

High School Activity Report November & December 2015

First Quarter Honors: The first quarter of the school year was completed on October 28th. The Erie County Technical School quarterly recognizes three groups of outstanding students; HONOR ROLL students, PERFECT ATTENDANCE students and DISTINGUISHED students.

- **HONOR ROLL:** 151 students; 20% of the student body earned the Honor Roll Status. To achieve this status, the student must have a 95% grade point average.
- **PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** 212 students; 28% of the ECTS population achieved Perfect Attendance this quarter.
- **DISTINGUISHED STUDENT:** 61 students; 8% 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.

Unbelievable - Walk for Wishes: The 6th Walk-for-Wishes campaign was held on Friday, October 30th. 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; unbelievably we granted 2 wishes

Mr. Tarasovitch is astonished with pride with the continued support of the students, faculty and friends of the Erie County Technical School raised \$8,419, which equates to granting 2.2 wishes! Matthew Szewczyk, a Transition Center student from the Harbor Creek School District, raised \$1,150.00. He was the highest student fundraiser. Michaela Buchner of the Transition Center and from Girard High School raised \$540.00 and was the 2nd highest student fundraiser. ECTS is extremely proud of both students' efforts. Mr. Tarasovitch would like to thank Mrs. Carr, Miss. Erdman and Miss Sanders, 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>

Please see the attached "Good Kid" feature of Matt Szewczyk.

Principal Meeting #2: On Wednesday, November 4th, the consortium of principals met to discuss and share information of value to each district. At this meeting Mr. Tarasovitch also invited the sending schools Guidance Counselors to be part of the discussion about the 3 session proposal of Dr. Jackson's. During the meeting Mr. Tarasovitch shared the new ECTS Website, low grade and poor attendance issues.

In addition the group was presented with the opportunity to send juniors to the ethics symposium of March of 2016 supported by the Erie Rotary Club.

The meeting was completed with an engagement and investigation of the 3 session proposal of Dr. Jackson.

Recruitment/Visitations: Lisa Sorensen did a superb job scheduling the visitations and supporting the instructors with the data needed to prepare for the number of students coming to their labs. During the span of 10 days and 11 sessions the instructors and current students engaged the Erie County 9th grade students with lab appropriate activities to display the opportunities of each program.

Fun Times in Cosmetology: The Cosmetology Lab held a spa night fundraiser on Nov 18th from 4-8. The students performed manicures, pedicures, facials, and hairstyling for a minimum donation of 10\$ per service. It was a great success at bringing in \$1700.00 toward their trip to the Chicago Hair show! The NTHS also stayed and sold appetizers for a fundraiser. They will be hosting another spa night Dec. 16th from 4-8.

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

Construction Trades and Culinary Arts - " Welcoming and Involved": Mr. Dave Yanosko, Mr. Curt Oakes, Ms. Kelly Sanders and students from Construction Trades and Culinary Arts programs displayed the Be-Attitudes of Welcoming and Involved when they supported the visitation of the life skills group of students from Mill Village Elementary on November 19th. Both the Construction Trades and Culinary students worked hand in hand with the Mill Village Students to create bird houses and cookies as a remembrance of their day. Please see the attached pictures of this outing.

Open House for 9th Graders: The Erie County Technical School's doors were open for the 9th graders and their parents to visit and investigate any program of interest on Thursday, November 19th.

Proactive Thinking - Lockdown: On Wednesday December 2nd Mr. Tarasovitch conducted a lock down of the campus. This was completed to practice, review and improve on the processes of the lock down procedures of our school and to ensure the appropriate actions are being taken. Mr. Tarasovitch would like to thank the lock down marshals; Dr. Jackson, Jeff Smith, Del Von Volkenburg and Pat Holland for their willingness to be active participants of the practice session and any real incident.

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 3rd. Approximately 25 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 Miss Lisa Hauser, Miss Melanie Damore and the 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 2nd Quarter progress reports were mailed home to the Erie County Technical families on Friday, December 4th.

Max Teaching: On Thursday, December 10th Mr. Tarasovitch invited Mr. Andrew Pinney from the Max Teaching Strategies organization to come to our campus to work with four instructors who requested his engagement in their labs. Ms. Danielle Wilbur, Ms. Kayla Noonan, Ms. Kelly Sanders and Mr. Joe Salorino took advantage of the opportunity to have Mr. Pinney work with one of their lessons to display his expertise of the Max strategies in their labs. The instructors were afforded the opportunity to work with Mr. Pinney to ensure their aptitude of the strategies and to ask questions to improve upon their “tool-box”.

Best Wishes for the Holidays and New Year.