

# High School Activity Report

## September 2013

### **In-Service:**

The two days of in-service for ECTS staff was extremely successful. On the first day the faculty was introduced to the Erie County Technical School expectations for the school year. As previously mentioned, the school will be concentrating on writing to become better thinkers. Mr. Holland and Ms. Grimes did a wonderful job working with the staff on this initiative. Mrs. Kennerknecht did a superb session with the instructors on the NOCTI quarterly expectations. On the second day, the faculty and the aides were recertified in CPR and First Aid.

### **Enrollment:**

There are 792 students enrolled at the Erie County Technical School. This is a decrease of 5 students from the 2012-13 school year at this time. The Automotive Technology lab again is the largest program with an enrollment of 84 students; Culinary Arts is close with 78 students. The smallest enrolled lab is Computer Networking with 25 students. There are 4 programs operating at a 92% or better capacity for the 2013-14 school year: Computer Programming, Cosmetology, Facility Maintenance and Precision Machining.

### **Transition Center Enrollment:**

The Erie County Transition Center has an enrollment of 26 students as of September 19, 2013. This enrollment is an increase from the initial enrollment from the 2012-13 school year by six students. Wattsburg has the largest population with 6 students enrolled; several districts have enrolled only two student at this time – Fairview, Fort LeBoeuf, Girard, Harbor Creek and North East.

### **First 8 Days of Activities:**

The Erie County Technical School students were involved in a variety of lab and school building activities during the initial 8 days of school. Some of the activities were a Minute-To-Win-It Competition and a Bridge Building Competition. Again, these activities were designed to encourage team work and school unity. A special afternoon activity, for the second year, was to have students make the ECTS logo come to life. Please see the images on our website. Finally, the annual “school” picnic was conducted on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to allow the students the opportunity to mingle among friends and labs, and to enjoy a hot dog and pop. A special thank you to all the staff for their support and engagement for each activity.

### **Starfish Presentation:**

As a part of trying to comply with PDE regulations regarding bullying Mr. Tarasovitch had an inspirational speaker come into the Erie County Technical School to deliver a message to prevent bullying. The guest speaker’s name was Dennis Barger who has spoken at many leadership conferences around the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Barger’s message was to prevent bullying before it happens by inspiring them with the Starfish story.

### **Student Orientation:**

Mr. Tarasovitch presented a Power Point to the students to reinforce the expectations of the Erie County Technical School. During this presentation, Joe presented the student BE-ATTITUDES for success at ECTS.

**Fall Fest:**

The dinner event of the 2013-14 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2013. The Culinary Arts program again will prepare a dining feast that will satisfy the hungriest of appetites. There will be two dining sessions: 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM and 6:00 pm to 6:45 PM. The cost of this dinner feast is priced at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under the age of eight. The tickets go on sale beginning Wednesday, October 2.

**Safety:**

The first fire drill of the school year was conducted on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Drills were conducted at both the High School and the Skills Center buildings.