

Admission Coordinator Board Report November/December

During the month of November ECTS hosted roughly 1600 9th graders from the sending school districts. Students rotated through 3 programs in 30 minute intervals and completed an activity related to the program in each. In October the students chose 2 programs to visit based on the ECTS presentation at their high school. I chose the third program this year based on their interest in their other 2 choices and in an attempt to increase awareness and diversity. Every student that visited had a preprinted name badge listing the 3 programs they were visiting. The back of the badge had a survey the student filled at the end of the third program asking for their favorite and if they planned to apply. Data is collected from the name badges to give the instructors and sending school Guidance Counselors and indication of students planning to apply for follow up purposes.

About 150 families attended Open House on November 19. This was a fantastic turn out as late that afternoon there was a horrific accident on I90 that closed both lanes for several hours. Traffic all around ECTS was backed up for hours. This number was very close to the number we have consistently had for the past several years, proving that ECTS is an import piece of education in our school districts.

During the month of December many 9th graders will visit the program they are applying to for a half day. These half day visits are designed to provide potential students with full ECTS experience and in many cases helps them to choose ECTS by resolving any anxiety they may in leaving their sending school.

Several mailings have gone out to potential students and their parents. In November Open House invitations were sent. In December a Priority Enrollment card was mailed reminding the 9th graders to have applications completed and turned in to the sending school Guidance Counselor by December 18. The Counselors will give the applications to ECTS after the semester ends on January 14.

The second Guidance Counselor meeting of the year is scheduled for December 18. The final 2 meetings of the year will be determined at that time.

I continue to work with the Guidance Counselors from each district to assist current ECTS students.

Joe Tarasovitch and I are working with Hope Abiding Church to distribute 10 complete holiday dinners to 10 ECTS families. The sending schools will provide the names of families that would benefit from a meal. On December 19 Joe's family along with mine will distribute the food. This is the 4th year we have done this. It is a very humbling and joyful experience. We are also working to equally distribute gift cards to our students as donations are made each year from the staff. We are grateful to the JOC for matching the donation and helping us to provide students in need with a Walmart gift card. We are always in awe of the many students that tell us they will be using the cards to buy food or gifts for their family.

I wish all of the JOC members a very happy holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!