensen did a great job organizing the evening and AGAIN, the ECTS instructors and staff were superb hosts.

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports

The second quarter "progress reports" were mailed home to the Erie County Technical School families on Friday, December 9th. Thank you to Pam Lasher for organizing and running the process so expediently.

Autism Awareness

Autism has been estimated to affect 6 out of every 1000 children (1 out of every 110). With that knowledge in mind, and the fact that ECTS has seen a few more students with this diagnoses, Mrs. Kennerknecht and Mr. Tarasovitch scheduled a presentation from the Intermediate Unit on December 14th.

Mrs. Mary Flowers was the guest presenter and she discussed the opportunity for each of us to embrace the diversity that an autistic student or co-worker could bring to the school or community.

SOAR Presentations

On Friday, December 16th, Patty Palo presented the "Students Occupationally and Academically Ready" program to the level one students in the morning session, and any interested level two and three students in the afternoon session. The SOAR programs of study incorporate secondary and post secondary education elements to ensure relevant career and technical content, and the students are informed of these opportunities for college credits and their responsibilities to acquire the credits.

Guidance Counselor Meeting

Mrs. Lisa Sorensen and Mrs. Patty Palo hosted the second quarter Erie County Guidance Counselor meeting on Monday, December 19th. Items on the agenda were application timelines, half-day visits in January, students starting at semester, and communication of student absences.

Best Wishes

The High School staff would like to send you and your families the WARMEST HOLIDAY WISHES!