

## High School Activity Report November & December 2014

**First Quarter Honors:** The first quarter of the school year was completed on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Erie County Technical School quarterly recognizes three groups of outstanding students; HONOR ROLL students, PERFECT ATTENDANCE students and DISTINGUISHED students.

- **HONOR ROLL:** 139 students; 18% of the student body earned the Honor Roll Status. To achieve this status, the student must have a 95% grade point average.
- **PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** 160 students; 20% of the ECTS population achieved Perfect Attendance this quarter.
- **DISTINGUISHED STUDENT:** 44 students; 6% of the students were recognized as Distinguished. To be a distinguished student, the student must achieve both honor roll and perfect attendance.

Each student received certificates in recognition of the honor. Peggy Hanson did a superb job of organizing and creating the list and certificates.

Please see the attached list for your district students that were recognized.

**Walk for Wishes:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Walk-for-Wishes campaign was held on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The event is the Erie County Technical School community fundraiser held to support the Make-A-Wish foundation and to grant a wish for an Erie County resident.

Mr. Tarasovitch is still bursting with pride because the students, faculty and friends of the Erie County Technical School raised \$6,853.97, which equates to granting 1.76 wishes! Matthew Szewczyk, a Transition Center student from the Harbor Creek School District, raised \$682.50. He was the highest student fundraiser. ECTS is extremely proud of him. Mr. Tarasovitch would like to thank Mrs. Carr, Mr. Craft, Skills USA and the National Honor Society for their support of this worthy project.

Pictures of the fundraising walk can be viewed on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10154861089470151.1073741898.213889445150&type=3>

**Principal Meeting #2:** On Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, the consortium of principals met to discuss and share information of value to each district. Mr. Tarasovitch informed the group of the “Low-Grade” and “Poor Attendance” issues, and cyber-school student issues.

**Recruitment/Visitations:** November was the month that the Erie County Technical School entertained the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in the recruiting process. During a span of ten days and eleven sessions, the instructors and the current ECTS students engaged the Erie County ninth grade students to display the opportunities that each lab provided. Lisa Sorensen did a superb job scheduling the visitations and supporting the instructors with the information.

**October & November ECTS Pride Students:** Please find the attached the monthly recognition of the PRIDE Student of the month from each lab.

**Culinary Arts - "Be Welcoming and Be-Involved":** Mr. Oakes, Ms. Kelly Sanders, and Meghann Jost/FLB, Courtney Glass/WBG, Alexis Romanishin/MDS, Meagan Schauble/HBC and Kayla Johnson/FLB, students of the Culinary Arts program, displayed the Be-Attitudes of Welcoming and Involved when they hosted a life skills group of students from Mill Village Elementary on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The ECTS students engaged the Mill Village Students with the proper setting of a table and decorating a variety of cookies.

**McDowell High School Guidance and Advisement Review:** On November 11th, Joe Tarasovitch joined the Millcreek School District's Comprehensive Guidance Plan Committee to review their 339 K-12 Plan. The meeting was held at McDowell High School, in which business and educational members came together for the reading of the first proposal. Mr. Tarasovitch followed that meeting up with proposal changes online that represented the Erie County Technical School's involvement in their guidance and advisement program. A follow-up meeting will be held in February of 2015.

**Open House for 9th Graders:** The Erie County Technical School's doors were open for the 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents to visit and investigate any program of interest on Thursday, November 20th.

**Skills USA Leadership Conference:** Mrs. Elaine Shaffer and Mrs. Sandy Carr escorted a group of students to the Skills USA Leadership Conference held at the Erie Courtyard Marriott on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. 27 ECTS students participated in the conference which allowed the students to experience a variety of activities to encourage each of the students to become a positive influence in their school and community.

A special recognition to Mr. Robert Craft and his Tourism and Hospitality students for their involvement of this conference; the THM program organized and supported the activities of the day.

**Mid-Quarter Progress Reports:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter progress reports were mailed home to the Erie County Technical families on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Guidance Counselor Meeting:** Mrs. Lisa Sorensen hosted the second quarter Erie County Guidance Counselor meeting on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction with Career Street, the guidance counselors and Jennifer Ponzer toured ISM, Creative Imprints and Erie Insurance. In addition to these visits, the group enjoyed a luncheon at Serafini's Restaurant. The theme of the day was "Experience the Local Opportunities."

Best Wishes for the Holidays and New Year.