

High School Activity Report

January 2013

NTHS Toy Drive: Mr. Bob Craft and the National Technical Honor Society members conducted a toy drive in December. The toys that were collected were shared with the Safe Net organization who distributed them to needy children. KUDOS to the National Technical Honor Society and Mr. Craft for collecting over 75 toys for the organization and for making a needy child's holiday bright.

ECTS Student Gift Cards: The joy of giving! The Erie County Technical School family and friends raised \$1,175 for the annual Student Holiday Gift Cards. With the generosity of the ECTS Foundation matching the first \$1,000, a total of \$2,175 Wal-Mart gift cards were purchased to share with students.

A total of 87 cards were distributed to students who were identified with the help of many sources. Lisa Sorensen and I can relate stories from recipients that would bring a smile to any scrooge's face – THANK YOU for the continued support to this worthy project.

Ready for College: Christy Mogel, the ECTS Guidance Counselor, has started presenting the Guidance and Advisement program that had been developed over the past two years. Mrs. Mogel began the presentations with the "Ready for College" portion. During the past month, students have received information dealing with SAT/ACT preparation and planning, College Search, Application Process, Paying for College, Letters of Recommendation, and the Freshman Year. She has also utilized guest speakers.

Mrs. Mogel has done a superb job preparing and presenting the material for the majority of the session.

The sessions are conducted on a voluntary basis with a student sign-up; an average of 101 students have taken advantage of each session. Mrs. Mogel will continue the G & A program with the next portion "Ready for Work" beginning in February.

Semester Ends: The end of the 2nd quarter was on Wednesday, January 16th. The second quarter and semester grades were mailed to the Home Schools and to students' homes on Friday, January 18th.

SkillsUSA Competition: The district SkillsUSA competition was held on Friday, January 18 at the New Castle Technology Center. Mrs. Sandy Carr and Mrs. Elaine Shaffer chaperoned the students who were competing in the competition.

Ms. Donna Erdman was also involved in the District competition by acting as the Early Childhood advisor for the day.

Mr. Dave Yanosko also supported the competition by driving the Construction Trade students to their sessions, and then returning the material to ECTS so that it could be utilized in our labs.

Attached is a copy of the ECTS district winners. The gold medalists have the opportunity to participate in the state competition later this year.

Principal Meeting: Joe Tarasovitch hosted the Erie County Principals at ECTS on Wednesday, January 23rd for the third meeting scheduled between these administrators. The principals received the semester grades and the students with grade and attendance issues.

January ECTS Pride Students: Please find attached the monthly recognition of the PRIDE Student of the month from each lab.